



Dear friend in Christ,

Each of the 26 men recently assigned to serve as pastors in the Lord's Church has a unique story to tell. They come from different places. They have diverse interests and experiences. Some have wanted to be pastors for as long as they can remember. Others only became convinced of pastoral ministry for their life's work after serving as a vicar.

What the 26 have in common is a profound appreciation for Christ's love for sinners. To a man, they marvel at the Lord's willingness to give himself into death for the unworthy and undeserving. The Lord's incomparable love has had an incredible impact on the way they think and act.

Christ's love compelled them to consider becoming pastors, to spend long years training to be the Lord's instruments in proclaiming his saving word. Compelled by Christ's love, they presented themselves for assignment into ministry, expressing a willingness to go wherever the Lord might use them. Compelled by Christ's love, they are eager to spend their lives serving the Lord and his blood-bought people. They can't wait to take up the work to which the Lord has called them through his church.

Please join me in thanking the Savior for his work in the hearts of the 26 men he called into public ministry. Join me in praying that the Lord would help them continue to grow in their appreciation for his love and that he would graciously use them to preach his unconditional love. Pray also that the Lord will raise up more men willing to serve as pastors.

Compelled by Christ's love, please also join me in supporting the seminary's work of forming pastors to proclaim God's praise. As the Lord enables, consider a gift to the Seminary Fund, which helps support programs aimed at preparing candidates with the knowledge, skills, and attitude needed for pastoral ministry. Gifts to the Scholarship Fund assist students in covering the cost of schooling. Your prayers and your financial gifts will play an important role in the formation of pastors who confidently share Christ's boundless love with the world.

In Christ,

Earle D. Treptow, president

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