

# ANNOUNCEMENT

Welcome our Transitional Executive Presbyter



**Rev. Dr. Brian Craker,  
Transitional Executive Presbyter**

The Transitional Executive Presbyter Search Team conducted a six-month, national search, and considered a well-qualified and diverse applicant pool. Acting on the recommendation of the TEP Search Team, the Presbytery Leadership Commission is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Brian Craker has been invited to serve as our presbytery's Transitional Executive Presbyter (TEP) for an initial two year term. During December, while working for the presbytery part-time, Brian will complete his current interim position at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, and then begin his full-time work as our TEP on January 1, 2024.

The Search Team concluded that Brian, with his extensive interim pastoral experience and proven track record as an effective transitional leader, is the right leader for this time of transition for the presbytery. The PLC wishes to thank the Search Team for their hard work in finding our new TEP. Welcome Brian!

About Brian: The Rev. Dr. Craker (pronounced Crä-kër) has called Oregon home for over 25 years, serving multiple churches in our presbytery, first in youth ministry and then as an Interim/Transitional Pastor. In 2021, he completed his D.Min in Semiotics and Future Studies of the Church, and wrote his doctoral dissertation on the modernization of Transitional Ministry in the PC(USA), furthering his passion and vision for the greater church. His deep faith in Christ and love for the Church comes from continually watching the transformational work of the Holy Spirit. In addition to ministry, Brian has utilized his experience as a business owner and real estate investor to help local churches analyze their finances, optimize their assets, and take strategic steps to help achieve their mission and future vision.

His wife Alison is a Mental Health Counselor, and they have two giants for sons, Tyler and Casey. Their family has been part of Lake Grove Presbyterian Church for 5 generations, and remains involved in teaching, music, local & global missions, and diaconal ministries. When not working, you'll either find Brian on a sports field with his boys, traveling with his family, working with the latest technology, or smoking all kinds of delicious meats and veggies on his Traeger.