

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

This past February, we focused our missions conference on multi-racial, multi-ethnic church planting in Memphis. Part of the reason for this was to help us gain a vision of our city—indeed, our entire metro area—so that we will become engaged as a catalyst for church planting here in the Memphis metro area. Our present ministry priority is to be involved in catalyzing seven new PCA churches by 2030, which doesn't sound like a lot until we realize that since 2006 (twelve years ago), only four PCA churches have been planted in our area.

And so, it is with great joy and excitement that I have the opportunity to share some news on this front. At our session meeting this past Monday night, we heard Samuel and Sara Tyson Husband's desires and plans to plant a new church in the Memphis area. The session enthusiastically endorsed their plans to move forward in cooperation with the MNA committee of Covenant Presbytery as they seek in time to launch New City Fellowship Memphis.

Of course, this means that Samuel and Sara Tyson will be transitioning from our team. Samuel's new call as an evangelist for Covenant Presbytery will take effect on June 1, 2018. At the start of this process, he will be focused on a 12- to 18-month apprenticeship program overseen by the presbytery that will help him in identifying a ministry location and transitioning into church planting mode. As his plans develop, we will continue to share with you what is happening with the Husbands as a church planting team that our church is supporting financially and prayerfully.

I know that many of you will want to congratulate and thank the Lord for Samuel and Sara Tyson's ministry among us. We will be hosting a reception for Samuel, Sara Tyson, and their boys after the 11:00 a.m. service on June 3, 2018. I hope you will make plans to be here on that Sunday to let them know your appreciation for their ministry at IPC. We are excited to see how the Lord will use the Husbands to advance our mission of seeing new people formed and a new Memphis emerge.

In the grip of God's grace,



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