



The First Word

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Wait for the Lord

Grace and peace to you today as we share a moment together via this newsletter. We are certainly saddened to hear the news from Ken Killam and the Search and Call Committee. However, I must say I was heartened by the affirming response of the church family. Thank you for being hopeful and faithful in your response to a disappointing turn of events.

You may recall there are three responses to a prayer; *yes*, *no* and *wait*. We find at this time we are called to wait, hopefully with grace and patience. We choose to trust the process that will lead us to call the right person as the next minister of our church. As has been affirmed previously we want to follow God's leading knowing that it will take as long as it takes. We want to search appropriately but not in a hurry.

I remember the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu "*I am not an optimist. I am a prisoner of hope.*" In this time of hopeful waiting we have plenty to do from the corner of Goodrich and Langley to the "ends of the earth." The hope we embrace is strong and tender and when appropriate stubborn. We are called not to be weary in well doing. So we take a breath and choose to continue on our journey of faithful servanthood.

Let me close with the timely wisdom found in Isaiah 40:31 "*but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*"

I am glad to share ministry with you.

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