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Uncertainty in New Beginnings

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As many of you know Peace has been experiencing worship with an interim Pastor for a lengthy period of time – the Reverend Dr. Cathi Braasch. As Rev. Cathi helped Peace transition from a church seeking a pastor to a church who called a pastor and the pastor accepted the call, many uncertainties were experienced I'm sure during this time period.

Now, as your newly installed pastor, I am sure new uncertainties will make their way to the forefront as we begin Christ's ministry together here in Deshler, Nebraska.

Uncertainties like "How does pastor preach;" "Will pastor fill the needs that Peace has had over the vacancy and interim;" "Did Peace make a good decision in offering Pastor Rich the call;" and so many others.

Likewise, I have many uncertainties that arise moving to a new location and beginning new ministry opportunities along with developing new relationships with God's children. Sometimes, these uncertainties create barriers for us as a congregation. For instance, some of you may make comparisons with how I do things as compared to how they were done in the past. Comparisons are something that we all do each and every day and I would expect nothing different as we at Peace begin anew.

I would like to say that I am truly blessed and excited to begin this new journey in our ministry for Christ and to know that many of the uncertainties we all have may be addressed over time and as God continues to work and move in the midst of us.

So often we find ourselves dealing with life issues containing many uncertainties, however, the one thing we can be certain of is Jesus Christ. Hebrews 13: 8 tells us "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." There is no change for Christ in any uncertainty. This is why we need to stand upon this *promise* as we begin anew. Christ guarantees you and I however many uncertainties we have there is no uncertainty with Christ – "EVER."

So as we begin Christ's ministry together let us look to the One were no uncertainties are ever addressed because we know that Jesus has conquered all uncertainties when He suffered, died, and rose again so we may, with certainty, have eternal life with Him.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Rich Stevenson