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Dear Pastor,

I count it a real privilege to offer this recommendation of my son, Paul Conner. I know it is a bit awkward for a dad to recommend his son, so I will try not to “over do” it.

First of all, I honestly never thought I would work with my sons in ministry. The Lord had led my wife and I to a far distant place far from our families to serve Him and we figured it would be the same with our children. Obviously, we were delighted a little over five years ago when the Lord opened the door for Paul and his wife, Jenette to return to Vancouver to serve with us here at Greater Vancouver Baptist Church. During these years, Paul has shown himself to have a true heart for people and ministry. He has been eager to serve the Lord and has made a tremendous positive impact upon our entire church through his leadership.

I came across this verse while pondering how I could go about recommending Paul to you. It was written by the apostle Paul concerning his young co-labourer, Timothy.

***Philippians 2:22***

*But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.*

I believe my son, Paul, has proven himself in ministry, in his call to preach and dedication to the gospel. It has been a tremendous blessing to have him serve with me.

A few years ago, Paul began to share with me his burden to reach more people in this vast city of Vancouver by planting a new church. We have had many long talks about this venture and have been waiting on God’s timing as to when to begin. Over the last few months, the Lord has given us His peace that now is that time. I can assure you that we are fully behind this new work and GVBC is excited about the opportunity to see yet another church started within our city limits. I believe Paul is well equipped and prepared for the journey that awaits him in reaching Vancouver with the gospel and I know that he will give his very best in following God’s call for his life.

May I ask you to give prayerful consideration to investing financially in this young family as they endeavour to begin Eastside Baptist Church? I am confident it will be money well spent for the cause of Christ.

By His grace,

  
Gordon Conner  
Pastor  
*2 Corinthians 4:5*

*loving God loving others*