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IN CONCORD AS IN HEAVEN

the vision: "to establish a permanent presence in the city of Concord leading to eternal influence."

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you hopeful for 2018. January is such an exciting time of the year, because no other time seems so full of new opportunities, new possibilities and new adventures. I know this is very true for our One Life Church family!

Throughout my life, God has invited me to trust him as He has led me into new adventures: responding to God's call on my life to go into full-time ministry; the day I asked Nicole to marry me; the year when Nicole and I started a church from scratch; the purchase of our first house; the decision to start a family; and most recently, becoming the lead pastor here at One Life Church. When I think back to those moments I remember there was fear of the unknown, but also excitement, new dreams, and hope. I think I quoted Dorothy from Wizard of Oz at each turn, "Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore". When we respond to God's leading, we go from what is known into the unknown. We travel from what is, into the life that awaits us.

This next season for our church family will be one of those adventures.

After much prayer and wise counsel, the Elders and Executive Staff of One Life Church believe God is calling us to establish a permanent presence in the city of Concord that will lead to eternal influence.

This means we believe we will no longer be a church moving from location to location every couple years. Instead we believe God is going to provide us with a long term home, and He is calling us to make financial preparations in order to respond to His calling at the right time. We're inviting you to embrace this vision as your own and be part of this huge move of faith for our church family. During the month of February, we will be raising money in order to make these preparations. In order for us to make the appropriate financial preparations, God will need to stretch each of us. Stretch our faith, our trust, and our generosity.

This is a huge move of faith for our church family. An adventure. A season where we will be asked to trust our Heavenly Father and one another. A time to believe that there is more just over the horizon. A time to believe that when we walk in faith, we are called to not only have courage, but also to know the One who is faithful. It's an opportunity to trust and proclaim the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5v24, "The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it."

On the opposite side of this letter you will find a fact sheet that will help you better understand the vision that God has given us as a church. As you're reading over this, we pray that you are sensitive to what God is doing in you and how God wants to work through you.

Grace & Peace,

Justin Wallace, Lead Pastor