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Last Sunday an announcement was made at the end of the service to the effect that our worship service will move forward by a half hour on March 15. The reason for this is that the Brazilian congregation has asked, and we have all agreed, to move their service to noon. They currently meet at 6.30 on Sunday evenings. They have decided that an earlier service would be much better for them. In addition, and most importantly, such a move makes it possible for the two congregations to rub shoulders and get to know each other. There will be a busy half hour in which the English service will be emptying the sanctuary and the Portuguese service will be coming in and setting up. A transition team will be working out logistics over the next two weeks. It will be taxing on both, but more on the Brazilian congregation.

It will be explained in the coming Sundays, but the everything from Sunday School and Adult Ed to set up and sound check will correspondingly move up a half hour. Also the fellowship time in the social hall will continue after the service, but kids will need to be monitored since the common practice of playing in the sanctuary will not be available after noon. Of course possibilities open up for participants in either service to attend the other without making two trips on Sunday.

We think it's important to note that this move represents something approaching the original vision of CTK. We were founded in the 90's as a singular church with hopes of integration. Many factors prevented that and even moved us to semi-autonomy between the congregations. Now, for several reasons, not the least being Pastor Leandro Pinheiro's leadership, a move toward one another is again in view. After the announcement on Sunday many were enthusiastic about this direction for our church. A similar feeling was expressed after the evening service. It is thrilling whenever different Christian groups are brought together in the gospel. Pray for the transition and for the future of the church.

Sincerely,

Rick Downs, on behalf of the CTK Session