

Dear ARC Member,

This is an exciting time for Alto Reformed Church. The parking lot is full, classroom space is maxed on Sundays and Wednesdays, and you can sense joy and hope in our gatherings. We are in a good place.

Our Mission Is To

Know Jesus And

Make Jesus Known

I want to know Christ...

(Philippians 3:10)

It has always been

my ambition

to preach the gospel

where Christ was not

known (Romans 15:20)

So, where are we headed from here? Let's first look back a bit...

1. Before I came, two years ago, the church had approved hiring an Associate Pastor. With Pastor Ted Lindman's retirement, the Consistory discontinued that search.
2. In mid-2016, Pastor Ted Medema shared that he was considering retiring.
3. On February 4, 2017, the consistory gathered for a retreat where we evaluated ministry needs and set some goals.
4. In the Spring of 2017, the consistory approved a part-time intern position for outreach. That search concluded unsuccessfully in September.
5. Over the summer, Pastor Ted Medema informed the consistory of his desire to retire on April 15, 2018, which will mark 20 years of serving at Alto.

This Fall, the Executive Team with the Consistory again evaluated the congregations needs and began articulating the position which is attached. Three needs came to the top: outreach, leadership development, and pastoral care.

We have titled the new position "Equipping Adults Pastor" as we believe that best describes the primary role of developing Christ-like leaders who will live out Jesus' mission to reach the lost. Secondary responsibilities include pastoral care and preaching. Pastor Kevin will pick up more of the pastoral care, while Megan will help us coordinate care amongst the elders, shepherds, and staff. We are excited to see what God will do with Alto Reformed Church through this transition and hope you will join us in making Jesus known.

There will be a congregational meeting and vote at 10:45am on January 21, 2018 to discern God's will regarding future staffing. **Please contact a consistory member or Pastor Kevin with your concerns and questions.** We want to hear your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Rev. Kevin Van Wyk &
The Alto Reformed Consistory