

TUESDAY, MAY 30

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,

Thank you so much for your participation in our special Congregational Meeting last week. We asked you to come together to affirm new members and an amended constitution that would promote greater biblical health in our church family as well as protect our church family against legal attacks. You responded, and we are pleased to share that we have officially welcomed 53 new members into our church family and approved our amended constitution. Specifically:

- 1517 members voted.
- Over 94% of members who voted affirmed new members.
- Over 85% of members who voted affirmed the amended constitution.

We praise God for this significant step in the history of our church, and for the clear statement you have made that we are united in our commitment to being the church God has called us to be as we reach our city and the nations with the gospel.

Copies of our now amended constitution are available to members at each of our locations. Over the course of this process, various members made suggestions for further strengthening and refining our constitution in the future, and we are committed to considering those suggestions. Please reach out to leaders at your location with any recommendations you have at any time.

One of the purposes of this amended constitution was to promote more meaningful membership in our church family. We want to help you experience all that God has designed for you as a member of the body of Christ. Specifically, if you are not a part of a **Church Group**, please reach out to us. We would love to connect you with a group that is caring for you like family, helping you grow in Christ, and helping you make disciples in our city and the world.

In addition, make sure to follow your location's **<u>eNews</u>** so that you are aware of the many things happening in our church. As we look toward the summer, we want to remind you of the following **<u>churchwide events</u>**:

- Glo Night for Young Adults June 3
- Resilient Marriage Conference June 10
- Rock Student Ministries High School Summer Camp July 5-9
- Rock Student Ministries Middle School Summer Camp July 13-16
- Kids Quest Summer Camp July 24-28
- Special Needs Access VBS July 18-22 (Ages 5-15) and August 1-5 (Ages 16+)

All of the above are significant opportunities to grow in Christ and to invite friends and family who may not know Jesus. And even for events that you are not a part of personally, we encourage you to put them on the calendar to pray for the people who are participating. Also, be in prayer for mission trips happening throughout the summer in Kenya, Italy, France, Central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East!

This last Sunday, a young adult named Anthony was baptized in our church family. Anthony came to faith in Jesus after seeing the difference Jesus made in the life of his sister, Reyna, who had come to faith in Jesus and been baptized last summer because Mia, another young adult in our church, invited Reyna to church. There's so much to celebrate in this story, but we share it as a simple reminder: invite someone to church or your Church Group this week, and don't underestimate what God might do in the days ahead!

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