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Dear English-Speaking Members of San Jose First United Methodist Church,

Grace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to communicate to you one general policy of the United Methodist Church. I understand that the English-speaking members of San Jose First UMC are about to transition to another worshipping community you want to be part of. I want to let you know that our policy prohibits an outgoing pastor from directly contacting former members unless through the new pastor of his/her previous appointment to help them to develop relationship with him/her; and also prohibits previous members from casually contacting the outgoing pastor or visiting his/her new church at least for one year to give time for him/her to bond with the new congregation. I trust that pastor Jeffrey and San Jose First members will appropriately follow this policy.

It is never easy for members who have long served the Lord through San Jose First UMC to leave it behind and find and develop another loving relationship with a new worshipping community. But I believe God will be walking with you each step. My hope is that I will be able to see you in nearby United Methodist churches. If this is not a good option for you, still my prayers go with you as you find your best spiritual home.

I want to show my sincere gratitude to the English-speaking members of the church. Thanks to your prayers, dedication, and deep love for the church and the Lord, we are now able to see the future of San Jose First UMC in which a Hispanic-speaking congregation will thrive and save many lost souls to Christ.

Sincerely,

Rev. Samuel Hong
El Camino Real District Superintendent