



August 9, 2026

Houston Northwest Baptist Church (HNW) Senior Pastor Recommendation And Affirmation Vote Notice

Good morning, Church. As the Chairman of the Council of Elders, I come before you today with exciting news and a formal announcement.

As we shared previously, after many months of review, discussion, interviews, prayer, and discernment our Pastor Search Team unanimously presented to the Council of Elders a formal recommendation of the next Senior Pastor for Houston Northwest Church.

I can now report to you that after full consideration of the recommended candidate by your Council of Elders including additional review, discussion, interviews, prayer, and discernment, the Council of Elders, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, has unanimously affirmed and approved the recommendation of Pastor Philip Coleman to serve as the next Senior Pastor for Houston Northwest Church.

Pastor Philip is coming to us from True North Church, a church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Anchorage, Alaska, where he has served as the Lead Pastor since 2019. He is blessed to be married to Andi Coleman since 2013 and is the father of three girls: daughter Elizabeth who is 11, daughter Alexandria who is 2 1/2, and daughter Shiloh who is 6 months. Additional information regarding Pastor Philip including a video of him and his family and links to a few of his sermons will be placed on the HNW church website later this afternoon for your review and information.

Like your Pastor Search Team and your Council of Elders, Pastor Philip and his family have also clearly sensed the movement and direction of the Holy Spirit in the calling of Pastor Philip to be the next Senior Pastor for HNW church.

As such, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 3 and 4 of the HNW By-laws, as part of the Senior Pastor affirmation process, the Council of Elders hereby calls and provides you notice of a special meeting for the members of Houston Northwest Baptist Church to be held on Sunday, August 23, 2026, at the end of each worship service for the purpose of formally calling and affirming our Senior Pastor.

Here's what you can expect over the next couple of weeks prior to Affirmation Sunday on August 23rd. Later today, members of Houston Northwest should receive an email and/or text at or about 2:00 p.m. requesting that you confirm your church membership. If you are a member of HNW and do not receive this email or text communication, please contact the church directly at hnw.org/membership.

This action is important because as prescribed in the HNW By-laws, formal voting for affirmation of a Senior Pastor on Affirmation Sunday is limited to HNW members who meet the member qualifications. In addition, all HNW members, you do need to be present at the church on August 23rd for Affirmation Sunday to formally vote with the results being announced that day at the conclusion of the voting as well as posted on the church website.

On Friday, August 21, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m., everyone is invited to attend an informal gathering at the church to meet Pastor Philip and his family. Additional information regarding this special event will be placed later on the church website.

Finally, on Affirmation Sunday, August 23, 2026, Pastor Philip will be present to preach the Word in view of a call. He will also be formally presented on that day to the HNW Church members for affirmation as the next Senior Pastor for Houston Northwest Church.

And now give your attention to the screens for a very brief hello from Pastor Philip himself.

It is an exciting time at Houston Northwest.

To God be the Glory,
Cory Quarles
Elder Chairman