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Two Years of Partnership

Pastor Michael Erdman

The upcoming Ascension service (details below) marks two full years of our partnership. We have come such a long way over that time. At the beginning, we hardly knew anything about each other. If you had told me back then just how much we would be doing together two years later, I'm not sure I would have believed you. The Lord has clearly blessed our partnership, for which I praise and thank him daily.

When this all started, I suggested the idea of “dating before you get married.” The first year together was mostly “dating,” ending with us passing a resolution formalizing the partnership. With that resolution, we got “engaged.” After a year of dating and a year of engagement, it's time for us to start talking about what marriage might look like.

Of course, we have been talking about this the whole time. If you have attended any of our meetings or roundtable discussions, we have suggested many potential futures for the partnership. As things have developed, some of those futures seem less likely now, some more likely. A clearer picture is starting to emerge, and so it's time for us to discuss the plans for the next phase of our walk together.

We will be holding a series of roundtables over the summer to facilitate this discussion. The schedule and details will be announced next week, after they are approved at the Joint Council Meeting.

In the meantime, I have a request for you all. Please pray! Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on our partnership. Pray that the Lord would show us the path he wishes us to take. Most of all, pray for a willing spirit, ready to walk down that path, even if it leads to difficulty and sacrifices.

Joint Council Meeting, May 19 @5:30pm at Monona.

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The Harmony Council, Immanuel Parish Council, Monona Parish Council, and St Paul Leadership Board will be meeting together again on May 19 at Monona. The Harmony Council meeting starts first @5:30pm, (all congregation members are welcome to attend to this meeting). The joint meeting with all the groups starts @6:00pm, with breakout sections after for each church.

Ascension Worship Service and Ice Cream Social, May 29 @6:00pm at Monona

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The very first event we held together as the partnership was an Ascension Service at St Paul. Last year we held it at Immanuel. This year will mark our third Ascension together, and Monona will host it. After the service we will have an ice cream social. We hope you will all join us to celebrate this milestone in our walk together.

Hiring a Ministry Coordinator

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Churches in Harmony is working on hiring a Ministry Coordinator for the partnership. This job combines the roles of secretary and coordinator for the whole partnership. The formal job description can be found at tiny.cc/ministrycoordinator and résumés can be submitted to office@immanuelmadison.org

Harmony Game Night, next on June 3 @5:30pm at St Paul

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The next game night will be hosted by St Paul, starting at 5:30pm with a meal. After the food, we will play a variety of games. We encourage you to bring your own favorite board/card games to share with the group. If you can't make it for the meal, you can still join us for the games. The games usually start around 6:30pm.