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Dear Family & Friends,

I miss you. I miss seeing you at church—it has been super tough being away from such a wonderful community.

I wanted to share some important updates regarding my role within our church community.

Just for the record, on January 7, 2025, I was heartlessly informed of the following: One, I was to be immediately kicked off the Capo Beach Church Board of Directors. Two, as well as immediately put on a paid two week forced leave of absence. And, three, that the conclusion of that forced two week leave of absence, which was January 21, would serve as my termination date. No reason was given.

I've heard from some of my friends that I've been offered a generous severance package. That's simply not true. In the past, pastors and key staff members were unconditionally given a generous severance package. In my case, that's not true and in addition the Board has demanded numerous very unfair conditions, giving them the ability to stop the monthly payment at any time and for almost any reason. It's unfair—I've done nothing wrong.

Throughout this process, I feel I have been mistreated, undermined, defamed, and my requests to meet and discuss these issues have been denied, and not even acknowledged. I still have no idea what I supposedly did wrong.

On November 5th, 2024, I presented a letter to each Board member in hopes of encouraging a conversation about transitioning matters and still being a part of the future of the church I've poured so much of my life into, but to this day, I have not been given the opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss my concerns or any of these matters. Indeed, the Board never responded.

I have been invited to attend a town hall meeting on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 5:00p.m., at the Dana Point Community Center, in the gymnasium located at 34052 Del Obispo Street, Dana Point, CA 92629, to share my journey at CBC during the past two years, and actually for my past fifty years. After much thought and prayer, I would like to ask if you would join me there to answer questions you may have, but more importantly to see and talk with you. I look forward to meeting and talking with you. I also look forward to responding to some of the malicious and false statements and rumors I've heard circulating about me and my family.

Hope to see you this Sunday.

Blessings,

Craig



*P.S. I'm planning on bringing copies of my November 5, 2024, letter to the Board of Directors to the meeting this Sunday. Perhaps it's time that I share it with the entire Church community. I'm proud of my history with Capo Beach Church and my life's work there. This letter comes from my heart.*