

# **GULFHAVEN**

*Mennonite Church*

April 13, 2009

Dear Gulfhaven members and regular attendees,

As your eldership board, we would like to share how we believe that part of our vision for Gulfhaven's future is coming together. For quite some time now, you have been praying along with us that we would see ministry growth in the area of young adult singles, young couples, and young families.

As the eldership team, we believe this to be a vital focus for the ministry at Gulfhaven. We recognize the fact that without young families, the church will have limited resources to draw from for future ministry and church leadership.

In a recent elder's meeting, we decided to move forward by partnering with Relevant Ministry to provide an intern for our church body. In fact, Jeff and Angie Hegstrom met with us in our last meeting, April 7. We have someone from our church – Zach McCabe – that feels called to serve as a full-time intern for one year through Relevant Ministry. Zach will not only assist Gulfhaven and Pastor Nelson in a great way with this internship; he will also have the opportunity to experience the different aspects of ministry to see if ministry is where God is calling him to serve in the future.

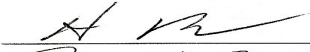

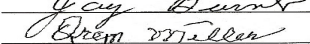
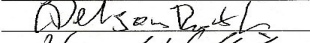
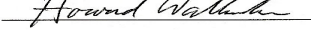

All of us are aware that Zach has a musical gift; however, some of you may not know that Zach also has a passion for missions and evangelism. After his most recent mission trip to Nicaragua, Zach made the comment that he felt that the Lord was speaking to him about ministering in the same way right here in his own community. Zach's heart is at Gulfhaven; so, he would like to serve and minister in his home church during this internship.

As a church, we will be providing part of Zach's financial support from the church budget. The other two thirds will be raised by Zach and Relevant Ministry. As a church body, we are hoping that you will consider supporting Zach and Relevant Ministry both in prayer and in financial support as God leads you.

On this coming Sunday, April 19, during the 10:30 am Worship Service, Zach will be sharing his heart about the desire to serve at Gulfhaven, the elders will answer any questions that you may have, and we will pray for God's blessing on Zach and his family. As your leadership team, we are asking you to carefully consider your part as you join us in this special service and hear more about the vision for our church's future.

May the Lord bless you as you pray about your part in encouraging and blessing Zach and Ashley on this spiritual journey. Enclosed is a Relevant Ministry brochure and a response form to express your part in this one-year initiative as the Lord leads you.

Love in Christ,  
Gulfhaven's Elder Board

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