

## **LCT Update to the Congregation- 06/07/20**

### **Congregational Update #3**

It's my pleasure to share with you another quick update from the Leadership Continuity Team this morning! We remain prayerful and excited about what God's got in store for Hope Missionary Church!

As a quick refresher, let me remind you that this group of folks on the screen behind me are the members of the team that has been working hard these past couple of years to discern God's heart for a leadership transition here at Hope when Pastor Gary transitions his ministry focus about a year from now.

This morning, we'd like to answer three questions that we think might be helpful to you:

#### **Question #1: What have you been doing since the last congregational update?**

Honestly, our progress has been somewhat slowed as we've been subject to all of the changes that COVID-19 has brought to the world around us. While we were unable to meet in person for a couple of months, we did stay connected electronically. And we also met once again face-to-face just last week to pray and prepare for the work ahead. Just before the stay-at-home guidance was issued, we had delivered the content of our church profile document into the hands of a very capable graphic designer to begin his work. He's done some AWESOME work with it!

#### **Question #2: What's this church profile you've mentioned?**

The church profile is a twenty-six page document that we've poured nearly a year into so that we can accurately represent the life and ministry of Hope Church. It also contains a detailed position description for the role of our senior pastor. It's really quite exhaustive, and we feel that it will help prospective candidates get a good feel for what God's doing in our midst. Once the final tweaks are completed, this document will be available for our candidates to download — and we're sure lots of you here at Hope Church will be interested in seeing it as well! Who knows... your face might appear in some of the pictures!

#### **Question #3: What's the timeline you're working with?**

Even though we've been slightly slowed due to the health situation around us, we're sticking with the timeline we've been drawn to follow. This summer we'll begin to post the position in places where highly-qualified candidates will locate it. Throughout the fall we'll be receiving contacts from interested individuals, and the winter and spring will see us gradually honing in on the right man for the role through interviews and personal visits. We continue to be so excited to see whom God will lead to Hope to lead us!

Of course, we continue to seek His face on this important decision. And we'd encourage you to be praying right along with us. In fact, let's pray together toward that end right now...