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Hello KC Family,

Today I am beginning a new type of communication that I will refer to as *Letters from the Pastor*, in which I intend to send a few letters each year via email to share more thoroughly on certain topics. These letters will be sent to those who consider KC their home church. Since we don't have formal church membership, we conclude that "KC is home" when someone meets any one of the following criteria: serves on a team, is involved in a community group, gives financially.

Ashley and I, along with our entire leadership team, continue to be extremely grateful for the people God has called to journey together at Kingdom Collective. How fun it is to pursue the Lord together! Our love for you only continues to grow stronger, and we pray often that God's blessing and presence would continually increase in your life and family.

As many of you know, over the past twelve months we have been actively looking for a building of our own, a place to call home. I wanted to take the opportunity to share more detail about the search process and how we can continue in it together.

What does the building search process look like?

If you have ever been in the market for a new house, you know that there are several factors, all of which need to align in order for a move-in date to become a reality. The process usually begins by keeping a close eye on the market and acting quickly when new listings become available. Similarly, we are continuing to work with a real-estate broker to look at new and existing listings, while bringing awareness of our need to various city leaders. We have identified five key factors in our search process (shown below) that continue to guide our prayers and discussion. Ultimately, we are trusting God for these factors to align in His timing.

Elder Alignment	Ministry Momentum	Market & Location	Funding	God Ordained
As an elder team, ongoing prayer and communication is vital to remaining aligned with God's heart for a home for KC. We continue to ask, "What is God saying" and "What is the next step He wants us to take?"	As we have regained overall church health, we are now praying for continued, upward ministry momentum which is important considering the increased responsibility and stewardship that a new facility requires.	As we continue working with our real-estate broker to stay aware of what is on the market and tour facilities, we are also continuing to define our ideal location and how far beyond that location we are willing to stretch.	How much are we comfortable spending, and what are the variables to that spending limit, such as a church stewardship campaign, a loan, our cash reserve, etc.	God's hand has so faithfully been on Kingdom Collective over the past five years, and we must remain fully dependent on Him. We want this building to be a God ordained testimony that brings Him glory!

What type of building are we looking for?

Our preference at this time is to renovate an existing building versus buying land and constructing from the ground up. This preference is based on the cost of new construction and the overall time and planning required. The following details represent the criteria we are looking for in an existing building:

- 25,000-70,000 sq ft
- The building layout would need to allow for a renovation that includes a main worship space, entry/foyer area, prayer room, kids ministry area, and offices.
- Preferably in a mixed use space, such as a shopping plaza or other area of commerce for the purpose of marketplace ministry.

Where is the target location?

This is a really important question and one we are still seeking clarity on. From the beginning of Kingdom Collective, we have operated in two locations: southwest on Sundays and downtown throughout the week. Although we continue to have a heart for both locations, we feel the more important consideration may be finding a building that can house the vision that God has called us to. A vision that we believe in includes regional revival, training up the next generation, ministering to the Lord through prayer and worship, and making an impact on the local community through marketplace ministry. With that said, we are open to any part of town, but ultimately we are looking for God to lead us to the place He has prepared.

How can we prepare together as a church?

1. Rely on the Spirit - Galatians 3:3 is a guiding verse for us in this process, "...After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?" We don't want to take matters into our own hands and get into a building based on human effort. We desire that this process is marked by God's favor, faithfulness, and provision.
2. Remain faithful where we are - Let's continue to intentionally steward what God has given us through the YMCA and our downtown office. We should be asking ourselves questions like, "How can we further maximize relationships at the YMCA? How full can we get the gym, kids' classrooms, and our office—full of people and God's presence, to a point where we're bursting at the seams and overflowing our way into a new facility?"
3. Financially - There will likely come a time where we enter into a stewardship campaign, a process of casting detailed vision and raising funds. Let's ask God to prepare our hearts and to bring provision now, so that when that time comes we can respond together in faith.
4. Prayer - I hope that this letter provides you with several ways to pray. I also encourage you to spend time listening to what God may speak to your heart, and if He does, please share with our staff.

The most important thing I want us to keep in mind is that a new building is not the answer. Jesus is always the answer! Let's continue each day in a fervent pursuit of living Unto Him!



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