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One Priority Briefing for Congregational Leaders from George Bullard

A Family of Congregations in the Midlands of South Carolina

One Priority

Starting and Strengthening Congregations to Serve as Vital and Vibrant Missional Communities.

Executive Director Search Committee Accepting Resumes

The Search Committee for the next Executive Director of the Columbia Metro Baptist Association (CMBA) is now accepting resumes. The request comes as the group of five representatives from member churches and two alternates has been meeting for several months following the retirement announcement of current Executive Director George Bullard, effective June 30, 2022.

The members of the search committee are Ryan Dupree (chair) of Columbia First, Jacob Helsley of Blaney, Brenda Sheets of St. Andrews, Ralphetta Davis of Concord Fellowship, and Buck Williams of Mount Elon. Alternates are Cookie Adams of Kilbourne Park and Dan Griffin of Harmony.

The committee is seeking a person for the almost 100-member Family of Churches who is prepared to “mobilize and equip our churches to start and strengthen congregations to serve as vital and vibrant missional communities using our six strategies of Empowering Congregations, Starting Congregations, Strengthening Congregations, Leading Congregations, Impacting Communities, and Enhancing Baptist Collegiate Ministries.”

The committee says applicants must have a passion for working with a diverse group of local churches, including multi-ethnic and multi-generational congregations and those found in both urban and rural communities across the Midlands of South Carolina.

Interested applicants may send resumes – with references – to Committee Chairman Ryan Dupree at RyanDupree@fbccola.com by January 21, 2022.

George Bullard Virtual Office Hours This Week

Pastors and staff can always connect with George any time by calling or texting him at 803.622.0923 or sending him an e-mail at GeorgeBullard@ColumbiaMetro.org. Additionally, George holds weekly Virtual Office Hours where he takes no other appointments and is ready to respond to contacts from pastors and staff. Here is the schedule for November 1st-4th: **Monday**, Nov. 1st, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Tuesday**, Nov. 2nd, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Wednesday**, Nov. 3rd, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. **Thursday**, Nov. 4th, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Here is how it will work: 1. **Call George at 803.622.0923**. If he does not answer, he is already on a call with someone else. Leave a voice mail message, and he will get back to you in the order of your call. 2. Need more than a few minutes? Fine. Just ask for a longer conversation by calling, texting, or sending an e-mail to GeorgeBullard@ColumbiaMetro.org. He will connect and set up a time with you. It is that simple!

BONUS: Until Thanksgiving, we are offering a gift card to each CMBA pastor or staff person who makes use of the Virtual Office Hours.

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