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Re: Senior Pastor of FCCH

Over this past year, I have sensed a strong burden that my time as the Founding and Lead Pastor of Truth Point Church (PCA) is coming to an end. After speaking with my wife, close friends, and ministry mentors, I am confident that the Lord is releasing me and sending me out. What is the target? I believe God has given me three words to narrow down our target search: North, Historic, and Preaching. More specifically, I believe that God is calling us to New England. I grew up in Southern New Hampshire and have a deep-rooted passion for New England. I also believe that God is calling us to minister long-term in a historical place of strategic influence for the Kingdom. I am a history buff and have a deep respect for the people, events, and facilities that have gone before us. Lastly, I am convinced that God is calling us to a place where my gift for the expositional and engaging preaching of the gospel can be used in a more comprehensive way. After reading your Senior Pastor profile and other relevant documents, I wholeheartedly believe that your rich New England history, intellectual rigor, deep joy in God, emphasis on preaching, and heart to reach non-Christians with the gospel is a “cinderella fit” for me and the ministry that I would bring.

My philosophy of ministry is based upon the Book of Ephesians. In the first three chapters the Apostle Paul only gave one command—remember (2:11-12). In the last three chapters he gave approximately 75 commands (i.e. how we should respond to the gospel). We need both, but the order is critical. Paul began by reminding his audience of the gospel, and then he taught them how to keep in step with it. This is the type of grace-based, gospel-centered ministry that I try to follow. We first discover more about who God is and who we are in Christ. Then, in light of that, we are guided in how to appropriately respond to the gospel in a way that exalts God and attracts others to him. This means that the Christian life is not trying to become someone that you’re not; it’s learning to become who God says you already are. Our assurance *in* Christ precedes all our assignments *for* Christ. We continually forget the gospel. Therefore, we need a ministry that will help us to “re-member” (reconnect) the gospel to our everyday lives. And it’s not enough to hear the gospel and to know it intellectually. We need the Holy Spirit to make the truth come home to our hearts in a way where we know it experientially. This is what Paul prays for twice in the first three chapters (1:15-23; 3:14-21).

I believe that the power of the gospel, combined with the power of prayer, is the power of God to change the world—one heart and life at a time. Over the past 10 years of ministry, I have seen first-hand how the gospel—preached faithfully, prayerfully, and joyfully—is the power of God unto salvation—for the believer and the non-believer alike. I would be honored, humbled, and thrilled to join the FCCH community in a gospel-centered ministry that impacts the culture of Boston’s North Shore and reaches the world for Christ.

Respectfully,

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