

EMAIL #7

AN UPDATE FROM DON COURTNEY, ELDER BOARD CHAIRMAN

Sent on Sunday, October 22, 2017



Dear Church Family,

On Sunday, October 22, Miles Furnish, Vice-Chair of the Board of Elders gave an exciting update on our Senior Pastor Search. Before I share that information, I'd like to thank the Search Committee for their commitment and service. And I would especially like to say thank you to our Staff who have continued to lead us so well during the interim. Our church has been truly blessed by their leadership.

As most are probably aware, this journey began several months ago in March as we began assessing our congregation. From that assessment a candidate profile was created and the search process began. In mid-August the Search Committee began conducting formal interviews. When the pool was narrowed to one finalist, additional interviews, site visits, and full referencing were conducted. This resulted in the Committee's official recommendation of James Roberts to the Elders on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. **Based on the recommendation of the Search Committee, the Board of Elders voted to call James Roberts as Senior Pastor.**

James grew up in the Church of God and served under David Colp at Breiel Blvd Church of God for many years. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and a Master of Divinity degree. He is currently serving as Campus Pastor of a multi-site congregation, Crossroads Church (UMC) in Pittsburgh, PA.

He has been married for 17 years to Jeana and they have one daughter, Katlyn who is 12 years old.

We are looking forward to our Get Acquainted Weekend, November 12 during which you will have a chance to meet James before he preaches on Sunday morning. After each service, you will have an opportunity to vote to affirm the decision of the Board of Elders to call James Roberts as our Senior Pastor. More details will follow.

Please continue to pray for James and his family, our staff and our congregation as we anticipate this new season in the life our church.

Sincerely,
Don Courtney
Chairman of the Board of Elders