

*The Stone Church Pastor Nominating Committee*

*Presents*



**DR. KENNETH DONALD HENRY**

*Candidate for Pastor*

# The pastoral selection process

The Pastor Nominating Committee's selection of Dr. Ken Henry as Candidate for Pastor of Stone Church is the culmination of a process set in motion when the pastoral relationship between the church and Art Mills was dissolved in early 2005.

The first step was the selection of a Mission Study Committee (MSC), a group of eight church members charged with studying the mission of Stone Church and the congregation's wants and needs in terms of a new pastor. The MSC sought congregational input through interviews, small group discussions and a detailed survey. It reported its findings to Session in May 2006.

In April 2006, the congregation elected a 10-member Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which took the findings of the MSC and wrote a detailed Church Information Form, describing Stone Church to applicants as well as

the requirements and characteristics desired in a new pastor. This form was filed with PCUSA headquarters in Louisville, Ky., which computer-matched potential pastors in its database who were seeking calls. The PNC also advertised Stone Church's position through the presbytery and in national magazines.

A total of 111 pastors' Personal Information Forms were screened by the PNC. Tapes and videos of sermons of a smaller segment were reviewed, and references were checked for four potential pastors. Three were selected for in-person interviews and to preach sermons in neutral pulpits.

The PNC selected Ken at the end of this process to present to the congregation as candidate for pastor. Immediately following the Easter worship service, at which he will preach his candidating sermon, the congregation will meet to consider Ken as our new pastor and approve the Terms of Call.

**Pastor Nominating Committee: Alice Bailey; Alison van Diggelen; Donald Foster, co-moderator; Emily Mertens; Hilleguus Faber; Jerry Keifer; Jody Meacham, co-moderator; Julie Ludwig; Karen Scott and Maureen Ryan**

## Terms of Call

<b>Salary and Housing:</b>	\$90,000
<b>Pension / Medical:</b>	28,350
<b>Professional Expenses:</b>	3,000
<b>Study Leave:</b>	1,000
<b>Travel Allowance:</b>	3,500

These terms remain in effect from Ken's first day at Stone Church, June 25, 2007, through Dec. 31, 2008, a period of 18 months. Pension / medical expenses are set at 31.5% of Salary and Housing by the Board of Pensions.

**March 4, 2007**

# Greeting to members of Stone Church

Dear Members of Stone Church,



As I currently teach communications to college students, I ought to be fairly well versed in creating lively introductions. But without meeting several of you first hand, let me just say, I am looking forward to talking with you over the coming years.

Like you, my spiritual path has been varied. I was baptized Episcopalian in a small church in Redmond, Ore. — the first baby born in Deschutes County in 1961. Yet soon after, my family moved to Beaverton, Ore., where the Presbyterians took me in as one of their own. It was the youth group that actually got me hooked.

Indeed, for several years, I worked with youth programming, directing high school and junior age kids in Portland as well as in San Carlos, Calif. Then I met another Presbyterian — Heather — and things went from there. Now we have two daughters, Katie, 17, and Madeline, 12. My how time flies!

When I was younger, my attendance in church was divided between my Mom's

idea of church and my Dad's. Thus, on some Sundays I went to the church with pews, communion, hymns, sermons and choral anthems, while on other Sundays my father took us hiking in the Columbia River Gorge, identifying wildflowers and soaking our tired feet in a cool stream. This is probably why, years later, I found myself writing my Doctor of Ministry thesis on *Loving the Earth: Introducing Reformed Christian Eco-Spirituality to Adults*. The natural world and the Christian life go hand in hand for me.

In my years of pastoral ministry, serving churches in California, Oregon and Washington, I have enjoyed the challenge of living out Christ's command to love our neighbors, whether they are people living and dying with AIDS, foster children, the homeless, inner city kids, shut-ins or simply the people who come each Sunday morning. I love to write, cook, preach, watch movies, listen to a good story, hike, juggle, spend time with my family, talk theology over a cup of coffee, and walk along the beach. Most of all, I like to watch the Spirit of God shape and move people to care and reach out to others in both great and small ways.

See you on Easter!  
Ken

## Education and professional background

### Education

**1999** – Doctor of Ministry in Christian Nurture, Austin Theological Seminary.  
**1988** – Master of Divinity, San Francisco Theological Seminary.  
**1987** – Princeton Theological Seminary.  
**1984** – BA English / Secondary Education, Western Oregon State College.

### Experience

**2004-07** – Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Homiletics, Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore.  
**2000-04** – Pastor / Head of Staff, Central Presbyterian Church, Eugene, Ore.  
**1992-2000** – Pastor, Cascades Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Wash.  
**1988-92** – Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz.

# The Henrys



Heather, Madeline, Katie and Ken

## The PNC on Ken Henry

"When Ken preached for us in a neutral pulpit I saw the depth of his convictions, the breadth of his background, his skill at preaching, and his joy and comfort in sitting down with kids. I feel blessed to find someone who so closely matches the characteristics and skills we're looking for." – **Donald Foster**

"Ken Henry is very involved with youth organizations and has huge faith in the youth of the church. All in all, Ken treated me, the youth member, with immense respect, and I'm sure that he will do the same with all the youth at Stone." – **Emily Mertens**

"I found Ken's sermons the best of all we listened to. He clearly loves people and loves to be with them, and he is a very good listener. A winning combination!" -- **Jerry Keifer**

"Ken has the ability to listen and pay attention to what you have said. He really cares and replies appropriately. He has a great sense of humor and speaks from his own experiences when he preaches." – **Karen Scott**

"Ken is a left-leaning pastor who has spent the last few years in a conservative Christian academic setting. The experience has been good for him, his students and his school, and I believe it will be good for Stone Church." – **Jody Meacham**

"Ken is an energetic, confident and well experienced pastor. I liked his attitude of coming to Stone with an open mind, and an appreciation for our strong lay leadership." – **Alison van Diggelen**

**Reception for the Henry family • 4-6 p.m., Saturday, April 7 • Stone Church**  
**Candidating sermon • 9:30 a.m. worship, Easter Sunday, April 8 • Stone Church**