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Dear Members and Friends of LifeStream Church of the Nazarene

Greetings to each of you in the name of Jesus Christ! It is a joy to see the evidence of God's activity as I have continued to meet with the *LifeStream* Church Board. On Wednesday evening, September 18th it was my privilege to meet with your Church Board to continue the process of planning the steps leading to the selection of *LifeStream's* next leader.

In an ongoing effort to communicate with you I wanted to update you on the current status of our shared work.

On Wednesday evening the Church Board reviewed the preliminary results and findings of the congregational survey that you participated in over the last couple of weeks. This survey and its results will guide the process of creating the Pastoral Profile which will assist the Church Board as we begin the formal stage of considering resumes and candidates.

On Sunday morning, November 3rd it will be my privilege to worship with you. Immediately following the morning worship service, the Church Board will host a luncheon for all those who will be here. After we have eaten together, it will be my privilege to make a formal presentation of the findings from the congregational survey as well as present the Pastoral Profile.

At the conclusion of the meeting, there will be an opportunity for *"questions and responses"* to better understand the results of the congregational survey. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for you to make suggestions of candidates that you feel fit the Pastoral Profile adopted by the Church Board. Please make plans to be here for this important meeting.

Lastly, I want to express my appreciation to the Church Board for their diligent and faithful work of leading the church in the interim period. I have asked the Church Board to continue their service through the end of their term and until a new pastor is interviewed and installed. To accomplish this, there will not be Church Board elections at the time they normally would be held. The reason for this is to provide continuity so that the work can be completed without the necessity of conducting new Church Board elections and bringing them into to the pastoral search process.

Please continue to be prayerful as we seek the will of God for *LifeStream's* next chapter of ministry to this community. God is at work and I am greatly encouraged by the reports that I am hearing about His activity. I want to encourage you to be faithful in all areas as we prepare for the next Pastor/Shepherd. With full confidence, I am convinced that God is preparing the heart of someone who will come and join you in this place.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you, for your ministry and for your continued influence in this community.

For the Kingdom,

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