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The care and dedication you show to so many is both a blessing and an example to us all. We know that your work is often inconvenient and tiring, yet you continue to serve faithfully, following the example of our Lord.

Please continue to let us know when the Elders can step in and support you—we want to ensure you never feel like you're carrying this work alone. While none of us were promised that shepherding would be easy, we are reminded that

Last night the Elders took time to recognize and appreciate the great work you and the entire Pastoral Team are doing.

Thank you again for your faithful service.

--- Bret (on behalf of the Elders)

it is the calling Christ has given us, and it brings great reward.

Appreciation for Your Ministry

Ben,