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On September 14, the International Mission Board (IMB), David Platt's current missions agency, announced and affirmed the unanimous decision of the Board of Elders of McLean Bible Church (MBC) to select David to be our new Pastor-Teacher. This is another confirmation of God's hand in this process. The IMB has 80 trustees who have looked at this great ministry opportunity and are excited to see David lead and preach at MBC.

As background, MBC became a cooperating church with the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in 2016. Like other cooperating churches, MBC has chosen to work with this coalition of like-minded, Bible-believing churches for Kingdom ministries and purposes in North America and around the world. MBC initially became a cooperating church in order to engage more effectively in church planting across Metro DC. Since then, numerous other doors have opened for increased partnership in the spread of the Gospel in cooperation with the SBC.

Through this partnership, we have launched nine new churches in our church planting ministry and shared those costs with the SBC. This partnership also allows anyone going on mission from MBC to be fully funded and for MBC's students to receive reduced tuition benefits at multiple Christian colleges and graduate schools around the U.S.

This partnership hasn't changed anything about MBC's beliefs, and we continue to operate as an autonomous church under the leadership of our elders, pastor-teacher, lead pastor and campus pastors. Please pray that God will continue to lead us during this exciting time. We will discuss all these developments at the Town Hall Meeting we are holding Thursday, September 21, at 7:30 pm.

In response to the announcement that MBC's Elders have unanimously selected David Platt for confirmation as MBC's new Pastor-Teacher, Christianity Today published an article favoring the

confirmation as MBC's new Pastor-Teacher, Christianity Today published an article favoring the nomination and recounting several instances in which the pastor of a church simultaneously led another Christian organization and both flourished. Here is an excerpt:

Harry Ironside, the pastor of Moody Church, was also the president of the African Inland Mission...The Ironside years are considered some of the most fruitful years in Moody's history-and the Africa Inland Mission thrived as well.

Furthermore, Charles Blanchard was the pastor of Moody Church as well, while serving as the president of Wheaton College.

Recently, Louie Giglio ran Passion and started Passion City Church. Chuck Swindoll led an institution while preaching at a church.

Or we go back a bit when Jerry Falwell ran Liberty University and Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Or a bit further back when Harold Ockenga pastored Park Street Church while serving as founder and president of Fuller Seminary (in another state!).

In all cases, they were accountable to leaders and boards in both places, and it was not without challenge, but it worked.

We are very excited about how God has directed the Elders' selection of David Platt and the IMB has confirmed that direction. We pray that God will continue to lead MBC as He has for over 50 years. "He will be our guide even to the end." Psalm 48:19

Information Documents

As was mentioned by Pastor Lon during this weekend's worship services, please download the documents below for more information on MBC's leadership transition:

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