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### **SouthLake Church (PCA) calls Dr. Harrison Spitler as Senior Pastor**

Huntersville, NC: The congregation of SouthLake Church voted overwhelmingly to call Dr. Harrison Spitler as Senior Pastor beginning July 16, 2017. SouthLake Church was founded in 1991 as a mission to serve the Lake Norman area. SouthLake became a particular church in 1994, the same year that it started SouthLake Christian Academy.

Spitler is bringing to SouthLake a great deal of experience in church planting and revitalization. After graduating from seminary, Spitler began his first ministry assignment on a church planting team in France. When he and his family returned to the states in 1999, Spitler worked to revitalize First Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Arriving in North Carolina in 2002, Spitler has planted and pastored Grace Community Church in Waxhaw ever since. Grace Community has ignited a holistic church-planting movement in Nkokonjeru, Uganda, and has partnered in church planting in Raleigh, Charlotte, Utah, Bulgaria, Egypt, France, southeast Asia, and the Pacific Northwest. He has a deep passion to know Christ Jesus and to see others know Him intimately, to the point that the love and joy of Christ become infectious.

In addition to his pastoral ministry, Spitler spends time coaching youth sports, promoting adoption, and volunteering with Mission to North America (MNA), the local missions arm of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Spitler serves as an Assessor at the PCA Assessment Center, promotes church planting within Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, and coaches potential church planters. He also served last year on the Board of Directors for the NC division of America World Adoption Association.

Spitler was born in Montgomery, Alabama and graduated from the University of Alabama – Birmingham after also attending Auburn University. He earned his Master of Divinity from Birmingham Theological Seminary and his Doctor of Ministry from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. He and his wife Sandy have seven children, ranging in age from 8 – 33. Their two youngest children are adopted from China.

SouthLake Church is a member of the Catawba Valley Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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