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McKnight Crossings Search Committee:

Because of my roots in the St. Louis area, my extensive ministry experience, and my love for God and his people, I believe I could be very effective as your next minister at McKnight Crossings. Some of you may know Gena Wagner, my younger sister, who went to McKnight prior to COVID. Others may know Glenda Smith, who still attends. They both reached out to me recently letting me know that you were in search of a minister, so here I am sharing my interest with you.

After seven productive years as an associate minister in Searcy, AR, five healthy years as a preaching minister in Wichita, KS, and seven good years of growth doing domestic missions as the Senior Minister with the largest Church of Christ in New England, I'm looking for a new opportunity.

We experienced a leadership change here two years ago, and it led to my elders dismissing me last August while I was on sabbatical. That caught me completely by surprise, and my family and I are still working through the aftereffects. I'm afraid that might create pause in your minds, but the elders said they have nothing against me "biblically or scripturally," and I'm available to answer any questions you might have about that situation.

I am very motivated to return to full-time ministry, and my goal is to find a church where my family and I would be a good fit. My hope is to spend the next 15-20 years in one spot, if God blesses us with that opportunity. I applied for the same position at McKnight almost twenty years ago but didn't have much experience yet. Now, I do, and it's been overwhelmingly positive and effective in God's mission. I hope to have the chance to speak with you all soon.

May God bless your search,

Patrick Barber