



Dear Church,

As most of you know, Ted and Marge Keating will be finishing their paid ministry at Bayview Church on Sunday 29th January. This service will have a short formal presentation with an informal special morning tea following the service.

Part of the brief formal presentation will be the bestowing of the title "Pastor Emeritus" to both Ted and Marge.

Question: "What is a Pastor Emeritus?"

Answer: Emeritus is an honorary title bestowed upon one who has retired from a position (pastor, professor, or other professional position) as a way of honouring the individual's service. Emeritus comes from the Latin word *emereri*, which means to earn one's discharge by service. Bestowing the title "Pastor Emeritus" upon retiring pastors is a way for the church leadership to honour their service to the church.

It is right and fitting that our church recognizes the faithful service of Ted and Marge who have served us with honour and integrity as our foundation ministers. Bestowing the title of Pastor Emeritus is one way to demonstrate respect and gratitude for their pastoral service.

Whilst having no functional position at Bayview, this will also enable Ted and Marge to offer ministries elsewhere in the name of the church.

The Bayview Church council hopes you understand and support this honorary title as it is one way to recognize publicly, the wonderful service that Ted & Marge have given to Bayview since its inception. Our incoming pastor Stephen Sutton is also enthusiastic about this presentation to them both.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the church council.

Blessings

David Edwards
(On behalf of the Bayview Community Church Council)

