

Dear Members of Bethany,

After much prayer and deliberation the Holy Spirit has helped me in discerning your Call to be your Senior Pastor. I accept your Call with thanksgiving to God, yet with a humble spirit.

Through these past two years you have had to struggle, yet God provided leadership through his shepherds and through the men and women of Bethany. You are stronger for that and I believe you are now ready to move forward in ministry.

The exact timing of my arrival, installation, and beginning of my ministry in your midst is still being determined and negotiated. I look forward to coming to Bethany and being God's servant in your midst. I count on your continued prayers and support as together we move forward to do God's work at Bethany and in Vacaville.

Praise God for answering your prayers and for his guidance in answering my prayers concerning your Call. God be with you and bless you as you prepare for my arrival.

In His service,

Rev. Vernon E. Oestmann