

Update From the Transition Committee, March 2020

The work of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) has entered the important phase of receiving applications and evaluating potential candidates for the position of Senior Pastor of VPC. See <https://viennapres.org/pnc/> for more information from the PNC. Please pray for the members of the committee as they implement their evaluation process; for the person that God will bring to our church to be our next Senior Pastor; and for Pastor Pete as he continues to serve us right up to his retirement, which will be shortly after a new Senior Pastor is called.

God has blessed VPC with long-term stability in terms of Pastor Pete's service, and we want to ensure that our transition process honors God and is aligned with His will for VPC. The Transition Committee will host monthly prayer sessions in the chapel starting after the season of Lent, and continuing for the remainder of this calendar year. These prayer sessions will provide an opportunity for all of VPC to be engaged in prayer for all aspects of this transition and for the ongoing work of Jesus Christ at our church.

As we have indicated in previous communications to the congregation, our committee will coordinate the transitions of other senior personnel who may be retiring or leaving VPC during this overall transition period. One of those senior persons is our Director of Operations, Doug LeMasters. Doug is retiring effective May 31, 2020, after nine years of service. As we communicated at the Congregational Meeting on February 2, Rod Mateer – previously a member of VPC – will join the staff on a part-time basis to be the Acting Director of Operations until a new Senior Pastor is in place and a long-term, permanent hire can be made.

Plans for honoring Pete's long-time service at VPC are underway. Watch for more information on how you can participate.

As always, the members Transition Committee welcome your questions, feedback, and prayers.

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