

Frequently Asked Questions

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Consideration of a U.S. Senate Run

1. Why is Pastor Adam considering a run for the U.S. Senate? Pastor Adam challenges us to be "salt and light" in the public square. During the recent *Fearless* sermon series, he found he was preaching to himself and feeling a persistent nudge to address deepening fractures in our society. After prayer and discernment with family and church leaders, he feels increasingly drawn to run for the U.S. Senate as an Independent candidate in Kansas. Although a possible campaign would operate separately from the church, Pastor Adam has expressed that his primary goal, win or lose, would be to run an ethical, hopeful campaign that brings people together, and to influence social ethics, justice, and mercy through public policy—a new way to personally live out the message he has long preached.

Campaign Activity and the Church

2. If Pastor Adam decides to run for office, would the church endorse him? No. Resurrection does not endorse political candidates or parties. A key strength of our congregation is the diversity of thought and opinion. Congregants and staff members are encouraged to vote according to their own convictions. To maintain clear distinctions between church life and any political activity, the church will not engage in political activities this year. For instance, we will not host onsite voter registration, distribute voter guides, or hold candidate forums during this election cycle. The church's focus remains on our shared faith and mission.

3. Would church resources be used for the campaign? No. Clear firewalls would be established and monitored by the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) to ensure separation between the church and a potential campaign. Specifically:

- **Staff:** Church staff would not work on the campaign during work hours.
- **Data:** The church database is private and would never be shared with a campaign or outside group.
- **Facilities:** No campaign events would be permitted on church property.
- **Technology:** Church devices cannot be used for non-church activities.
- **Communication:** Church newsletters and social media would not promote a campaign. Pastor Adam's social media channels are his personal communication tools.

4. What would Sunday worship look like if Pastor Adam decides to run for office? Sundays at Resurrection will remain a sacred time for worship. We will continue to have compelling worship experiences and sermons. Our pastors, ministry leaders, and guest preachers would continue to lead us in focusing on glorifying God, growing spiritually, and being equipped to live out our faith in the world. You will not hear partisan messages from the pulpit. On weekends when Pastor Adam preaches, he will do so as our Senior Pastor, not as a candidate running for office.

5. Is the church's policy on political activity available to the public? Yes. The policy can be accessed [here](#).

Pastoral Leadership and Timeline

6. How may Pastor Adam's role change throughout 2026?

- **Now – April:** Pastor Adam remains engaged as Senior Pastor as he considers launching a Senate campaign, with an announcement expected in mid-April. Meanwhile, church life stays focused on Lent and preparation for Easter.

- **May – Election Day:** If running for office, Pastor Adam remains Senior Pastor, working half-time for the church and utilizing available vacation leave. His responsibilities would include weekends when he preaches at Resurrection, leading the grand opening of Leawood’s Wesley Chapel in late August, presenting at our annual Leadership Institute in late September, providing limited pastoral care, and leading the church’s executive staff.
- **Post-Election:** Pastor Adam’s schedule will be determined by the election results, in coordination with our Bishop and the SPRC.

7. What happens if Pastor Adam decides not to run or isn’t elected? Would he continue to be our Senior Pastor? Yes, Adam would resume his full-time responsibilities as Senior Pastor.

8. If he runs and is elected, would Pastor Adam continue as our Senior Pastor? Yes, if elected, Adam would remain our Senior Pastor. There is a precedent for clergy serving in Congress while pastoring a local congregation. He would anticipate routinely leading worship, preaching 12–18 times a year, mentoring, and advancing the church’s vision. His role would be part-time, and Senate rules limit outside earned income to a current maximum of \$33,855 per year. Day-to-day management would be handled by our executive team, and guest preachers would supplement our existing team.

9. Is the church still planning for a pastoral transition in 2030? Yes. In 2021, the church established a Succession Planning Committee to oversee Pastor Adam’s eventual retirement. Regardless of a possible Senate run, the Committee will continue its preparations for a healthy transition, with an anticipated completion date of 2030.

Stability and Security

10. Will the church be okay? You may have heard Pastor Adam say, “This is not ‘Adam’s church,’” and it never was. Regardless of his decision to run for office or the outcome of the potential election, we continue to strengthen, grow, and pursue the dreams God has laid on our hearts. Our church has deeply embedded values, clarity of purpose, and an outstanding team of pastors, staff, and lay leaders. The church’s future remains bright.

11. Will there be increased physical security? Yes. If Pastor Adam runs for office, the church will enhance the congregation’s existing security measures. In addition, his campaign and potential Senate office would make provisions for his personal security.

12. How should we handle political mudslinging or attacks on the church? It’s a challenging political climate right now. At times, the church—or those connected to it—may be misunderstood or misrepresented. If that occurs, we will stay grounded in the values we’ve practiced together: responding with kindness, approaching information thoughtfully, speaking of others with respect, and refraining from engaging in negativity. Our focus will stay on living out our mission with integrity, grace, and clarity.

13. How can I support Pastor Adam? We invite you to pray as he considers this personal endeavor. We encourage you to stay active in the church, faithful in stewardship, and regularly attend worship. For anyone wishing to support his potential campaign, this is entirely separate from church activity. All campaign activities, donations, and volunteer opportunities will be managed by the campaign—independent of the church.



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