

Dear Urban Impact Family and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wanted to thank you for your faithful support and partnership over the years. We appreciate you.

I also wanted to share some big news that brings feelings of both sadness and gratitude. Our Founder, President, and friend, Rev. Harvey Drake Jr. will be retiring from his role as President of Urban Impact at the end of 2023. He is retiring as Senior Pastor at Emerald City Bible Fellowship this coming June.

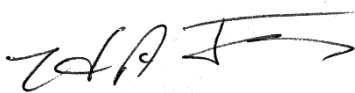
Many of you know that Harvey and Andrea are all about family – that is why they will be relocating to Dallas, Texas to be closer to their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. We are excited for them to step into this new season of life - to enjoy a well-earned retirement, life as active grandparents, and whatever ministry opportunities God may have in store for them in Texas.

While we are sad to see Harvey go, we are so honored and humbled by his nearly 40 years of service to the greater Seattle community. His leadership at Urban Impact and in the region has been invaluable. He pioneered the work of Christian Community Development in Seattle's Rainier Valley that has impacted so many lives and been a model for many to build on. He has been a friend, partner and leader who faithfully served and led us all toward Biblical justice and reconciliation. We are so grateful God sent the Drakes to Seattle.

Urban Impact's vision continues and is as strong as ever to see all people reconciled with God, where everyone is engaged and thriving in community. We have a committed Board, Staff, and Leadership Team. Steve Bury, Harvey's long-time co-laborer and friend, will continue to serve as our Executive Director, as he has since December 2004.

For all of us, this transition brings a new version of life ahead – and we are blessed and excited to experience all that God has planned.

With Gratitude,



Harry Thomas
Urban Impact Board Chair