



We are very happy that RAC can bless our lead pastor with a well-deserved sabbatical, following the benefits provided by Rainier Avenue Church and the policies laid out by the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Free Methodist Church. Pastor Peter will be on sabbatical from August 2 until November 1, 2021.

What is a sabbatical?

A sabbatical is a time of extended leave that is given to pastors after 7 years of ministry. It is designed to enhance the pastor's ministry to the church by providing time for deep rest and reflection.

When is Pastor Peter's sabbatical and what will he be doing? Can we contact him?

Pastor Peter will be spending time with his family, resting, and reflecting on ministry through life-giving study and travel. Pastors are advised to *not be in contact* with their churches or congregants during sabbatical. We want to support Pastor Peter in this important season of rest and renewal by waiting to contact him until the end of his sabbatical in November.

Who do I contact if I need to speak to a pastor while Pastor Peter is gone?

RAC is deeply blessed with many gifted pastors. In Pastor Peter's absence, you can contact any of the RAC staff pastors below, or reach out to the church office at info@rainieravenuechurch.org or 206-722-5616, and we will quickly connect you with someone.

Pastor Rob Daniels, Family Life Pastor; rdaniels@rainieravenuechurch.org

Pastor Mark Nsimbi, Connections Pastor; mnsimbi@rainieravenuechurch.org

Pastor Jonathan Pierre-Puckett, Youth Pastor; jppuckett@rainieravenuechurch.org

Pastor Van Manivanh, Appointed Pastor; vmanivanh@rainieravenuechurch.org

Who will be preaching while Pastor Peter is gone?

We are blessed at RAC to have many gifted preachers within our community. Each week we will be taught by a beloved staff pastor or preaching partner. The preaching schedule and a short bio for each guest preacher will be available in the weekly email blast and on the Rainier Avenue Church Facebook page. You will not want to miss any of these special speakers!

In Pastor Peter's absence, who is in charge of the church?

RACs leadership team regularly partners together to lead the ministry of Rainier Avenue Church. In addition, the RAC Board will be in ongoing communication with the leadership team to provide leadership support. Any questions from the congregation can be directed to the general RAC email and Tricia Mason, the Executive Administrator, will connect people with the appropriate leaders for their specific needs.

How can we support Pastor Peter during this time?

Pray for Pastor Peter to experience deep rest in this season of sabbatical. We will be praying for him as a congregation on August 1 during our Sunday service as well. Please take a moment to share a prayer or word of encouragement for him to take with him here: [Peter Chin's Kudoboard | Kudoboard](#)