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GREENWICH
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dear Greenwich Church family,

During our Winter Congregational meeting this past Sunday, we shared an important update on the continuing conversation about our denominational alignment. Our parent denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), continues to express beliefs, priorities, and practices that leave the Session (Elders and Pastors) feeling like Greenwich just doesn't fit anymore. Last October the Session met with our local denominational leader, Rev. John Molina-Moore, to discuss these concerns in an open and respectful way.

In follow-up to this October meeting, John suggested we conduct a survey to see how widely the congregation shares the Session's concerns. A small team of Elders, supported by our Pastors, has developed the enclosed survey that will enable you to provide feedback to the Session as we consider how best to lead Greenwich into the future. Enclosed with the survey is a chart comparing certain key beliefs, priorities, and practices of the PCUSA with those of Greenwich.

To make the process as accessible as possible, we offer you three options for completing the survey:

1. Complete and return by mail in the envelope provided, or in person to the church office or the box in the Sanctuary lobby.
2. Complete the survey online at the church website: greenwichpres.org/conversations/
3. Pick up a survey in the lobby of the Sanctuary and return it to the box provided there.

We are asking every active member to complete and return one (1) survey before February 28.

There is nothing in the survey about alternative denominations being considered. Rather, the survey is focused solely on assessing the breadth of shared concern as an important first step in a process that would eventually include discussion of which Presbyterian denomination may be a better fit for Greenwich.

We are aware that there are differing perspectives and convictions on these issues, and so the Session is also calling the Greenwich family to a Season of Prayer during the month of February. Your participation—in both the survey and the time of prayer—is vital to our making wise decisions about the future of Greenwich.

May we hold one another in high regard as we walk this journey together as a church family.

In Christ's love,

The Session of Greenwich Presbyterian Church

P.S. If you missed Sunday's congregational meeting, we encourage you to take a few minutes to view our 2022 Ministry Celebration video on the church website (greenwichpres.org). We hope it inspires you!