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Subject: Neuma Church Board Letter to Congregants

*The Board would like to thank Neuma Church for their support in this difficult period. We are here to serve you, the congregation and wanted to provide an update to you today.*

*We acknowledge this statement provides additional information to that which was communicated last Sunday regarding Pastor Corey & Simone Turner's resignations. At that time, the Board concluded that we were unable to disclose more information in order to protect the complainant and the families of all of those involved.*

*There has been much speculation in the public domain, and we feel it is important that we respond clearly to avoid further speculation and provide clarity on the situation.*

*Last week, the Board received a complaint from a member of the Church, alleging that Pastor Corey Turner was in an inappropriate relationship with Pastor Stacey Hilliar. The complainant requested to remain anonymous, and the Board respected that request.*

*The allegation was put to both pastors and communicated to Australian Christian Churches (ACC) (as the pastors are both credentialed by ACC). Both pastors were immediately stood down by the Board, pending an internal investigation.*

*Understandably, both pastors were under significant stress, and the Board had concerns about their health and wellbeing, as well as that of their families.*

*Both pastors tendered their resignations, and in the circumstances, the Board accepted those resignations. The Board has been transparent regarding these matters with the Senior Leadership Team and the ACC.*

*Given both pastors have resigned, the Board was advised that it should not proceed with an internal investigation. However, as both parties are ACC credential holders, the matter is now in the hands of the ACC. We will cooperate with the ACC in their processes, and we are thankful for their support during this difficult time.*

*The Board is actively working with the Senior Leadership Team through this difficult period, to affect a successful transition into the next season, including the appointment of a permanent Senior Pastor.*

*We all have confidence in God, who is building His Church, and we ask that you continue to pray for our church as we navigate this next season.*

*- Neuma Church Board*