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Hi friends,

As we all reflect on – and absorb – Pastor Jeremy’s news, I’d like to share a brief response on behalf of the Elders Board here at St. Albert Alliance Church.

A transition like this is never easy – It can’t be easy when a good and caring leader moves on – and it underscores the impact Jeremy has had on so many of our lives. That’s something to recognize and be thankful for.

Perhaps Jeremy has influenced you to enter a deeper journey of prayer, listening for Jesus’ voice, and responding in faith. Maybe it’s been the words “Go and be the church in the places where we live, learn, work and play” becoming a reality in your experience as an apprentice of Jesus. Or maybe you’ve served at StAAC alongside Jeremy and been encouraged by his example of humility and integrity.

A moment like this should feel bittersweet. We know Jeremy will have an incredible opportunity to help shape the lives of many more leaders and influence countless individuals for Christ through his work. And yet we will miss him deeply – particularly those who’ve had the privilege of working closely with him.

As a Board, we’ll have more communication for you in the next two weeks – and in the months to come – but the StAAC Elders wanted to take a moment to share a few immediate things you’ll want to know.

To begin with, we’re pleased that Jeremy will be here at StAAC through the month of December, and he’ll be at our Sunday services and our Christmas celebrations. You’ll have opportunities to see him, share your thanks and bless him here on Sunday mornings for the remainder of this year. We’re also thrilled that Lisa Peters will continue to serve here at StAAC in her pastoral leadership role!

We also want to highlight three special ways that we as a church can honour Jeremy in the weeks ahead:

First, please mark Dec. 12 on your calendar, and join us in person or online for Jeremy’s final sermon and a farewell celebration here at StAAC. This will be a great day – and maybe a hard one too! But we’ll take time to hear Jeremy’s heart for the church he and Lisa have

served for 17 years, and to bless Jeremy as he steps forward into God's new season and calling.

It's also been our practice that when a ministry leader and team member leaves, we invite the church to participate in a special love offering to recognize their contribution to our lives. Jeremy's faithful dedication to Jesus and his example of pursuing the voice of the Holy Spirit have had a profound impact on so many of us. So if you'd like to make a contribution, you can use any of the means of giving available here at StAAC – in person, online or through the StAAC app – and simply mark your gift "LOVE OFFERING." You can give anytime from today until December 12.

We'll also be posting a link on the StAAC website for you to share your own messages with Jeremy in an online memory book. Just head to the home page and click the button at the top.

As we look ahead, let's remember the truth that God has given every church the gifts and people that He sees necessary in order for it to glorify Jesus and fulfill His calling for them. That is true of StAAC. So we can look to the future with confidence in God's goodness and his presence here among us.

Finally – Jeremy, thank you for serving us so well. We're grateful to God for you, and we're looking forward to see how your influence continues to touch people here in St. Albert and beyond. We bless you, Lisa and your family in this new season.