

My name is Pat Edwards and I am a member of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run. I was the chair of the PNC when the Reverend Doctor Kris Schondlemeyer was called in 2016. I truly believe that God sends the right pastor to the right church at the right time.

When Pastor Kris was called we were looking for a younger pastor with innovative ideas to grow our church - both in size and in spirit. Pastor Kris fit that bill and became a catalyst for taking a deeper look at how we serve our members and our community. We were severely lacking the technology to reach out to the portion of our community who uses the internet to seek answers to their wants and needs or are no longer able to come physically to worship. He instituted video worship services during Covid and then implemented online worship services which continue to this day, hence, enlarging the community for worship.

He also recognized that we needed to express our acceptance of all people more openly. Making our campus a safe and sacred place for all to worship, we improved and secured it so all people would feel comfortable worshiping with us.

Creative thinking, including everyone, and deep devotion to God and those God serves are the qualities that I feel will make the Rev. Dr. Kris Schondelmeyer a viable candidate for Co-Moderator of the General Assembly. I support him in this endeavor.

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