

Pastor Joel also sent an email:

Greetings Lindsay, Christa, Call Committee, Bishop David, and everyone at Good Shepherd,

I am writing to let you know that I have decided to decline the call that you have extended to me. It is an honour to receive this call from you and I am sorry to deliver sad news.

I want you to know that it was a joy to spend time with some of the leaders at Good Shepherd. You have some great qualities of care, innovation, and belief in each other. Rachel and I both love the school at Good Shepherd where our children have been nurtured and encouraged. You can be sure that Rachel and I have taken the time to talk and pray through this decision. We feel that our place is still here in Salisbury.

I pray God's guidance and peace for you all as you continue to seek a pastor to care for your church community. May the Spirit guide and lead you as you grow in the grace of Jesus and the love of the Father.

Peace,

Pastor Joel Cramer