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Dear Beloved of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion:

It is a bittersweet moment in the history of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. St. Matthew and Missions in California are following the Holy Spirit to begin anew to "go and make disciples of all nations." Conversations with the Council of Bishops over the past two years, through written exchanges, consultation with our chancellor, and in-person meetings and dialogue, have culminated in St. Matthew's decision to birth The Prelature of the Ecumenical Catholic Servants of the Good Shepherd, a new ecclesial entity.

Through mutual agreement, it is affirmed that the vision for the future of St. Matthew no longer fits within the framework of the ECC as it has evolved over the past twenty years. The ECC Constitution does not include non-geographic dioceses nor international communities. The vision of moving with the Spirit wherever She leads is consistent with Bishop Peter's charismatic history that created the seeds of the ECC. Now, that movement calls them to a new beginning that is separate from the ECC.

The communities of St. Matthew have elected their bishop. Congratulations to Fr. Arturo Querijero as bishop elect. He will be consecrated on June 7, 2024. May the Spirit bless him as he leads and guides this new mission field.

We offer our appreciation and profound gratitude to the people of St. Matthew's parish for the gift of sharing themselves and their pastor, Bishop Peter Elder Hickman, with all of us in the ECC. As a retired ECC bishop, he remains always our valued and cherished founding bishop.

As the Council of Bishops, we offer our friendship, our blessings, and our support as they go and create something new. Let us continue to journey side by side in a relationship of love. May we continue to build the Body of Christ alongside each other.

Together on the Journey,  
Bishop Paul "Pablo" Burson  
Bishop Kae Madden  
Bishop Armand Levya  
Bishop Kedda Keough  
Bishop Frank Krebs

