



May 6, 2022

Re: Vote to withdraw from denomination

To all current members:

My name is Jason LaChance and I, along with the below signees and members of our Board of Directors, am writing this letter to inform you of our upcoming vote on May 15, 2022 to formulate a change of our denominational affiliation as a church. As some of you may know, the church was planted being affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. The affiliation was never a prominent characteristic of the identity of the church, as the church's focus was more on being an authentic and relevant expression to the community, rather than emphasizing any one denomination. As a member of this church since 2004, I can attest to the fact that our past membership classes put less focus on our church's denomination affiliation and more on our purpose and mission as Christians. Additionally, it is apparent to the Board (along with past board members) that our church culture hasn't always fully aligned with many of the unique distinctions the Church of the Nazarene emphasizes in their polity and doctrine which leads to some misalignment issues.

This upcoming vote will be conducted online and will open during our family meeting on May 15th and will remain open for two weeks closing Saturday, May 28th. The issue being voted on is to withdraw affiliation with the Church of the Nazarene denomination and to become non-denominational in polity and doctrine. If approved, this action will require more work, on top of the initial work already conducted by the board, to assemble our guiding principles, accountability structure, and governing by-laws and documents, so your input and involvement will be vitally important! Our board has met with the District Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene regarding the potential of leaving the denomination and has received generally positive and encouraging feedback, although questions around the specifics remain.

Accountability and transparency is our highest priority with a decision like this. While the Board remains committed to following Christ, addressing member concerns, and putting Scripture as the top governing document for this church moving forward, we need your input and help. We strongly encourage you to get involved and to please raise any questions or concerns you may have with this vote. Your involvement in the church is vital! "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:26-27.

Please do not hesitate to reach out directly at board@tahoe.church or speak with us individually. We look forward to God's continued guidance as we pursue Him above all else!

In Grace,

David Conner | Natalie Grindy | Jason LaChance | Kristi Morgan