Laguna Country UMC
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The Viewpoint

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We are on the verge of experiencing the leadership of a new pastor. We, as a congregation, can "make it or break it" for Rev. Dr. Brian Tipton, whom the cabinet and Bishop of California-Pacific Annual Conference have sent to us. No, it is more accurate to say "the one God has sent to us." Here are my suggestions on how we can be supportive of Rev. Tipton as he assumes leadership:

1 - Show up for worship. Yes, let us all do the best we can to be present in worship as often as possible. Our presence gives a leader a sense of confidence. But even beyond being there, let us be FULLY PRESENT. Let us be attentive to what is being shared by the pastor and respond appropriately to what we are hearing. Smile if it is funny. Be quiet when it is serious. You get what I mean.

2 - Give words of encouragement. Look for opportunities to tell the pastor what you appreciate in his leadership, whether it is about preaching and worship, leadership and administration, or pastoral care of the congregation. A positive word is like the gift of gold to a pastor.

3 - Give generously of your financial resources. A pastor often feels the burden of creating a balanced budget. Please consider increasing the amount that you give to the church so that this burden is lessened.

4 - Attend any gatherings created for the purpose of getting to know Rev. Tipton and his family.

5 - Wear your name tag at all church events to make it easier for Brian to know who you are.

6 - Pray for the pastor to be filled with wisdom and the power of the Holy Spirit.

It has been a joy and a pleasure to serve as the pastor of Laguna Country UMC for the last twenty months. It was an unexpected chapter in my journey of faith, and I have been richly blessed during this time. I will continue to participate in the life of the church and offer my support whenever possible.

Pastor David



This Month

- All Church Walk
- Pastor David's Retirement Party
- Staff Appreciation Sunday