

## *A Message from the* **Associate Pastor Nominating Committee**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since the congregation elected us in October 2009, we have evaluated hundreds of pastors from across the country – and even a few living outside the United States. We have conducted dozens of interviews, both on the phone and in person, in the hope of finding a candidate who not only meets the technical requirements of this critical position, but is also a good fit for our congregation.

We are confident that Bryan Eckelmann is that person. God has given Bryan a pastor's heart, a scholar's mind, and a passionate devotion to Jesus Christ and His Church. He combines 25 years of pastoral experience with a desire to build a disciple-making church that engages the local culture in a fresh way. We believe he is well-suited to the challenge of leading and integrating discipleship ministries that involve children and families, students and adults.

We have been humbled and blessed by the opportunity to participate in discerning God's choice for St. Andrew's. It is with great joy that we present Bryan as our nominee, and we look forward to joining with you in welcoming him and his wife, Timberly, to our St. Andrew's family.

*The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee*



**Rev. Dr. Bryan Eckelmann**  
*Candidate, Associate Pastor for Discipleship*

**Special Congregational Meeting – January 9, 2011**



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# Bryan Eckelmann

## Experience

### Pastor, Head of Staff

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK (1,700 members)

### Associate Pastor of Outreach and Discipleship

First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, TX (3,100 members)

### Pastor, Head of Staff

United Presbyterian Church at Whitinsville, Whitinsville, MA (300 members)

### Pastor

Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church, Wellsville, OH (200 members)

## Education

### Doctor of Ministry

Concentration in spiritual formation and church leadership

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

### Master of Divinity

Magna Cum Laude

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA

### Bachelor of Arts

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

## Thoughts on the Church, Society and Ministry

“As we step into an increasingly secular future, the Church must hold on to the life-changing message while discovering new and compelling ways to articulate that message to a society where people consider the Church and the faith it professes irrelevant to their lives.”

“The most effective tool of the Church is its people – winsome, compassionate, articulate, courageous disciples. Such disciples live lives that embody resurrection faith because their church equips them for the challenges of living passionately in service of Christ and His world.”

“I am called to lead the church to become a place where spiritual growth is expected, possible and normative, and where people experience the transforming power of the Spirit.”



*Bryan, Timberly, Bryan Joseph and Susan Eckelmann*

## The Eckelmann Family

Bryan Eckelmann comes to St. Andrew's with more than two decades of experience as an ordained pastor. He is a gifted teacher and preacher with a passion for relational ministry. Bryan and his wife, Timberly, have been married for 24 years.

Timberly earned a Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and has been certified ready for ordination. She has a passion for reaching un-churched individuals with the timeless truths of the Gospel.

Bryan and Timberly have two children: Bryan Joseph, 23, is a graduate of Williams College, and is in training to be an options trader. He lives in Chicago. Susan, 20, is a chemistry major at Washington and Lee University. Both children are engaged to be married.