



HOPE PREGNANCY CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hope's New Executive Director

I am thrilled to introduce to you the next Executive Director of Hope Pregnancy Clinic! We found him! He is Jay Messenger, the lead pastor for the last twenty years at Grace Community Church. I've known Jay for a long time, and I am certain (delighted) that Hope is going to be in such good hands.

The Hope Board began talking and praying with me about this succession two and a half years ago. We have, for the past 12 months, interviewed many capable and likeable candidates, but none seemed quite like the right fit for Hope's unique culture. Every time, we decided to keep on praying and waiting.

Jay is worth waiting for. I'm so eager for every member of the Hope family to get to know him. For the next couple of months, he'll be finishing up at Grace Church. It's important that he finish well there as they enter into their own transition process.



Our first official day with Jay leading Hope will be October 20. However, he and I are already quite engaged with each other. We've had 35-ish in-person and remote conversations since he said "yes" a month ago. There are so many people and places we're both eager to visit together when he's here fulltime.

When Jay does come in October, I will remain at Hope as the Emeritus Executive Director, and we'll work side-by-side for a couple of months. I'll mostly step aside in January, and will be on call and available to him for as long as he wishes. That said, I will continue to be significantly involved with the Capital Campaign for our new building until the project is complete. Jay and I will get to co-lead the Ribbon Cutting Open House for that next summer. That will be a great day for Hope, as is this day of introducing Jay to you!

He goes ahead of us!

Mike Reid, E.D.