



Based on the input of the Call Committee and the Personnel Committee, the Council approved engaging **The Rev. Dr. Saul Cardona** in a limited term, part-time Associate Pastor role. We are blessed to have found someone to serve in this interim role while our search is underway!

Pastor Saul and his wife Aida are originally from the island of Puerto Rico where they met and were married in 1983, they have two adult children and one grandchild living in the area. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church USA in 1986 and worked as a Pastor in a rural community for four years. In 1990, he joined the U.S. Military Chaplain Corps and served on active duty until 2010, serving on garrison state side, overseas, and forwardly deployed on three combat operations. After retiring from active duty, Pastor Saul served as a hospice chaplain in Northern Virginia for another 10 years. His education includes Bachelor's in Arts, Master's in Divinity, Master's in Sciences, and Doctor of Ministry. Pastor Saul wrote, "At this moment, I feel completely blessed in joining St. Mark's pastoral staff."

Pastor Saul officially began in his new role on Sunday, February 26, 2023.