

January 20, 2024

Dear Alma Church of God Family,

This past Fall, I invited our church family to pray bold prayers that require full dependence on God as well as a willingness to step out in faith in courageous ways. Throughout our life and ministry together, Dan and I have sought to pray bold prayers and remain open to the Lord's leading in our lives. We are now at a juncture when God has called us to step out in faith to a new opportunity. Because of that, my time as your Senior Pastor must come to an end in the coming months.

In the summer of 2024, our family will relocate to Hillsboro, Oregon where we will go to plant a church. The call to this new venture has been many months in the making with a great deal of intense prayer and discernment. We have no doubt that the journey ahead will stretch us in ways we cannot yet imagine as we seek to help people encounter Jesus in the Pacific Northwest. As we go, we will be carrying with us the spirit of the Alma Church of God as a vision of what it looks like for a church to serve and love their community.

I am so deeply grateful for the Alma Church of God. I'm encouraged and excited as I witness ways that God is at work. People are encountering Jesus, and we are impacting our community in beautiful ways. I believe that there are bright and wonderful days ahead in the future. And I believe that there is a new leader who God will provide to journey with you. It will be tremendously difficult for our family to leave Alma because we love our church family so deeply.

My intention in sharing this news multiple months before my departure is to provide some time for our church leadership to determine next steps in seeking a new senior pastor. It is the desire of my heart to come alongside our Governing Board, staff, and leaders, to support and resource however I can. My final Sunday will be May 19, 2024, with my last day in the office as May 23, 2024.

It is an honor and a joy to serve the Lord as your Pastor and I will be forever grateful for all the ways the Alma Church of God family has blessed my life.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Erin Taylor