



PREPARING FOR THE

HARVEST

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“WHAT A HUGE HARVEST! AND HOW FEW THE HARVEST
HANDS. SO ON YOUR KNEES; ASK THE GOD
OF THE HARVEST TO SEND HARVEST HANDS.”

LUKE 10:2 MSG

WHAT IS GOD’S CALL FOR OAK HILLS CHURCH?

This is a timeless question asked by congregations through generations. What is the unique assignment for this church family? We believe God is calling us to transition from “one church of many campuses” to “a family of independent churches.”

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FAMILY OF INDEPENDENT CHURCHES?

A family of churches is a collection of churches who operate and make decisions independently while remaining linked by personal relationships, history, beliefs, and values. Aligning in these areas as a family will promote cooperation to address needs in our city and reach the world for Christ.

WHY TRANSITION TO A FAMILY OF INDEPENDENT CHURCHES?

First, releasing campuses to operate independently will allow them to minister in their unique local context. Each community is distinctive: the needs, the culture, the assets, and the challenges. Who better to understand and minister to those needs than the people in that area?

Second, each campus has cultivated a great capacity to lead and to serve. Mature brothers and sisters will be given more opportunities to grow and lead as the campus transitions to an independent church.

Third, sustainability will be greatly enhanced. Our campuses currently depend largely on a central teacher. With Max nearing retirement, this is the time to raise up the next generation of teachers. Partnering as independent churches diminishes our dependence upon one teacher and distributes the teaching load to each church.

WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN?

The Oak Hills Church elders have set a target date of September 1, 2021, for all existing campuses to transition to independence.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY CAMPUS?

The staff and elders are working diligently to establish a pathway to independence for campuses to become churches. Each campus will transition in its own timeframe as God guides us.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Continue worshiping God, serving where God calls, giving and praying, loving God, and loving your neighbor. Continue working in God's harvest fields.

Also, please pray for this transition and for the leaders and elders of Oak Hills Church, that we be unified through these exciting transitions, and that we give one another grace through change. Let's work together as a family to position Oak Hills Church for an exciting Kingdom harvest, knowing that God can do more than we ask or imagine.

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