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It has come to our attention that several congregations in other denominations have received a mailing purported to have come from First Presbyterian Church in Cuero, Texas, a congregation of Mission Presbytery, strongly advocating for a Senatorial candidate in Texas. The letter DID NOT originate from First Cuero, or any of its staff. The letters bear a postmark from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In the strongest terms, we do not condone this kind of advertising - no matter the candidate - from any of our congregations, from Mission Presbytery, from the Synod of the Sun, or from General Assembly. Such correspondence does not further the peace, unity and purity of the church. It does not further the cause of Christ among us. It can also serve to jeopardize the tax-free status of our congregations and our denomination. Not to mention the fact that it is falsely representing one of our congregations.

The Presbytery has been in touch with the United States Postal Service and the Office of General Assembly. We have also been in touch with Ms. Elaine Ayala, a reporter for the San Antonio Express-News, seeking her assistance in dealing with this falsehood. It seems likely that the Presbyterians are not the only ones to be receiving messages from such a campaign.

If your congregation receives any sort of political communication purporting to be from one of our congregations, or even from your own, please notify the Presbytery office and send us a copy of the correspondence. Please inform your members that this did not originate with any of our congregations or any of our leadership. While we encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming election, we neither endorse nor condone any candidate for political office.

If you have further questions, please direct them either to the General Presbyter, Sallie Watson, or the Stated Clerk, Tricia Tedrow, at (210) 826-3296.