

January 4, 2021

Dear Watermark Wesleyan Family:

I have some personal news I wish to share with you. It has been roughly five years since I came here to be your Lead Pastor. It has been a wonderful and exciting time, and getting to know you and this area has been a true joy. We've been through a lot together in a short amount of time. You have been a blessing to me in our ministry together, and I thank you for that. So I write this letter with a very heavy heart. After much personal reflection, prayer, and discussion, it has become clear that it is time for me and my family to move back home to Michigan. As many of you know, we first came here as a family with three teenagers and an infant son with special needs. As our young son has gotten older, it's become apparent that we need much more family support to raise him.

If things were different, I can't imagine ever wanting to leave. However, after much counsel and prayer (and some late night tears), we have come to the conclusion that this is the right move for our family. It's hard to put into words my emotions at this time. I am forever grateful to the Lord for introducing me to such wonderful people. I have been changed for the better in ways I'm still discovering. And yet in the midst of it all, I am trusting that the same God who introduced us to each other five years ago will care for us through this transition in the same grace-filled ways.

I will share more with you at the end of service this weekend. Please join us online or in person at any of our campuses. (I will be speaking to South Creek, Springville & Bayview via video.) More details and timelines will follow in the coming weeks, but let me conclude by saying how impressed I have been by our church board and executive team for their wise counsel and discussions as we work toward a seamless transition. I cannot help but feel great joy (and some jealousy) as I see the incredibly bright future God has in store for Watermark Wesleyan Church.

I love you as a brother in Christ. You will always be in my prayers, and we are grateful for yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Ken' written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Ken