

Pastor Nominating Committee Announcement

With great joy and gratitude, the Pastor Nominating Committee would like to introduce our candidate for Senior Pastor at Adventure of Faith Church, Reverend CJ Young. Upon confirmation by the congregation, he is excited to continue the journey here at Adventure of Faith.

Introduction to CJ and Jennifer

CJ grew up here in Port Orchard and is a graduate of South Kitsap High School. He has led youth, young adult ministries, and several small groups while working as an apprentice at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. He received his B.A. in Education from Pacific Lutheran University, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2005. After graduating from college, he started his teaching career in San Jose, California, and eventually in Bremerton.

He returned to Adventure of Faith Church as the Director of Adult and Family Ministries in 2012. He started working towards his Masters in Divinity from Multnomah Biblical Seminary, graduating in 2015. CJ was ordained in ECO and became our Associate Pastor in 2018.

CJ has been active in many other areas of ministry, both in the local and global community. He is the Advisory Council chair of the institute for cultural engagement, "New Wine, New Wine Skins", which builds relational bridges through Jesus. He is also on the board at Hosanna Christian School in Gig Harbor. At Adventure of Faith, he has been doing Lifegroup curriculum, daily prayers for our church, preaching, teaching, and so much more.

CJ and Jennifer are a united team in their ministry and have been together since high school, getting married in 2001. While in San Jose, Jennifer completed her Doctorate in Chiropractic Medicine. They have led LifeGroups and gone on mission trips as a family. Jennifer has served as the Director of Children's Ministries at Adventure, done generosity projects with her family, and led local and global mission initiatives. She has also been on the leadership team for the IF gathering and served the church in many other ways over the years.

CJ and Jennifer have four amazing kids, Jack, Henry, Calvin, and Joanna. They are both ready for this next great adventure and will continue leading with authenticity and integrity.





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Pastor Nominating Committee Process

The Pastor Nominating Committee was formed at the direction of the Session. The committee consists of two Elders, two Deacons, and five additional members nominated and voted on by the congregation.

We started meeting in mid-September of 2020. Our initial meetings focused on prayer and getting to know one another. We spent time reviewing the history of our church and reviewing the Vision, Mission, and Values at Adventure of Faith and the direction that God is leading it going into the future. We spent much time discerning what God was looking for in a candidate for Adventure of Faith.

The opening was posted with ECO in early November. The committee started creating interview questions that would draw out conversations and a deeper understanding of how each candidate was qualified and aligned to the direction God is calling our church. The resume selection process took place in December. We selected five people from approximately twenty applicants from across the country. We interviewed the top five candidates with both in-person and virtual interviews. During this process, it became very clear that God has been preparing CJ for the senior pastor position at Adventure of Faith over his many years of service. The Pastor Nominating Committee made a unanimous decision to present him to the congregation for the position.

We appreciate all the prayers and support from everyone during this last six months of meeting and praying weekly. We know God has great things ahead for Adventure of Faith Church. We hope that you will join us in welcoming the Young Family and CJ into his new role.

Sincerely,

The Pastor Nominating Committee:

Julie Bradley, Robert Brady, Amanda Burns, Greg Fund, Charles Greene, Debbie Jones, Russ Key, Chris Kramer, Heather Sweet