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Dear Aldersgate Family,

After much thoughtful reflection and consultation with both friends and family I have decided to resign/ retire as the second service music director. I have been directing music as a church worship leader for over thirty years somewhere in the greater Seattle/ Bellevue metropolitan area and recently my personal priorities have shifted. I have enjoyed my time with you and feel blessed to have been a part of such a marvelous, dedicated and talented community.

As I enter a new phase of my life, welcoming my first grandchild in April and slowing down, it has gradually become more clear to me that I must make some choices about what really matters and where I can make the greatest impact. As many of you know I have been a teacher in the Shoreline School District for decades, teaching music. I plan on continuing to teach music in Shoreline for at least another ten years and feel that I must make that career my focus.

I know the music program at Aldersgate will continue to do good work and wish you every success as you move forward. I will miss the fellowship and community at Aldersgate greatly, but it's time for a new adventure.

Blessings,

J. Allen Leslie