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Greetings in Christ,

On Monday, June 22, the committee to assist the rector in the search for the next music minister at Ware Church met to begin our work. This is a great group of people, and I look forward to working with each of them. In addition to the rector, Peg Moncure, Gilbert Birdsall, Ed James, Elizabeth Roane, Jane Smith, and Sarah Teagle, are giving of their time and talents to this search. Peg also serves as the committee's co-chair with the rector. Please thank these dedicated individuals when you see them!

As I shared with the vestry, I hope to call the new music minister as soon as possible; however, we want to make sure that we do no rush to just fill the vacancy with anyone, but discern whom God is calling to serve as the right one for Ware Church.

The committee is working within a general outline and timetable. First, a ministry profile (job announcement) has to be prepared. The plan is to have this completed by early July and posted in a variety of places ranging from the America Guild of Organists (AGO) and the Diocese of Virginia -- to name just two. Once the profile has been published, we will begin reviewing applicants as we receive them. God willing, will have our new minister of music in place by the early fall.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, thoughts, or concerns you may have. I am eager to speak with any one about this process and to hear your ideas about the next music minister.

Please keep our discernment in your daily prayers. The following prayer may serve as a guide:

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth and guide us as we seek to call a new minister of music at Ware Church. Open our hearts to your Spirit that we may understand how best we can praise you in music here and guide our minds to discern whom you have called to serve, and grant to us all even now glimpses of your beauty, and make us worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully,

The Reverend T. Grant Ambrose
Rector