

August 27, 2026

Dear Seniors of West London Alliance Church,

I expect most of you are already aware that Pastor Lyall has decided to retire, with his final day of ministry among us at the end of August. Pastor Lyall and his wife Julie made this decision several months ago and shortly thereafter informed the church. You will also know that they will be moving out west this fall.

Pastor Lyall has been an integral part of West London Alliance Church for essentially three decades. This kind of tenure, and the excellence with which he has cared for our people, is extraordinary. What a gift Lyall and Julie have been to this church. Pastor Lyall has been involved in many aspects of ministry here, but his oversight of the seniors' ministry stands out. I do not have to tell you of the impact he has made or the sense of loss his departure will leave for so many. Nevertheless, we rejoice with anticipation alongside Pastor Lyall and Julie as they enter this new season.

Know that the staff and elders remain committed to giving oversight to this ministry and care to its participants. Though we cannot replace Pastor Lyall—who could?—we fully intend to maintain our care for you as a church.

We have some information about the specifics of the seniors' ministry this fall, and more will be coming as we work through this transition.

As of September, your first point of contact for seniors' ministry matters will be the church office. You can call the office at (519) 471-8716 or email tony@wlachurch.org. The office will either answer your questions or direct them to the appropriate staff member. Please begin by contacting the office rather than reaching out to individual staff members.

The Gathering, our Thursday afternoon ministry, will begin on September 17, 2026, and has been moved to 2:00 p.m. This time of discipleship will be led by Pastor Jude and Barry, who will use the teaching time to further explore ideas and issues raised in the Sunday morning sermon. The schedule for each gathering will be as follows:

1:45 p.m. Doors Open
2:00 p.m. Welcome / Opening Prayer
2:05 p.m. Hymns / Songs (2–3 songs)
2:20 p.m. Prayer / Message
2:40 p.m. Q&A / Further Discussion
2:50 p.m. Prayer / Closing Song / Benediction
3:00 p.m. Coffee & Tea
3:20 p.m. Clean Up / Dismissal

The schedule for September and October is as follows:

Sep 17, 2026 Jude Distinctives – Authority of Scripture
Sep 24, 2026 Barry Distinctives – Doctrines of Grace
Oct 1, 2026 Jude Distinctives – Gospel Centered
Oct 8, 2026 TBD Distinctives – Plurality of Elders

Oct 15, 2026 Barry Distinctives – Complementarianism
Oct 22, 2026 TBD Hymn Sing & Short Devotional
Oct 29, 2026 Barry Distinctives – Great Commission

We are still putting together a plan for our Tuesday morning drop-in. It is unlikely that it will be running in September, but we hope to have something in place for October. With that in mind, we would like to form a small team of participants who are able to volunteer and help with this part of the seniors' ministry. If you are able and willing to help, please let the office know.

Other plans for the seniors' ministry will continue to roll out as we put them in place. We will keep you posted. Again, it is our goal to shepherd this ministry and give care to our church family.

So in September, the Gathering on Thursday afternoon will be the primary way you will be able to access the seniors' ministry at West London Alliance Church. Further developments will be communicated as they become clear.

Questions, concerns, or feedback should be directed to the main office at this time. We will do our best to respond to each of you as we are able.

Through Pastor Lyall's long ministry among us, the Lord has shown himself faithful to our seniors. We fully expect that same faithfulness as we step into this new season together. We remind you of the Lord's own words describing himself in Exodus 34:6–7 (ESV): "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness."

The staff and elders of West London Alliance Church join with you as we anticipate God's work in our midst.

In Him,
Pastor Jude