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A National Pastor Sabbath Week June 22-28, 2020

Our leadership team is actively contacting local leaders across Canada. We've heard good stories, and despite the current circumstances, many of our leaders are shining. We find their faithfulness, creativity and adaptability inspiring.

However, we've also heard that some of our pastors are struggling. Some have said they're tired because they're having to learn new skills, pastor in new ways, make staffing/leadership changes and so much more. It's a lot all at once.

In response to this, the National Leadership Team is wondering how to express our gratitude and support. Here's what we're thinking, we want to offer our pastor's a gift- a gift of a National Sabbath Week at the end of June.

- **Information:** On June 13, as part of the National Check-in with delegates and pastors, the NLT will discuss what the Sabbath week might look like.
- **Communication:** NLT will be in touch with delegates to help communicate to churches regarding the rationale for this event.
- **Expectation:** This is paid time off. It is in addition to your annual vacation allowance (though it could be taken to coincide with holiday time the week before or after).
- **Accommodation:** We want to give you the Sunday off. As such, the NLT we will create a Sunday, June 28th morning experience for churches.
- **Alteration:** We understand these specific dates might not work for everyone. Alternative arrangements for using this gift can be made between boards and pastors. We also wonder if churches may want to "sabbath" from all activities or programs for that one week?

We believe that healthy leaders lead to healthy churches.
Sincerely,

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A healthy church within the reach of all people in Canada and beyond

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