

## Pastor's Report

August 2024

This month marks the completion of five years in ministry together with the Family in God at Cornerstone MCC. As I look back over this time, I am filled with pride at how much we have grown not only in number but in spiritual maturity. Our church is much stronger and more stable than we were at the beginning of our time together. We have made many changes to become better stewards of our finances. We have discovered many new ways to do ministry. We have been intentional in welcoming people of diverse backgrounds and lifestyles. All of these things have pushed us toward becoming a church that is relevant in our cultural surroundings.

Much to my surprise, I feel that I have found a rhythm in balancing my church life and my personal life. I have learned to focus my energies as needed to plan worship several months in advance. This allows our worship teams time for their own discernment in planning our services. I believe we work together beautifully in a mutually fulfilling way. I am fed by the relationships worship planning affords, and I feel that these lay ministers are being fed as well.

As we move forward, I feel compelled to be more intentional in my own spiritual development. I will be focusing on developing my prayer life and the pastoral care side of being a pastor. I have identified these as two growing edges that will improve my effectiveness in serving as your pastor. I invite you all to join me in prayer for focus and self-discipline along this journey.

Pastor Sara