



Dear Westminster Family,

Courtney Denton, our Director of Women's and Mercy Ministries, has shared with us that she will be stepping down from her role at Westminster, effective December 31st.

Over the past several months, the Session and staff leadership have been working to restructure certain ministry roles to better support the objectives set forth in our Vision 2030 statement. During this process, it became clear that the dual responsibilities of Courtney's position created challenges in alignment and focus. To provide the attention and care each ministry deserves, we determined that two separate positions were needed: a dedicated women's ministry role and a revised mercy role.

Through many conversations with Courtney and considering her leadership role on the board of Pathways Community Center, her current work as interim Executive Director of the Life House Women's Shelter, and her role in establishing a York County affordable housing coalition, the Session concluded that a new community engagement role better aligns with Courtney's gifts and passions.

Therefore, the Session proposed transitioning Courtney from her dual responsibilities in Women's and Mercy Ministries into a newly-designed, part-time position focused on Community Engagement. This was to have been a more focused version of her mercy role, representing an area where she has demonstrated exceptional gifting, deep passion, and strong community relationships. It would also intentionally expand her ministry to involve both men and women at Westminster in local missions.

It was our sincere hope that Courtney would accept this new role. Our aim was to offer her a position that both honored her strengths and supported the church's long-term ministry direction. After prayerful consideration, Courtney ultimately discerned that God was guiding her to a transition. We are grateful for the gracious spirit with which she communicated her decision and for her willingness to assist with a smooth transition in women's ministry.

We remain deeply thankful for Courtney's years of faithful service, her love for people,

and the impact she has had on our congregation and community. And we are grateful to continue worshiping and serving alongside Courtney, Alex, and their children as part of our Westminster family.

In the coming weeks, we will share more about our plans for women's ministry and community engagement. These ministries remain important to our church, and we intend to begin the search for a new women's ministry director immediately. Please continue praying for unity, wisdom, and peace as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church

A Note from Courtney Denton:

This has been a deeply difficult decision because these past 13 years have been such a rich and meaningful part of my life. Serving the women of our church has been one of the greatest blessings God has given me. I'm so thankful for the ways He's worked in and through this ministry, and my prayer is to hold both gratitude for what has been and trust for what God has next.

Lovingly,

Courtney Denton

Director of Women's and Mercy Ministries

A Note from Mike Honeycutt:

Courtney Denton is a pioneer, a visionary, a strategic thinker, a gifted leader, and my friend. I have learned from her, enjoyed working with her, and watched in amazement at the many ways God has used her in our congregation, our denomination, and our community. I will deeply miss serving with her, but I will also enjoy seeing what God has in store for her in this next season.

Your fellow pilgrim,

Mike Honeycutt

Senior Pastor

