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Dear Adventure of Faith family,

Many of you have received the news that Pastor John Foreman has announced his retirement after 32 years at Adventure of Faith. This week the Session received word from the Pastor Nominating Committee, who have been meeting for the past 6 months, that they would like to make a formal recommendation to the congregation for CJ Young to be called as the next Senior Pastor/Head of Staff for Adventure of Faith Church.

We want to be sure that everyone has a chance to say goodbye, celebrate and encourage Pastor John as he prepares to move to Iowa, and to welcome Pastor CJ as our next senior pastor.

There are several important dates that we need to set aside in the next few weeks regarding this change in pastoral leadership.

**March 7 - Congregational Meeting after worship (11:15 am)**

We'll meet to request that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between Adventure of Faith and Pastor John Foreman, to vote on the recommendation of the PNC to call the Rev. CJ Young as pastor of Adventure of Faith, beginning April 1, 2021, and contingent on that vote, to request the Presbytery to approve the call of our congregation to Pastor CJ to serve as pastor.

**Only members may vote and attend in person** on these items and we are asking you to register your plans to attend ahead of time because of Covid restrictions on numbers. If you cannot be in the building, the parking lot option is available and votes will be counted there. Staff will be monitoring the Facebook live stream and will count votes cast online as well. There will be extended care for children birth-5th grade. Normally we would welcome and encourage children to participate in our congregation meetings. However with building limits due to COVID restrictions, we can only offer seats to members of the congregation 6th grade and up. Please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Callie Williamson at [callie@faithadventure.com](mailto:callie@faithadventure.com), if you will have children who need extended care.

### **March 21 - Celebrating Pastor John**

This will be Pastor John's last Sunday with us. After worship we hope that you can join us to celebrate him with memories, encouragement and prayer. While we can't have the kind of celebration we would all like, we are planning an event that you can attend by registering for specified time slots so that we keep our numbers within current requirements. Look for announcements in the next few weeks on the church website, the Facebook page and the newsletter for information about registering online or by calling the church office.

This milestone in the life of our congregation has come at a time when we are all experiencing a lot of loss. Saying goodbye to Pastor John won't be easy, but we hope that you will reach out with a memory, a picture, and keep him in prayer. Sam Wilkinson, our Creative & Communications Director, is putting together a video/slideshow for the celebration. You can send pictures or video clips to her at [sam@faithadventure.com](mailto:sam@faithadventure.com)

### **Date to be determined - Celebrating Pastor CJ**

Another celebration will be planned to officially welcome Pastor CJ once the Presbytery sets a date for his installation.

We are so thankful that God has been with us, and especially with the Pastor Nominating Committee, as they carried out their search. We know that God has led them, giving them wisdom and guiding the process as they met every Sunday for the past 6 months. The Session is confident that God is leading us into the future together and that He has great plans for Adventure of Faith, in our church, in our community and in His world.

In Christ,

Members of Session

Adventure of Faith Church