

Message from the Elders Board

This month we began our meeting asking God for unity, clarity, openness, honesty and guidance as we move forward. We also spent time in the Scriptures reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-30. This passage is a great reminder of how God's ways are not our ways and how His wisdom far surpasses anything we can bring to the table. With that in mind, we were encouraged to rely more on God and less on ourselves, to listen before speaking and to leave our pride at the door, because "God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength."

Ric Gilbertson (Executive Pastor) provided the board with reflections from this past ministry year related to the RPC directional plan. We discussed the Five Arenas related to the directional plan: Prayer, Missional Engagement, Discipleship, Service and Multiplication. While the Elders have been on a journey as to what adjustments are needed to RPC's overall mission and vision, the pastoral lead staff have been seeking to define the current reality specifically related to Arenas Two and Three (Missional Engagement and Discipleship). Please continue to pray for wisdom and clarity as we move forward in these areas.

We also took the time to look back on the year and discuss the board's effectiveness. A survey was completed by each board member allowing us to identify the key areas of strength and the areas that require further development. As a result of our conversation related to the survey, a number of action items were documented to ensure the appropriate steps are taken to move forward.

To close the meeting, we gathered into groups of three and prayed for our staff. Please lift all our leaders up in prayer asking God to provide us with His wisdom, His clarity and His direction.

Yours in Christ,

Sean Miller,

Elders Board Secretary on behalf of all its members:

Aileen Cowan, Allan Willms, Andrew Tritter, Jim Johnston, Joy Berner, Matt Boda, Myrna Waddell, Norma Reynolds, Ric Gilbertson, Steven John, Terence Jellema and Tim Moore