

## DS Remarks

I would ask that Pastor Jim & Giselle come up and join us at this time. In a few moments we are going to conclude our time today by offering a prayer over them and a prayer for us as we prepare for the congregational vote on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Would all of the Search Committee and Board Members please stand where you are? On behalf of the Moncton Wesleyan family, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for their outstanding and tireless efforts over the past seven months. Would you join me in showing them the honour due for their ministry?

I would also like to thank Pastor Nathan Adams for his role as Interim Pastor of Teaching and Prayer. He will continue in this role for the foreseeable future over the coming months at the discretion of Pastor Jim and any transitions in his role will be announced with opportunity to honour his leadership at that time. That said, Pastor Nathan we love you and Jenn and know that God provided a choice Kingdom servant in you for such a time as this.

A couple of logistics regarding the congregational vote on March 19<sup>th</sup> for your consideration. Everyone age 16 and up will be invited to vote. All votes are important and member's votes are binding in discerning the heart of God in this matter. This vote will be for what is referred to as an Extended Call. This means that the congregation only votes once and that the LBA and the District provide ongoing accountability and evaluations in the years ahead. Those who are members will be given a different colour ballot. Only Church Members may vote by absentee ballot if you have an approved reason to be absent on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the LBA Secretary, Lana Brown, for more information – her contact info will be provided on the website update for the Transition or is available upon request from the Church Office.

It has been amazing to watch how God has shaped this journey over the year. There is no doubt in our hearts this is from Him and time does not allow for all the ways we have seen the finger prints of the Master's touch guiding us to this exciting conclusion. Thank you, Kevin, for your faith and wisdom in sharing this journey of leadership. I love linking arms with you in things that matter to the heart of God.