

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH *of* OAKLAND

— United Church of Christ —

September 5, 2008

To voting members and friends of First Congo:

This is a reminder to attend the September 14 congregational meeting whose ultimate outcome is for voting members to vote whether to call Pastor Lynice Pinkard as the church's Senior Pastor.

Our bylaws require having at least 30% of the voting membership present. We hope to exceed that requirement substantially. Please come!

Our bylaws also require that actions of the church such as calling a Senior Pastor are taken by voting members present at duly-noticed congregational meeting. Our denomination advises that voting be done by confidential ballot in the case of calling a Pastor.

For those reasons you must be present at the meeting to cast your ballot. We deeply regret that this means voting members who cannot attend the September 14 meeting will not be able to vote.

Please come! All of us want to know that the decision made on September 14 represents the will of a substantial portion of the congregation's membership.

— **The meeting is on September 14, in the sanctuary, 1:15-3:30** —

With thanks and blessings,



Pat Bruce-Lerrigo
Moderator