

FAQs Harvey Drake's Retirement

Q - What is the timing of Harvey's retirement?

A - Harvey is retiring as Senior Pastor at Emerald City Bible Fellowship June 30, 2023 and retiring from his role as President of Urban Impact in December 2023.

Q – Are the Drake's moving?

A - Harvey and Andrea Drake are relocating to a community north of Dallas, Texas to be close to family. Besides entering the season of retirement, they look forward to enjoying more family time with their son, daughter-in-law and especially their grandchildren.

Q - What will Harvey be doing in Texas?

A - First, he and Andrea are excited to be active grandparents and enjoy more family time with their son and daughter in-law. Next, he anticipates having some relaxation time as he enters his well-earned retirement season. Finally, he and Andrea look forward to getting to know their new community and to discover possible opportunities to share God's love in Texas.

Q - Will there be a search for a new President for Urban Impact?

A - The Urban Impact Board of Directors will be discussing the organization's structure and discerning next steps over the coming months. In the meantime, we continue to be led by a strong management team, and Executive Director Steve Bury will continue to serve in his role, as he has since December 2004.

Q - Will Harvey still be involved with Urban Impact in some capacity?

A - The Urban Impact Board along with Harvey and Steve are discerning next steps and Harvey's best role moving forward. Even from Texas! Pastor Drake's 40 years of experience and knowledge is invaluable. As Urban Impact's founder, he will always have a heart for this work and believes deeply in our mission, current vision and priorities.

Q - What is next for Urban Impact?

A - With your support, Urban Impact's work to see all people reconciled to God, where everyone is engaged and thriving in community, continues stronger than ever. The Board of Directors and our diverse staff family is faithfully committed to carrying out Urban Impact's mission and strategic plans to effectively meet the needs of people and families.

Q - What is happening with Emerald City Bible Fellowship?

A - Emerald City Bible Fellowship is a beloved neighborhood church partner with Urban Impact in serving the Rainier Valley. Harvey will retire as Senior Pastor of Emerald City Bible Fellowship in June 2023. A pastoral search process led by the church leadership is underway.

Q - Will there be opportunities to honor, celebrate and say goodbye to Harvey?

A - Join us September 30th from Noon-3:00pm for our 2nd Annual THRIVE gathering at the Urban Impact's main campus. Harvey looks forward to seeing you posing for a photo keepsake.