## **ELDER NEWSLETTER**

## **APRIL 2023**

We want to apologize for not having a March Newsletter but we suspect there will be 2 April Newsletters because of how much that will be happening in early April.

As we seek a new CAC lead pastor, we desperately need wisdom. I think everyone would agree with this statement. Wisdom comes from God so it logically follows that we need a relationship with God to get wisdom. The deeper and more intimate our relationship is with God, the more "in tune" we become to God's wisdom. This is why we have encouraged one another to use this time of transition to cultivate our relationship with God. I think it is so timely that it has been the lent season and now we are in the passion week. What better time is there to focus on developing more intimacy in our relationship with God!

It also follows that we need each other. We can't do life alone but we need each other to speak into our lives with the wisdom God provides us as we grow in our relationship with Him.

Lord, we pray for protected, quality time with you to grow in our relationship with you so that we can have your wisdom. We pray for times that we can share that wisdom with each other. Help us to keep our heart and eyes on you. We desire to have your wisdom in all the decisions we need to make.

## Here is the update:

- 1. April 4, 2023: Elders will be meeting with Steve Fowler from our district office to discuss details of Canby Alliance Church going through the PEAK assessment process. PEAK is a church assessment developed by the C&MA that all churches seeking a new lead pastor are required to go through. The PEAK assessment evaluates 9 essential elements of the church: spiritual leadership, personal growth, mission focus, loving community, worship gathering, vision alignment, Alliance partnership, financial stewardship and effective organization. After CAC goes through this process, we will be able to develop a more accurate senior pastor profile from which we will be able to develop a picture of what CAC is needing and looking for in a senior pastor. After that is developed, we can post a senior pastor posting to our Alliance family.
- April 5, 2023: Elders and treasurer will be meeting with Interim Pastor Ministry to discuss the specifics of how an Interim Pastor (IP) position is sought and filled through their ministry. We will discuss what requirements we have to fulfill for an IP and the cost associated with an IP.

- 3. We will be starting the process of putting together a pastor search committee. This committee will be working with our Pacific Northwest Alliance District in seeking and reviewing potential candidates for our senior pastor position.
- 4. April 23, 2023: This is Pastor Tim and Heather's last Sunday. You should have gotten the separate communication on the plans for that Sunday.

Thanks again for all of your prayers for the leadership. We are grateful for the privilege of serving each of you as elders.

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