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Dear Director,

We, as the elected Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), are tasked with leading our congregation in the search for a new pastor and are hoping you can assist us in that process.

Our Congregation: We are a small congregation in Southwest New Mexico located in Silver City, the county seat of Grant County. Though we are a small aging congregation with an average worship attendance of 20 to 25, we are a church that desires and strives to serve, not only our own members and visitors, but the community at large. Our Mission for 2019, to alleviate child hunger in our community, is rooted in Micah 6:8 is to "Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God."

Our Community: Silver City, New Mexico, is a town of 9,500 situated on the edge of the beautiful Gila Wilderness. Our community is supported by two local copper mines, a regional hospital, Western New Mexico University and a host of local artists. While our congregation is mainly white, the county itself is roughly 45% white, 45% Hispanic with the remainder a mixture of Asian, African American, Native American and Middle Eastern.

Our Search: We are seeking a part time solo pastor, either with previous experience or seeking a first ordained call. Our Ministry Information Form (MIF) indicates our Effective Salary Range to be from \$30,000 to \$37,000 including a housing allowance. Our desire would be to have a new pastor installed by the 2019 Advent Season.

Our Request: We are seeking your assistance in finding candidates for our pastoral opening. If you can identify any of your graduates over the past few years who may be interested in applying for this position, we would greatly appreciate your help. Our MIF is on file with Church Leadership Connection listed as "05112.AAO – First Presbyterian Church". Any interested individuals should submit their PIF to me in care of the Pastoral Nominating Committee at the above address.

Your prayerful consideration of our request would be a blessing to us.

Regards,

Abby Spann, PNC Chair