

# Pastoral Vote

## Details

On **Wednesday, October 9th @ 6:30 PM** we will be holding the vote for Pastor Mike as a candidate to be Senior Pastor. All members of Trenton Wesleyan are expected to be in attendance and vote. *(If you are unsure of your membership status, please contact the church office).* Our District Superintendent, Dr. Eric Hallett, will lead us through the voting procedure that evening.

## Where we've been

After Pastor Brian retired in August 2022, our church formed a Pastoral Search Committee to begin searching for our next Senior Pastor. In the meantime, Pastor Don agreed to serve as the Interim Senior Pastor, and has done so for the past two years.

The Pastoral Search Committee served faithfully in their duties of interviewing potential candidates for Senior Pastor, but after several months, no candidate was found. Around this time, Pastor Mike showed interest as a potential candidate. After coordination between the Pastoral Search Committee, the Local Board of Administration, Dr. Eric Hallett, and the pastors, a *pastoral transition plan* was recommended – a two year process to allow Pastor Mike the opportunity for mentorship in Senior Pastor responsibilities and duties, as well as time to complete his credentialing studies towards full ordination. Pastor Mike was officially ordained in the Wesleyan Church this past June.

## What's next

Members of Trenton Wesleyan must now vote: 'Yes' or 'No' for Pastor Mike to be our next Senior Pastor. The results of the membership vote will be revealed that evening.

If 'Yes', Pastor Mike will then have up to one week to decide to accept or not, and if he accepts, he will officially take office as Senior Pastor on January 1st, 2025. Pastor Don would then remain on staff as Assistant Pastor.

If 'No', Pastor Mike will remain as Assistant Pastor, Pastor Don will continue as Interim Senior Pastor, and the Pastoral Search Committee will begin the process again.

## Bio

Pastor Mike has served as part of the pastoral team at Trenton Wesleyan since September 2019. He comes with a variety of ministry experience including camp ministry, serving at a downtown-Toronto homeless shelter, working with Youth For Christ, and serving in various church youth & young adult ministries. His passion is to see people rooted in the Word and responsive to the Truth.

Mike is a graduate of Tyndale College in Toronto and did his Master's work at ACTS Seminary in Langley, B.C. This past year he completed online course work through Kingswood University and was granted full ordination in the Wesleyan Church.

Mike has been known to invite friends out for a round of golf or over to his house to watch the game on TV (preferably involving the Maple Leafs or Blue Jays!) He was born in London, Ontario and raised in Stratford, but is proud to call the Quinte area his home along with his wife Sharon and their four kids Karys, Tessa, Stella and Sam.

