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Dear Church Family,

As the long time youth pastor at Trinity, I am impressed by how much we have to celebrate. We have seen many young people give their lives to Jesus, some commit themselves to a vocation in ministry, and many more go on to serve God as faithful college students and professionals of various kinds. When I look at things from the context of youth ministry, it is interesting how moving on in obedience is something so easily celebrated. I think our most mature adults can be inspired by this lesson. We see teens leave all the time to do great things. It is my hope that we can all act in obedience to God's calling.

As you probably know, I graduated from seminary in December. For pastors in an itinerant system, this accomplishment is usually accompanied by a move. After many conversations with my denominational leadership, I can inform you that we will be moving to the Downriver suburbs of Detroit. I will be appointed to a church in Taylor, MI as the executive pastor to help them through a building transition. Sometime in 2019 we will plant a church in one of the neighboring communities to assist in a broader strategy to more effectively reach this area for God. This is a truly exciting prospect as we have seen God orchestrating everything leading up to this and also giving us a vision for the future. This also means we will be returning to both the Free Methodist Church and the area where our family lives.

As excited as we are for this new season, we are equally sad to leave a church and community that has welcomed us so warmly. You have been our family. How can I put into words what Trinity has meant to us? The love and support extended to me and my family has never given us a doubt that we belong. As sad as the next couple months will be, I do look forward to sharing memories with everyone. These are, after all, the things we will be taking with us.

There is one consideration I will ask you to make. The church we are going to does not know we are coming. Feel free to speak about this and ask questions, but please do not post anything to social media.

Our last day in worship will be June 17th. I will preach and Nicki will lead music. The church is planning a farewell luncheon on the 10th. In the meantime we will be busy packing boxes and searching for a home. We would love your prayers for the community we are moving to, our children's new school, and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You can be certain we are praying for Trinity and are confident that God will continue the good work we have seen during our time. Knowing the capacity for love that this church has, I am sure the person to follow me will find Trinity to be a place he loves.

Let us always be reminded of the good things he has done for each and every one of us, as well,

Joshua B. Angel

Rev. Kurt Tomlinson

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