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Dear Friend(s) of Pinnacle,

"What goes around comes around." Recently, that is the reality at Pinnacle! Perhaps you've already heard the news; if not, let me tell you the latest. I started in this ministry when, as a pastor, God called me to create a position with the then Great Lakes Baptist Conference of "Director of Pastoral & Church Resources", aka DP&CR. I served in that role until, with the blessing of the leadership of the Conference, I created Pinnacle Ministries around 2000. I've been giving leadership to Pinnacle for the past 17+ years, but recently God has given me an exciting new opportunity. I've been asked to serve as the Executive Director of Church Strengthening (ED/CS) for Converge Great Lakes (CGL). In this role I'll be encouraging and strengthening the 120+ churches of CGL throughout Wisconsin and upper Michigan.


What does that mean for Pinnacle, and your continued support? For the foreseeable future, I'll be dividing my time between CGL (3/4 time) and Pinnacle (1/4 time). My CGL role will be working directly with churches at the District level; in my Pinnacle role, I'll be primarily doing three things. First, I'll still be giving overall leadership to Pinnacle. Remember, we have two other families, located in Illinois and Colorado, working with Pinnacle. They will be continuing in their existing ministries of church renewal and member care, and I'll be working at the "home office". I'll be redirecting my efforts at Pinnacle toward pastoral care (again, a return to my original role) and support of our Japanese ministry (where we'll continue training pastors as well as enabling short-term mission efforts). For example, next week I'll be heading up to Camp Forest Springs Pastors' and Christian Workers' Conference, where I'll be serving as "pastor to pastors".

Why have I taken this step? I'm writing to you who are supporters who have ties to the CGL. My heart has always been with the churches of CGL, but since 2004 I didn't have the direct opportunity to serve them. Being given this opportunity now is a major blessing for me, and I look forward to digging in as soon as I raise my support. I also see this as a way of multiplying my impact. Under Pinnacle, we had to "recruit" churches to serve; here we have a built-in constituency. In fact, even though I won't officially start until I raise my support, I'm already getting calls for help with church refocusing and renewal!

What does this mean for you who have a CGL background and support us? In short, nothing! Since I need to raise 70% of my CGL support (totaling roughly \$54,000), I'll be functioning on my Pinnacle salary for the near future. So I'm asking that you keep on sending your support to Pinnacle, which will directly benefit Marie and me. As we work to build the CGL support team, I'll keep you posted, and later you can have the option of redirecting your support if you should so choose. Together, we'll be maintaining and even strengthening Kingdom impact here in the Midwest and beyond.

Thank you for being a faithful part of this team! If you have any questions, please contact us and we'll do our best to answer them.

Blessings,



Gary & Marie

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