Grace and peace, dear sisters and brothers!

 It is with both joy and sadness that I take my leave from you now. The Holy Spirit has worked a miracle among us, bringing us from sadness into holy and life-giving joy. The Holy Spirit has worked mightily with our excellent Call Committee, opening up a bright and holy future for FELC. It is also with some sadness that I take my leave now. I have grown to love you and will miss our working together, our (sometimes strange) good humor, our challenges faced together. You have become my family. I will be taking another interim assignment soon (and maybe another after that one!), before I finally retire. I need to leave time and space for our new pastor to settle in and become your/our pastor. I’ve spent 18 months with you, and our new pastor is just starting. Because he is my friend, and because I want his ministry to be very successful, I won’t return to sit with you in worship for at least 2 years. However, you may well see Royce, Ben and Sarah in the meantime. I will keep you all in my prayers no matter where I am or what I’m doing.

Blessings, Pr Tim