

# A SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

What an encouraging gathering yesterday celebrating stories of how God is using you to bring people to Jesus here and around the world. If you weren't able to join us, we highly encourage you to watch and listen [HERE](#).

We are pleased to share that you also voted overwhelmingly both to affirm new members and to approve a plan for pursuing reconciliation and resolving conflict within our church. The following are the results from our congregational voting May 18-22:

- Vote to Affirm New Members (75% required for affirmation)
  - Yes: 87.5%
  - No: 12.5%
- Vote to Affirm Plan for Lawsuit Resolution (50% required for affirmation)
  - Yes: 84.4%
  - No: 15.6%

It is extremely encouraging to see our church family express a collective desire to pursue unity and peaceful restoration in order that we might move past conflict as a church. The vote count and anonymity of all ballots were verified by a neutral attorney (not from the firm representing MBC in litigation) whose sole task was to ensure integrity in this election.

While this vote was a momentous and meaningful step toward church unity, **one significant vote remains** as part of our June Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, June 1. We will have the opportunity to affirm biblically qualified Elders to lead our church into the future of MBC. Each of these brothers has walked through an extensive process according to our church's constitution in which they have been nominated by church members who have observed Elder qualities in them, examined by a Nominating Committee comprised of church members from different locations, and further examined and unanimously recommended by our current Elders. You can find more information about each of these leaders at [mcleanbible.org/elders](http://mcleanbible.org/elders), and you will be able to hear more about them during our Congregational Meeting. Then you will have the opportunity to vote on them either electronically or in person June 1-5. This vote, which will include a re-vote on the three Elders from last summer, will utilize all of the procedures approved by the church in the Plan for Lawsuit Resolution.

**Our ability to move forward together as a thriving, united church bringing people to Jesus here and around the world hinges on your involvement in this meeting and vote, so please participate June 1-5.**

For more information, visit [mcleanbible.org/resolution](http://mcleanbible.org/resolution). We also invite you to speak to a Pastor at your location if you have any questions. 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. And don't forget about Late Night Prayer this Friday, May 27, from 8 pm - Midnight as we seek God together with all our hearts during these days as a church.

**Love in Christ,  
MBC Elders, Lead Pastors, Location Pastors, and Central Ministry Directors**