



At our Launch Sunday service this morning we made a significant announcement regarding a major change in the leadership of our church. We were pleased to announce that, in conjunction with the board, we have initiated a succession process.

In one year's time, February 2012, we will be handing over the senior leadership of our church to Jason and Emma Schroeder, who are currently associate pastors on our team.

We started a journey 18 months ago and have been working extensively with our board, C3 Church overseers Ps Gordon and Jo Moore and Ps Phil Pringle during this succession process.

### **What precipitated our decision?**

Firstly, through prayerful reflection and discussion we came to the realization that the Lord was leading us into the next stage of our ministry journey.

Also, we know that our church is healthy and more than capable of handling a major change like this one.

In addition, we know that Jason and Emma are the right leaders to take our church into the future. They are home grown leaders of godly character with extensive ministry and leadership skills who carry in their hearts the DNA and values of our church and movement.

### **What do we plan to do?**

We will be launching *Finkelde Ministries*. Our church will send us out as specialist ministers, engaging with both our C3 Church movement and the wider body of Christ. Our focus will be on consulting, training, preaching, teaching, coaching and serving Christ in a multiplicity of ways. After 30 years of pastoral and leadership experience in the one church we do have a passion to utilize our skills for many years to come in serving Christ. We have no plans to retire!

Over the next 12 months Jason will take a more primary role in leadership of the staff and church under our tutelage and coaching. We will remain strongly involved in our church, continuing as senior pastors until the handover in February 2012. We envisage a year of the continued favour of the Lord upon our church as Jason and Emma move towards becoming the third senior pastors of our church in its 36 year history.

We do genuinely covet your prayers and continued support through this entire journey. We believe our church will complete a successful transition that will position our church for many decades of future growth and Christ honouring impact.

Yours sincerely

**John & Dianne Finkelde**  
*Senior Pastors*

