



## A Message from the Staff Parish Relations Committee

Church Family,

Pastor Adam encourages us to be a "light of the world" and challenges us to move beyond the walls of our sanctuaries to build bridges and serve our neighbors. Recently, he shared a profound sense of calling to live out these values in a new arena by considering a run for the U.S. Senate as an Independent candidate from Kansas. If you have not seen his video message, you can watch it at [cor.org/SeniorPastor](http://cor.org/SeniorPastor). We recognize this news may bring a mix of emotions—excitement, curiosity, and perhaps some concern about what this means for our church.

Under the structure for United Methodist churches, as found in our *Book of Discipline*, our congregation has a personnel oversight committee, the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). This group serves as the chief liaison between the congregation and our staff and pastors, including Pastor Adam. To that end, we coordinate with our talented executive leaders and the Great Plains Annual Conference to care for the health, stability, and spiritual continuity of our congregation.

The SPRC has prepared some frequently asked questions below to provide transparency and clarity about topics such as:

- How we would keep congregational life and potential campaign activity separate,
- How the church will run if Adam decides to run and is elected to the Senate, and
- How we continue to plan for the future of the church.

Between now and mid-April, Pastor Adam will be thinking and praying about this decision. He will also meet privately with family members, mentors, and experts for their guidance. We ask you to pray for Pastor Adam during this time. To ensure the church remains focused on ministry, our pastors and leaders will not be addressing Pastor Adam's discernment process during worship or other church activities.

Regardless of his ultimate decision, Resurrection will stay true to our values, focused on our Vision 2030 initiatives, and our purpose of *building a Christian community where non-religious and nominally religious people are becoming deeply committed Christians*. We will also seek to live out our faith as bridge-builders who reflect God's love to the world.

We are grateful for your prayers, your grace, and your continued commitment to our church's mission during this unique season.

Grace and peace,

Steve Gass, Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee