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FS family,

Even though we are approaching the fun of the holidays, there is always business to attend to here at Fresh Start! On December 12 right after service, we will have a special called business meeting to bring a few items up for a vote. As many of you know, Jesse Thompson has taken a position as worship pastor and has stepped down from the Leadership Council. This leaves us with a vacancy to fill to finish out his term. We also have a few bylaw changes that need to be brought to you for a vote. They include changing our purpose statement to reflect our new purpose statement, the addition of permanent online voting as an option moving forward, and an emergency addition for the expenditure of funds in case of frozen pipes or other issues as we approach the winter months.

Below you will find the Leadership Council's suggestion for the new Council member as well as the current bylaw sections and their updates. Part of our responsibility and an act of worship is to honor God by taking care of His church. I know you will take the time to consider this position and changes. Then come vote on December 12 directly after service. If you have any questions regarding these, please contact the church office or speak to a Leadership Council member. Thank you for your faithfulness at Fresh Start and may we continue to follow our Father's leading in all things.

In His Service,  
Pastor Brian Marlett

**Leadership Council nomination to replace and fulfill Jesse Thompson's term:**  
Mike Normand

### **Bylaw Changes**

1. Purpose Article IV
  - a. Current: The purpose of FSCC is to equip, motivate, and empower the people of FSCC, through the Holy Spirit, to grow spiritually, serve the local and global community, and invest the Kingdom multi-generationally, thereby glorifying and worshipping God.
  - b. Change to:
    - i. **Mission**  
The mission of Fresh Start is to bring spiritual growth and a relationship with God to all people so that they may develop a servant heart that invests in the present and future Kingdom of God.

#### **Purpose**

Grow Inwardly – Serve Outwardly – Invest Eternally



2. Section 2 - Congregation

- a. Current: The Congregation will consist of all members of the church and will be responsible for the following:

5. Approval of additional general fund expenditures to the budget in excess of \$10,000.00

- b. Change to: The Congregation will consist of all members of the church and will be responsible for the following:

5. Approval of non-emergency additional general fund expenditures to the budget in excess of \$20,000.00. The Leadership Council may forego the approval of the congregation in the case of emergency issues that require less than 48 hours notice. The congregation will be notified of the cost and reason for the expenditure at the next congregational gathering.

3. Article 5 Section 3

- a. Current: Any voting member may vote by absentee ballot providing a quorum is present at any regular or special called business meeting. (an absentee ballot will not count toward obtaining a quorum). An absentee ballot can be issued up to one week in advance of any regular or special called business meeting to any voting member who cannot attend due to illness, hospitalization, business or travel out of town. The absentee ballot must be obtained from the church office and returned to the church office in a sealed envelope prior to the beginning of the business meeting. The name of the voting congregant must be written on the outside of the envelope for congregational approval.

- b. Change to:

- i. Any voting member may vote by being present at any scheduled or special called business meeting, by absentee ballot, or by online ballot. Absentee ballots and online ballots will not count toward obtaining a quorum.
- ii. An absentee ballot can be issued up to one (1) week in advance of any scheduled or special called business meeting to any voting member who cannot attend due to illness, hospitalization, business, or travel. The absentee ballot must be obtained from the church office and returned to the church office in a sealed envelope at least two (2) days prior to the beginning of the business meeting.



- iii. An online ballot may be accessed through email. This will be sent directly to the voter after being registered in the online church directory. Online ballots will be available three (3) days prior to any scheduled meeting and will close one (1) hour before the taking of the vote.