

Dear Alive Church,

I am eager to share with you the great news that I have been offered the opportunity to serve as a Pastor in Residence at Alive Church in my hometown of Tucson, Arizona.

I've obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA, along with a Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. Though I appreciate an education, these degrees didn't prepare me for some of the situations I would later face in ministry. While I have served as an Associate Pastor and Media Director at former churches, I am ready to begin training at a higher level. My past experiences have encouraged me to become a leader that builds healthy relationships with others. I am looking forward to getting hands on experience at Alive Church.

It was a privilege to serve in a variety of pastoral positions along with teaching foundational courses at Trinity Christian College. Though teaching as a professor was a good experience, I'm sure now more than ever that pastoral ministry is my calling.

As a Pastor in Residence, I will be exposed to and work with the eight different systems that are necessary for a healthy, productive, growing church. My greatest desire is to grow as a leader and help others see God's provision and love in the midst of their own hurt. At Alive Church, I will be learning not only from the Lead Pastor Jeff Love but his entire staff as well as some of the coaches they use in all these areas.

This is why I'm writing to you. I want to ask for your support as I take on this new role. While I have had some great experiences in ministry already, I know there is still more for me to learn. This is an opportunity for me to gain the experience of learning and understanding how to lead a healthy growing church at a Lead/Senior Pastor level. I'm excited not only to grow and learn, but I know this is where God has called me to serve, and I can't do that alone. I know that with your generosity, I will be able to reach my full potential as a Lead Pastor.

Would you prayerfully consider supporting me in this residency over the next year? Either making a one-time donation or committing to a monthly donation is greatly appreciated. Beginning this August is when my training begins. **So, we ask that you please make your commitment as soon as possible, but ideally prior to August 7, 2022. Donations can be given at alivechurch.com/give and select the fund PIR – Cory. We ask that if you mail a check, to mail it to Alive Church and designate it to Cory Peters.**

(All donations to Alive Church are completely tax-deductible.) Your support is not only an investment in me but an investment in others and the Kingdom.

I also ask that you partner with me in prayer over the next 12 months. I'm reminded of Paul's words to the Philippian Church: *"For I know that as you pray for me, and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me..."* Philippians 1:19 (NLT).

I'm excited to enter the next chapter of life and live out my call to ministry. I'm honored and humbled to be in this position and look forward to seeing what God will do over this next year. Thank you in advance for your prayerful and financial support.

Sincerely,
Cory O. Peters