

Transitions

Stepping Down

Francis Chan, as pastor of Cornerstone Community Church. He plans to pursue a new form of ministry, which at press time was still unnamed. He was to continue preaching at Cornerstone through May.

Appointed

Rev. Niek Tramper, as general secretary of the European Evangelical Alliance, the European branch of the World Evangelical Alliance. He succeeds Gordon Showell-Rogers effective in September.

Honored

Don Finto, former pastor of Belmont Church in Nashville, Tenn., for 60 years in ministry. Michael W. Smith, Marty Goetz and other longtime associates attended the April 22 tribute service.

Resigned

Blaine Bartel, as pastor of Northstar Church in suburban Dallas after acknowledging an affair. Bartel said he plans to find a job outside the church and focus on repairing his 28-year marriage.