

Dearest People of OSLC,

First let me thank you for letting the Holy Spirit work through you in such wonderful ways. Our time with you was a true treasure and we couldn't stop talking about the peace and love we felt in every moment. You are a true family in Christ, and you have made His presence obvious through your love for each other.

Much had to be considered as we made our decision. Though we love North Dakota, we didn't want that to be the reason for our coming. Though Portland can be difficult in culture at times we didn't want to feel like we were running from anything either.

It had to be what the Lord wanted and the answer, we knew, would come from meeting all of you. That is why it is my great joy to tell you that I would be absolutely honored to be your next senior pastor. Never have I felt such confidence in a calling. Once we met all of you, heard your stories and got to know many of you, our decision was clear.

Cheryl was the hard sell. Growing up in Minot, she wasn't looking forward to the weather. But after spending time with all of you and worshipping with you she has never felt more at peace with what needed to be done. For that I thank you.

Our time with you will begin May 26th at which time we will hit the road heading northeast. I can't wait to get started in ministry with you and I am completely assured that God has incredible plans for our ministry together. I can't stop thanking God for allowing me such a tremendous opportunity to do His work with such a loving and caring community. See you soon.

With God as my Guide,

Pastor Dan Haugen