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Carlisle Wesleyan:

Since long before the recent pastoral vote, Sarah and I have been constantly listening for the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives and have had many important discussions regarding our service as your pastoral family. One of the conclusions we quickly came to regarding that vote was that this local church needed to make a decision regarding whether we were the right people in the right place at the right time for you. We understood a fairly strong positive vote to mean that the church had decided this was indeed the case.

Recent events, discussions, and the discernment of our spirits, however, have led us to the conclusion that much of the vote did not, in fact, mirror the heart's desire of Carlisle Wesleyan. It has become clear that CWC has *indeed* made a decision, and though that conclusion may not have been reflected in the recent vote, Sarah and I are bound to honoring our commitment to the Holy Spirit and to honoring your decision.

To that end, I hereby tender my resignation as pastor of Carlisle Wesleyan. The effective date of this resignation will be determined in consultation with the District Superintendent and the leadership here at CWC. As soon as that effective date is known you will be informed.

In no way is this very difficult and long-prayed decision because of a lack of love for you. Neither is it made because of the prospect of "something better" for Sarah and me--we are resigning with no "next step" in line for us. We simply know that this is the right decision and an obedient one on our part.

You remain in my heart and I in your corner.

May the grace of our God be with you, may he lead you always, and may you know his peace, his passion, and his purpose for you.

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