

**as read post-vote at LPC Special General Meeting May 16, 2021

On behalf of the Board of Elders, I want to take a moment to thank you. Thank you for walking with us on this journey. Thank you for the many conversations, emails and discussions. Thank you for respecting each other and thank you for the overall tone of this journey over the past couple of years.

We are looking forward to continuing to serve on your behalf and welcoming women to serve as elders as well. Even though a large majority of our members have affirmed their desire to see men and women serve as elders at our church, we recognize that there are some who disagree. We would like to walk alongside you with this transition over time and want you to know that you are, as always, loved as part of the LPC family.

As the Board, while we all move forward, we also ask for you to exercise unity and wisdom as we collectively digest this decision. We pray that you would continue to love and uphold each other, that you would continue to serve one another selflessly and that the love of Christ would be evident to all who encounter the LPC family.

Over the next few months, as we continue to look forward to meeting again in person as a united body; please recognize the variety of feelings that we have around this outcome. May we gather together again soon – may we celebrate communion together and may we heal. Let us all continue to focus on the mission of Lambrick Park Church "to embrace and invite everyone to follow Jesus with us – through redemptive community, intentional discipleship and everyday mission."

Thank you for your commitment to Lambrick Park Church. Blessings on the days ahead.

Chris Berghuis Chair, Board of Elders