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Dear Church Family,

We wanted to provide a brief leadership update, now that Kev has officially concluded his role as Senior Pastor. As we mentioned in our communication at the time, we felt that this would be a good opportunity for us to undertake a strategic review of our leadership structure, before embarking on a search for an incoming Senior Pastor.

For some of you who are new to our community, you may not be aware that Coast Community Church extends further than our Tumbi and Bensville based ministries. Our church expression includes Coast Christian School at Bensville, Coast Community Preschool at Berkeley Vale, and our charity organisation Coast Community Care, which is home to a whole host of community mission initiatives, including a social enterprise cafe.

As we have boldly stepped into opportunities that we have felt God has put before us, the richness and complexity of what we call church has grown significantly over the years and we feel a deep sense of gratitude and blessing in being able to belong to such a community. As our church continues to evolve however, we want to pay particular attention to ensuring that our leadership roles and structure are appropriate for our current context.

As such, we have not been actively searching for a candidate that would be a direct replacement for the Senior Pastor role. Instead, we have been giving careful consideration to the best way to structure our leadership going forward. This discernment process is ongoing, but I wanted to share with you our plans to get away on a mini-retreat on the 17th and 18th June to focus specifically on this discernment work.

Can I ask that you would uphold us in prayer for this whole process, but specifically for that weekend. Please pray for wisdom, unity and clarity, and that we are open and receptive to the Holy Spirit's leading in this process. We will provide an update back to Partners after this retreat, and will actively seek feedback from Partners before finalising any plans that may come out of this discernment process.

In the meantime, can I thank you for your continued partnership. In particular, I'd like to extend a special thanks to our Ministry Leadership Team who serve tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our regular gatherings and indeed all of our various expressions of church continue as usual as we work through this transition period. We also want to extend a special thanks to the many of you in volunteer serving roles, we deeply appreciate your ongoing support and commitment.

On behalf of the Elders,

Nick Gould,

Chair, Coast Community Elders