



# WELCOMING A NEW PASTOR

## A GUIDE FOR YOUR CONGREGATION



### A FRESH NEW CHAPTER



A new pastor's arrival is a fresh chapter for both your church and your minister. Here's how you can prepare spiritually, emotionally, and practically:



#### Pray Daily

Support your pastor beyond the first weeks. Prayer strengthens their ministry and your bond.



#### Embrace Uniqueness

Your pastor is not their predecessor. Celebrate their unique gifts and leadership.



#### Send a Welcome Note

A simple email or card expressing warmth and encouragement makes a difference.



#### Be Ready to Follow

Trust and support your pastor's leadership, even when challenges arise. Ministry thrives with teamwork.



#### Introduce Yourself (More Than Once!)

Help your pastor learn names by reintroducing yourself—no quizzes required!



#### Allow Room for Mistakes

Pastors aren't perfect. Extend grace as they grow into their new role.



#### Speak Positively

Encourage your pastor publicly and privately. Focus on strengths, not shortcomings.



#### Partner in Ministry

Your pastor guides, but the work of faith is shared. Together, you can serve and grow.

### The Center for Healthy Churches -PneuMatrix

Supporting congregations in building strong, healthy relationships with clergy and on another. If your church is in transition, we're here to help.

