



The Ripple Effect

A Message from our President & Pastor Joe Albright

Dear Friends,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I share this news with you: my home congregation, Geneva Presbyterian Church, is one of 156 congregations nationwide to receive a Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program Grant. This grant will fund a three month sabbatical for me over the months of June, July and August of this year.



President
Rev. Joe Albright

A Pastoral Sabbatical is defined as “An extended period time (the Lilly Endowment has a three month minimum), in which the pastor steps away from the day to day practices of ministry in order to focus on his or her spiritual development with an eye toward returning with renewed energy for ministry.”

In addition to mental and spiritual renewal, it is my goal to spend some time studying Celtic spirituality, visit the birth place of my Presbyterian heritage in Scotland, catch some waves surfing with my family in France, and conclude my time at a Trappist monastery in South Carolina.

While I am out, several of our guest pastors have graciously agreed to step in to help provide daily messages for Dial Hope. Among them are: Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Chaplain Bob Griffiths, Rev. Stan Ott, Rev. Amy Camp, Rev. Tasha Blackburn, Rev. Andy Odom, and Rev. Dr. Eric Wogen. Their gifts to us will allow me to take a true sabbath rest and undergo a period of renewal. I am deeply grateful.

My hope is that this experience will add new life to my preaching, writing, and teaching, and that I will return to Geneva and to Dial Hope leading from a place of greater depth and spiritual strength, with more to give, and more to share.

Please know how much I appreciate your prayers and your on-going support of Dial Hope. Your prayers and financial gifts make this ministry possible. Thank you!

*Grace and Peace,
Joe*

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Welcome Kimberly Walsh!



For more than thirty-five years, I have dedicated much of my life to a career in healthcare. It has been rewarding work and I have been privileged to work with what I consider some of the best of the best to provide excellent care to many. However, a career does not make a life. As I am getting a bit older and wiser, I find myself at 59 years old starting my life over. I have told friends that I guess I should be frightened at this point because I do feel some days as if I am starting from scratch. In a recent meeting with a valued advisor, I conveyed this same message to him because as the conservative, follow the rules kind of person I am, we just don't do this. His statement to me was that I wasn't starting over, but starting from a place of strength and experience. I have thought of that every day since he made the statement to me. It resonated,

as strength is something I have had to gather, particularly over the last few years. Those experiences are why I find myself at this place in life. While there have been difficult times, I am happier and working my way toward contentment that I have not known for many years. I have said many times that I want to take something good from what I have learned so that I can possibly save or at least ease the pain others are facing. This opportunity with Dial Hope has come along at just the right time. It is the "something good" I am looking for. We all need Hope and if I can be just a small part of giving that to others, then I will consider it the most rewarding work of my life.

Welcome Noel Salmeron!



Several years ago, Dial Hope recognized a need to more effectively provide outreach to the Spanish speaking community. The goal was to address not only the community in the United States, but abroad.

Spanish is the second most prevalent language to English in the United States and with approximately 580 million people worldwide speaking Spanish as their native language, it was a significant priority to our organization. In 2015, Noel Salmeron agreed to assist Dial Hope's Ministry with the translation of daily messages in order to target the Spanish speaking community in the United States and abroad. To launch this phase, Dial Hope built the capacity for this new endeavor and was able to publish the first message, in Spanish, on July 1st, 2016. Since then, Salmeron has translated 2,069 messages, providing a word of

encouragement for everyone that needs God in their life. Salmeron became a board member of Dial Hope on May 10th, 2021, and from his country, Nicaragua, he is committed to Dial Hope's ministry and its outreach to the Spanish speaking community.

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