

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a strange time we find ourselves in! I pray for your health and safely, and that your congregation feels the guidance and the power of Christ as we serve each other and our communities during this remarkable period.

Your presbytery staff and the General Council of Mission Presbytery continue to work diligently (albeit remotely) to meet the needs of congregations and our combined ministry. As part of that work, General Council has called a special meeting of the Presbytery to be held by Zoom Video Conferencing on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to act on recommendations from the Commission on Ministry and Mission Presbytery Trustees.

While this meeting will be brief, it is important. Please make every effort to join us. Registration information for this special meeting will be included in the newsletter and can be found on the Presbytery meeting page of the Mission Presbytery website (<u>mission-presbytery.org</u>).

I look forward to meeting with you and gathering as the Body of Christ (even on a screen!). Until then, I leave you with these words from the Apostle Paul:

Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers...Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep you hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 CEB

Grace and Peace.

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