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Dear Prospective Candidate,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of the congregation of Hope Church in Carbondale, Illinois, it is our pleasure to extend to you an invitation to apply for the position of Pastor/Teaching Elder.

Hope Church is a vibrant, multi-generational community of believers situated in a university town in the heart of southern Illinois. Planted in 2002, Hope Church is on the cusp of an exciting period of spiritual growth and cultural transition from our time of thinking of ourselves as a “small church plant.” At Hope Church now, a typical Sunday has a greater number of youth and children in attendance than adults; we are therefore passionate about making disciples across the generations and impacting our community and world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The ideal candidate will have a love for God and his word as tantamount, skill in expository preaching and discipleship, and a shepherd’s heart for people of all ages and backgrounds.

We invite you to prayerfully consider applying for this role. You will find further information about our church and the application process on the EPC website (epconnect.org). Should you have any questions or require additional details, please do not hesitate to contact the search committee chairman, Matt Rendleman, at matt.rendleman@gmail.com or by phone at (618) 534-3302.

We look forward to the possibility of partnering together in the gospel for the glory of God and the good of His people in Carbondale and beyond.

In Christ’s service,

Matt Rendleman
Pastoral Nominating Committee Chairman
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