Dear Council,

This letter serves as my official request for retirement from the Ministry of Word in the Christian Reformed Church in accordance with Church Order Article 18 effective August 31, 2023, with Sunday, July 30 as my last day of preaching and work.

My time here at New Life has filled me with a sense of purpose and belonging. I have pastored New Life Church for the past six and a half years and, together with so many volunteers and staff, have ministered through both good and challenging times. I have been blessed to have your support and I will always be thankful for the opportunity you gave me.

The decision to move into retirement was not an easy one. The main reason I have officially decided to retire is that my wife and I feel that it is important to return to Alberta to be closer to our children and grandchildren. However, as you know, I am also open to whatever else God may call me to.

New Life will always have a place in my heart. Thank you for time we could share together and blessings in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Pastor Ed

Note:

The Council of New Life CRC in Guelph approved the request for retirement, at its last meeting on March 27, 2023.