



**ECBF**

February 7, 2019

Dear Parents,

I sent you a letter around October 9, 2018 that explained where we were in our youth director search. We interviewed two candidates. We did not invite either of them to join our staff team. We then published our opening a second time and have only received two inquiries. One of which have not responded to our request for a formal cover letter and resume. The second person really do not fit who we are. Therefore, we are back to square one. As of now, Pastor Louie will continue to oversee this process. We are hoping to have someone in place to minister to our youth as soon as possible.

In the meantime, two things are in the works. The first is, Pastor Louie has been willing to work with the youth that attend ECBF regularly on Sundays by engaging them on Sunday mornings and doing special things with them such as taking them to camp and creating opportunities for fellowship. At this time we have decided not to implement any youth outreach outside of ECBF until we have someone in place and due to our staff capacity.

The second is, I am in conversation with, Charles Dowdy, the volunteer youth director at Radiant Church (a sister Covenant Church in Renton with a small youth group) about doing something jointly until we can find a youth director. Just this past weekend Pastor Louie and Charles along with David McIntosh took 20 students to the Covenant's annual High School Retreat called MUD. Yesterday, February 12<sup>th</sup> there was as a conversation with Charles and both PHD and Pastor Louie regarding a possible weekly gathering is scheduled on February 12<sup>th</sup>. In the next few weeks we should have a better sense of next steps for this interim plan.

Please contact Pastor Louie or me with any questions or suggestions that you may have. I would ask that you remain prayerful and patient with us knowing that we are prayerfully working to meet the needs of our youth.

Humbly submitted,

Pastor Drake