## **RENAME MESSAGE FRAMEWORK:**

## Why are we changing the name?

As we look toward the future, we feel God clarifying our direction as a church. For many years God called us to be a city. Now we believe he is also calling us to be a home. This image of church as a home has tugged at our heart, stirred our imagination, and shaped our prayers. It has become clear to us that God is building a church that is a home. Bringing people home is what God does and that is the heart behind our new name, Churchome.

### Why announce it now?

We felt announcing the new name on our 25-year anniversary was the best way to honor the past while at the same time, face forward to our exciting future.

# What exactly does Churchome mean and how does it change the vision of the church?

Moving forward, Church is Home. Here's what that looks like in action. I encourage you to use these ideas in your conversations as you talk about the name change:

#### **Home is God**

### Bringing people home is what God does

Whether prodigals or prodigies, artists or intellectuals, rebels or rejects—God's arms are open to all. God is making churchome a community where everyone is welcome, not just to a physical building, but to an emotional place of refuge in Him.

#### You belong first

#### You don't have to contribute to belong

Always know that you're loved and you're welcomed here. You don't have to contribute to belong. Everybody is free to just belong here first, which is rooted in scripture that we are saved by grace. This is a home for you., No matter what you believe, no matter what ideals you hold, this is home for anyone who is a human being.

## Always room for one more Big hearted people who can help anybody

The point isn't a big church, the point is bighearted people who can help anybody. If any of us have a broken family member or loved one, we want to get them help. Whether its counselling, a twelve-step program, or whether it's church, we want to help them. Churchome is the kind of place where we always have room for one more.