



March 18th, 2022

Re: Notice of Townhall Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:45 pm

Dear Emmanuel Family,

The Board of Elders is giving notice of a Townhall meeting to be held on Thursday, April 7th, 2022 at 6:45 pm. The meeting will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church but will also be livestreamed to allow for virtual attendance. Everyone that considers themselves part of the Emmanuel community are invited to participate. The purpose of this meeting is to present the motion related to the Identity Statement that the CBWC Board is bringing to Assembly for member churches to vote on in May, and to provide a forum for discussion. The meeting, which will serve as a Special Meeting of Members, will be a Townhall format and more details on that will be forthcoming from the Board. The motion that will be presented is as follows:

Motion: *Be it resolved that we, the members of Emmanuel Baptist Church, affirm the Identity Statement as proposed by the CBWC.*

The identity Statement can be found [HERE](#).

Please note that there will be no vote held at this meeting, only discussion on the motion. The voting on the motion will occur over a period of about a week sometime near the middle of May. The reasons for delaying the vote are two-fold. One, it will give all of us time to reflect on what we hear from each other at the townhall meeting. Second, it is anticipated that there will be additional motions related to Motion #1 that other churches in the CBWC will bring forward. Notification of those additional motions may come as late as early May and the Board may include those additional motions on the voting ballot. Information about these motions, the exact days that voting will be open, and different ways you can vote will be provided prior to the voting period.

We emphasize again that everyone that is part of the Emmanuel community is encouraged to attend. However, we need to remind everyone that only members can vote on the motion as previously announced. The Board has established that the Date of Record for this vote, which is the date that one must have taken out membership by to be eligible to vote, is May 1st, 2022.

On a separate but related note, the Board is looking for delegates to represent our community at Assembly, which will be held in Calgary from May 26-28. If you are interested in this, we encourage you to contact the Board.

The Board has deeply appreciated the spirit of love, grace and understanding that our community has shown during this process, and we look forward to continuing these respectful conversations on April 7th.

Jan Nerenberg, Moderator
Board of Elders