

**Announcement re: Nick Azzuolo's Appointment to  
Full-Time Staff Elder at Rosemount  
May 26, 2013**

It is our pleasure to confirm this morning that the elders have asked Nick Azzuolo and he has agreed to serve as a full-time staff elder. He will take on pastoral, community outreach and administrative responsibilities that I will briefly overview in a moment. For about 18 months the elders have been praying for the Lord to identify someone who could help us in the specific ministries to which RBC has been called. At the same time we decided to stay in the Rosemount area, to make our building more accessible and more multi-purpose, and to creatively serve and impact our surrounding community for the sake of Christ. We had already launched a few community initiatives and it seemed from our early reception that the door could swing wide open for us in Rosemount.

Many of you have become involved in the hands-on practical work of the Community Outreach team and have joined it formally as part of the Council or informally at several events. Nick has been leading this new RBC program for three years even while serving the last seven years with *World Vision*, the largest Christian Relief and Development non-government organization on the planet. During his time with *World Vision* Nick has interfaced with many Christian organizations to implement community projects across Quebec (i.e. *Christian Direction*, *Youth for Christ*, *Logifem*, *House of Friendship*, *Pregnancy Counselling Center*) and is well respected by the organization and its partners for his work.

About ten years ago Nick and I sat over lunch and he talked to me about his passion for the local church and perhaps one day being able to serve full time in church ministry. The timing was not then. *World Vision* wanted him and there he developed many of his present skills and giftedness. At the same time Nick was very involved in several pastoral, teaching and administrative responsibilities at Rosemount including co-leading 5 *Alpha* programs and several years on the Deacons / Ministry Service Board. About 5 years ago we invited Nick to join the elders' team, a role he has played with passion, with maturity and with joyful optimism. It has been a pleasure to watch him grow in effectiveness and pastoral heart.

In the spring of 2012 Nick first expressed an interest in using his gifts and energies in a staff position at Rosemount. We went through a search process nonetheless but it became clear that of the several inquiries we had from across Canada, Nick was by far the best suited for our particular needs at this time. We thank God for moving in Nick's heart to consider this big step into Rosemount and we are convinced that God's timing is right.

In the last year, Nick has been integrally involved in the Building Renovation Committee. He has prepared with the team 2 amazing grant applications for government subsidies for our renovation – one for \$50,000 has already been accepted and the other we are all praying for. He has been networking widely in the Rosemount borough and getting ready for strategic Community outreach opportunities for the Fall. He has also been co-leading RBC's Wednesday night Bible study, chairing services, preaching, visiting pastorally and winding down his work with *World Vision*.

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Nick officially starts his duties at Rosemount on September 9, 2013. At that time he will fulfill significantly more pastoral, community outreach and administrative responsibilities under the general mantle of Director of Pastoral Care and Community Engagement. This will include being available as a first responder in crisis situations, providing proactive and reactive support for RBC individuals and families, assisting in newcomer welcoming and integration, visitation, expanding the impact of the Community Outreach Council, directing the recruitment and training of volunteers in the outreach and social justice ministry at RBC, sharing in the leadership of the Deacons / Ministry Service Board, continuing to teach at the leadership training seminars, organizing special events at RBC, facilitating the ministry needs at RBC during the challenges of church renovation and undertaking other responsibilities as the leadership team prayerfully sees fit.

Between now and September 9 he will not be adding these tasks so wait till that date. Rather pray for richness in Nick's walk with God – he will be taking 40 days away in a personal preparation retreat in June-July. Pray for the many pastoral and administrative responsibilities which he will take on. Pray for those doors of opportunity in community outreach on which he and the team will be focusing. Pray that Rosemount will be more greatly blessed through the Holy Spirit's hand on a man who came to faith in Christ at Rosemount, who was baptized at Rosemount and who has grown to spiritual maturity at Rosemount. What an amazing God we serve! Thank Him!