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To Interested Parties:

The Lakeway Church was blessed to have David Smith as our interim pastor for 18 months in 2014-15. David provided spiritual leadership and guidance during a very crucial time in the history of our church. He helped lay the foundation for a period of unprecedented growth which continues today.

Our beloved pastor, Ron Kelling, announced his retirement in 2014. A pastor search committee was formed, and David Smith was hired to serve as our interim pastor.

David continued in his fulltime role as executive director for the Austin Baptist Association, but he also carried out the duties as our interim pastor. He provided excellent guidance and counsel for the elders and staff members. David personally invested in the lives of many of our members who were experiencing unique challenges in their lives. Every Sunday he delivered Scripture-based sermons with energy and enthusiasm.

I had the privilege of serving as chairman of our elder council during David's service at our church. The search for a pastor was not moving as fast as we had hoped, and David was a huge help to me and our leaders as we worked to maintain the ministries within our church.

God led Larry Coulter to serve as our new pastor in 2015. The service David provided during that interim time was extremely valuable as our church prepared to receive a new pastor.

David continues to be an encourager for me and others within our church. He has cultivated many relationships he developed while serving as our interim pastor.

The Lakeway Church is doing well today. We are grateful for David's willingness to help us during our critical time of transition.

My God's favor and blessings be with your church during this time.

Onward,



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