

# A SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

We are facing a significant moment as a church family. We have an opportunity to move forward together as a thriving, united church bringing hope to the nations, beginning right here in metro Washington, D.C. But this vision depends on members' involvement in two important congregational meetings and votes over the coming weeks.

As some of you may remember, five individuals filed a lawsuit against our church contesting our election of elders last summer. While we are grateful this conflict is no longer a part of daily church life for most people at MBC, the conflict continues to cause harm and resolution is still needed in accord with God's Word for the glory of His name and the good of His church. As Elders, Lead Pastors, Location Pastors, and Central Ministry Directors, we want to take extra steps to strive toward healing in our church.

To that end, we strongly encourage active members of our church family to engage in the following two meetings:

**1. Special Congregational Meeting online Wednesday, May 18, at 7 pm.**

Our church family will vote on a "Plan for Lawsuit Resolution." For more information about this plan, please click [HERE](#). Voting on this plan, as well as voting on new members, will be available electronically and/or in person for active members May 18-22.

**2. June Congregational Meeting online Wednesday, June 1, at 7 pm.**

Assuming our church family approves the above "Plan for Lawsuit Resolution," we will vote on elder nominees who have our full support as biblically qualified to lead our church family into the future. Voting on elders, as well as voting on new members, will be available electronically and/or in person for active members June 1-5.

We invite you to speak to a pastor at your location if you have any questions about the above. We are committed to caring for you in your life, your family, and our church, and we would love to encourage you, pray with you, and help you in any way we can.

**Love in Christ,**

**MBC Elders, Lead Pastors, Location Pastors, and Central Ministry Directors**