

# A SIGNIFICANT MOMENT IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Over the last month, we have been walking through a significant moment in the life of MBC, and we have been praying that God would help us move forward together as a thriving, united church bringing hope to the nations, starting in our city. We want to thank you for how you have prayerfully engaged in this process.

Two weeks ago in a Special Congregational Meeting, over 84% of voting members affirmed a Plan for Lawsuit Resolution that attempts to resolve conflict in our church over last year's elder election in a peaceful, biblical manner. As part of the implementation of that approved plan, we voted on elders and new members in our June Congregational Meeting. Voting for this meeting concluded today, and we are pleased to announce that an even higher percentage of voting members affirmed elders to lead us into the future. The following are the official results from our June Congregational Meeting:

- 1,506 Members Voting
- Vote to Affirm New Members (75% required for affirmation)
  - Yes: 90.6%
  - No: 9.4%
- Vote to Affirm Elders (75% required for affirmation)
  - Patrick Lee | Yes: 89%, No: 11%
  - Hooman Gharai | Yes: 87.5%, No: 12.5%
  - Sasha Varghese | Yes: 87%, No: 13%
  - Ken Tucker | Yes: 86.3%, No: 13.7%
  - Chuck Hollingsworth | Yes: 88.6%, No: 11.4%
  - Jim Burris | Yes: 88.7%, No: 11.3%

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.

We will provide additional updates in the future on our continued implementation of the Plan for Lawsuit Resolution. Specifically, this plan that you approved includes the following next step:

*If all the proposed elder nominees receive at least 75% approval of active members present and voting as part of the June Congregational Meeting, our church will move forward together with resolve to fulfill our mission to glorify God by making disciples and multiplying churches among all nations, beginning in greater Washington, D.C., under the leadership of these elders alongside our other pastors and staff across our locations.*

Let's pray together for continued healing as a church as we move forward on mission for His glory.

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