

The Board of Directors of the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center wants to announce some significant news to our friends and supporters.

After much prayer and counsel, our Executive Director, Jeff Carlsen, has informed the Board of Directors of CBCC that he will be retiring from that position effective at the end of next year-- December 31, 2018. Jeff believes the time is right to pass along the leadership of the Conference Center to the next generation of God-ordained leaders. After much prayer and discussion, it is with sadness but also with the Lord's deep and abiding peace that we have agreed to accept his resignation.

Jeff has been with the Conference Center for nearly thirty-five years, twenty-one of those as Executive Director. During that time the Conference Center has grown dramatically and remained faithful to our founding vision. We are thankful that the conference ministry and finances are as healthy and stable as they have ever been and there is a strong leadership team in place. Jeff's leave taking is with the highest level of integrity and mutual respect. We're grateful to have adequate time to prayerfully and carefully seek his successor in an orderly manner. Depending on future circumstances and the Lord's leading, Jeff may continue involvement with CBCC and the Kitchen & Dining project beyond the end of next year.

The Board of Directors has begun the process of determining a profile for a future executive director. The position will be opened for applicants some time after the new year. The prayerful and thorough interviewing and hiring process will likely extend into the spring or early summer. If God's next leader is found, he or she would ideally be introduced sometime in the fall of 2018.

We appreciate the excellent leadership Jeff has provided over the years and pray for a smooth transition and blessed new season for Jeff and his wife, Jean. Please pray with the Board that God would clearly guide us to the leader of His choice. Pray also that the upcoming years of ministry will continue to build on the solid foundation Jeff has laid, all to God's glory!

We're grateful for the faithful and generous support of so many friends of the Conference Center over the years. We trust that support will continue as we make this important transition. We covet your prayers even more, as the Conference ministry has had such a profound impact on so many for so long. By God's grace we expect that impact will flourish unabated in the months and years ahead.

We hope you have ample opportunity to connect with Jeff during the coming year and express your appreciation for his years of faithful and diligent service. We are all trusting in Him who alone gives "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow."

Rev. John Underhill
Chair of the Board