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**PASTOR JOHN HAYS, JERSEY CHURCH - NEW ALBANY, OH
ANNOUNCES HIS UPCOMING RETIREMENT**

On Sunday morning, January 8, 2023, Pastor John Hays shared with his congregation his plan to retire from Jersey Church in New Albany, OH.

After more than four decades of faithful service to Jersey Church, Pastor John has decided to retire from his role as Senior Pastor. “This has been forty-two years of the most joy-filled pastoring anyone could ever dream of,” Pastor John shared.

Pastor John will continue to lead the church until a new Senior Pastor is in place. The announcement of his retirement means that Jersey Church will immediately begin the search process for its next Senior Pastor. Marc Richcreek, Chairman of the Church Council at Jersey said, “Pastor John has the full support of Church Council in his decision. We trust in his wisdom to make this difficult choice because we know he sought the Lord’s guidance. We both celebrate what God has done through John and look forward with excitement to what He has planned for Jersey.”

While working through that process, Jersey Church will remain focused on its mission of *caring for people and connecting them to Christ*. Church leadership is calling the church to continue praying in the weeks and months ahead. Richcreek said, “praying will be the most significant part of the search process.”

The church has created a webpage to answer frequently asked questions and share regular updates with the congregation regarding the search process. Prospective candidates should also visit this webpage to apply. JERSEYCHURCH.ORG/PASTORSEARCH