

Dear Revive,

Over the next two months our church family is going to go through an important process. We ask you to take this process seriously with much prayer and faith, fully seeking the Lord's will. There are churches today that operate not unlike secular organizations. The "leaders" just make certain decisions according to pragmatic considerations, and "the people" just have to accept them. If they dislike them, they can only complain or rebel or leave later after important changes have been determined. Things are often done in haste with the idea that this or that will "work," and there is a certain impatience to "get going" but without taking the time and attention to **let the Lord Jesus lead us by the Holy Spirit**. Maybe this kind of spirit can muddle along at times, but at very important junctures with big and important decisions, such as the raising up of new elders, this is especially inadequate. In contrast to this impatient, secular, pragmatic spirit of our times, we at Revive **invite you to go through an intentional series of steps, asking and inviting the Holy Spirit to draw the whole church family into deeper discernment and unity for this important next stage and chapter of our church.**

If you are a member of Revive, you will soon be asked to cast a vote of confidence regarding our elder candidates. This is a serious responsibility which you take before God. This is not a popularity contest or some simple "check box" activity. As a member of our church body, you are being asked to discern if the Lord Jesus Himself is calling certain men to the office of elder for Revive Presbyterian Church. This is a holy calling, and a man who is ordained an elder will be set apart and called by Jesus to lead in His Church, to become co-shepherds with the pastors to guide and shape you to live more fully and richly, in obeying and glorifying Christ in our city and times.

Please look over this schedule of steps below, and please mark your calendars to try to make it to as many of these dates as possible. And definitely set aside the date of the Congregational Vote to attend and vote in that important meeting. At each step we are giving all our members **opportunities for the Holy Spirit to influence and shape your mind as to what you see and hear about our three elder candidates** (Yohan Lee, Damon Moon, and John Har). All throughout this process as we approach the date of the vote, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you are hearing & seeing in them, and do not be afraid to ask questions so that all can hear and learn. The Holy Spirit does not only work through the pastors or the elders from the Revive Temporary Session but *also through you*. That is what this time and process is for: **for the WHOLE church to be led by the Holy Spirit** so that we can all sense and trust together in unity that it is not merely men—even the pastors—who choose God's shepherds. It is Jesus Himself leading through the Holy Spirit that raises up the men who will lay down their lives to serve the Gospel and His Church so that His Bride and Family can thrive in Him and for Him.

With much love and gratitude for you,
Pastor SooSang

Schedule:

- Sun 1/2 Announce the schedule
- Sun 1/9 Pastors report on the candidates, Temp Session's recommendation
- By Sat 1/15 Pastors meet with candidates' wives
- By Sun 1/16 Video testimonies from candidates
- Sun 1/16 Damon shares his heart for our church & mission during service
FAQ goes out
Brief Presentation on what is an elder and what he does
- Sun 1/23 Yohan shares
- Sun 1/30 John shares
- Sun 1/30 Panel Discussion with Q&A after the worship service
- Sun 2/6 Instruction Guide for Voting
- Sat 2/12 Fellowship Picnic
- Sun 3/6 Congregational Vote
- Sun 3/27 or 4/3 Particularization & Installation Service