



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Knowing Christ, Making Christ Known

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Dear Westminster Members and Friends,

It's hard to believe it has been 21 years since I was called to be Westminster's pastor, and even more amazing I would end up serving this great congregation for more than half my ordained ministry. As the saying goes, how time flies when you're having fun!!! And it has been way more than just fun – it has been a surprising, challenging, and inspiring journey beyond my wildest imaginings. I am so grateful to serve as one of your pastors, and my life and faith have been greatly enriched by being in ministry alongside all of you.

As you may have heard this past Sunday, or via the congregational email, it is time to prepare for the last leg of this journey with you. Two and half years ago, congregational leaders and I began developing a succession plan to be implemented at the time I approached retirement. The plan included an agreement that I would give the congregation 15-18 months' notice of my targeted retirement, so the congregation could begin a search for its next pastor while I am still serving in my position. My plan is to retire in the **summer of 2022**, so the time to make the congregation aware has arrived. On Sunday, May 16th, we will hold a congregational meeting to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that will begin the search for Westminster's next pastor.

It has been a true joy to be a part of this amazing staff and congregation. There will be time over the next 15 or so months to ponder what God has done with us since my arrival in 2000, and I look forward to celebrating many ministry directions, surprises, and blessings as we complete this last lap together. I can't wait to see many of you back in the building, to share in worship, service and fellowship again as we lean into the future after the challenges of this pandemic. God has blessed YOUR faithfulness with a vibrant and vital ministry within this community and around the world, and I look forward to seeing how it continues to unfold in the months to come.

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Don Lincoln