

Dearest Life Church Family,

As we navigate these unprecedented waters, we are doing our best to keep you up to speed on the ways we are changing modes of ministry as well as how we are trying to keep things moving forward for our church. The following is a brief summary of our last Transition Team meeting as well as any other pertinent information.

1. April 14th - Transition Team Meeting
 - a. Pastor Greg's Sabbatical Update
 - i. Pastor Greg and Lynn will be doing a 5-day counseling intensive at the end of April via the option of telehealth. Please be in prayer for them during this time.
 - b. Youth/Young Adult Pastor Update
 - i. In reviewing the current needs of our youth and a desire to engage in quality ministry with them during this time, the Transition Team (with Danielle excused from the conversation and the vote) has decided to hire Danielle and Chris Elliot for up to 15 hours per week to work with our youth on a temporary basis through the end of May. This will be reevaluated once Pastor Greg returns from Sabbatical.
 - ii. The search for a long-term hire for our youth and young adults continues on a limited bases due to COVID19.
 - c. Nomination Vetting Ministry Team (NVMT) and Elder Vote
 - i. John Blume and Wade Miller stepped off the NVMT in order to put their name in for consideration as elders. Chris Norman was the next available vetted NVMT member and has stepped in to one of those spots. All other men on the NVMT ballot have decided to run for elder. This caused the NVMT to ask the Transition Team to step-in to appoint someone for these next few weeks as one of the temporary members of the NVMT. After much discussion, the Transition Team did not feel it had the authority to appoint someone who had not been vetted and on the ballot. Thus, the decision was made for the NVMT to run with 8 people until the elders are established (with Amber and Nicole abstaining from the vote due to conflict of interest).
 - ii. Another item the NVMT asked the Transition Team to consider is to push the elder vote back several weeks due to needing more time both for men to prayerfully contemplate whether God is asking them to consider becoming an elder and for the NVMT to be able to properly vet each candidate. The Transition Team voted to pass the decision regarding the voting timeframe back to the NVMT as they are the ones who would know best the time needed (again, Amber and Nicole abstaining from the vote).
 - d. Giving
 - i. Because we are currently operating on a budget shortfall (roughly \$10,000 per month so far in 2020) and considering the unprecedented times we are living in, we continue to closely monitor the finances of Life Church.
 - ii. We want to be fiscally responsible AND generously be the hands and feet of Jesus.
 - iii. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to donate \$5,000 to the local Food Shelf as they seek to remain open and be available to people during this time of great need. This was due to a request sent to the church letting us know they need \$20,000 over the next two months to stay open and properly supplied.
2. Nominee Vetting Ministry Team
 - a. The NVMT met this week to discuss the process ahead for vetting elders amidst COVID19.

- i. The decision was made to push the elder vote to June 2nd in an effort to be able to properly vet each candidate.
- ii. The plan is to have the ballot ready for the congregation to view by May 19th.

Please subscribe and check back for ongoing updates in the coming weeks and months.

We love you, Church!

-The Transition Team

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Amber Gerstmann
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Danielle Elliott
Joyce Monk
Tom Stuart

PRAYER FOCUS

1. Vetting Team Ministry
2. New Youth/Young Adult Pastor
3. COVID 19 and the impact in our community and around the world.