

Friday, 9 February 2024

Dear Crossroads Family and Friends,

I have an important announcement to make at the end of Sunday's service but wanted to give you some advance notice.

On Tuesday evening, I informed the Elder Board about my intention to resign at the end of June. Rhonda and I will be returning to Canada sometime this summer.

Being trusted to serve as the pastor of a local congregation is an honour and it has been an immense privilege to have led Crossroads. This is not something I take lightly. We have prayed and sought the Lord's guidance over the last few months and believe that Crossroads will be best served by new leadership with a fresh vision for the future. Crossroads is a healthy and strong congregation with a gifted body of individuals and leaders.

There is always a period of grief as we say goodbye to the known and then a period of time to embrace God's newness for us. Rhonda and I will stay actively engaged over the next few months as we say our 'goodbyes' and trust God for our future and that of Crossroads'.

The board of Elders has a Pastoral Search Policy in place and will be meeting soon to start the implementation of that policy to begin looking for a new pastor. One of the elders will be sharing about this on Sunday. Please keep the leadership in your prayers as they begin this journey.

Rhonda and I have loved being a part of this congregation and living in Basel. It will be challenging for us to step away, but we have peace that this is the Lord's leading, both for us and for the congregation. Thank you for your kindness and support over the years. You have been a great blessing.

In Christ,

David & Rhonda Fortune