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VIA E-MAIL and U.S. MAIL

Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area

2115 Cliff Drive

Eagan, MN 55122

Attention: Rev. Dr. Jeff Japinga, Executive Presbyter ep@ptcaweb.org

Re: Knox Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis

Dear Jeff:

We sincerely hope that you are doing well during these unprecedented times.

By this correspondence, we wish to notify the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area (the "Presbytery") that the members of Knox Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis, a Minnesota non-profit corporation ("Knox"), voted, in connection with a duly called and noticed meeting of the corporation held yesterday, to disaffiliate from the Presbyterian Church (USA). Out of 67 active members eligible to vote, 58 were in favor of disaffiliation and two were opposed. Prior to the call of the meeting of the members, the Knox Board of Directors, in keeping with its fiduciary obligations to Knox, unanimously recommended disaffiliation to the members. Knox has contemplated ending its voluntary association with the Presbytery for many years and we believe that Knox's disaffiliation now is in the best interests of Knox and the Presbytery.

We wish to commend the Presbytery for its faithful service to God and the churches within the Presbytery. We also wish to thank Steve Robertson for his faithful service to Knox. We wish the Presbytery and all its member churches the very best during this pandemic and beyond.

As you are no doubt aware, Knox and the Presbytery have drifted apart over a period of many years, but Knox has continued to pay its per capita contribution to the Presbytery to help support its work. The Knox Board of Directors, and ultimately its membership, did not come to this decision lightly. In keeping with both the legal and spiritual duties requiring it to ensure what is in the best interest of the members, the Knox Board of Directors concluded that disaffiliation was necessary for a variety of reasons, and that decision has now been confirmed by its members. Knox has decided the time is right to join its sister churches, with which Knox

has the closest theological affinity (e.g., Hope, CPC, Faith, Stadium Village, Albert Lea), and which have already disaffiliated from the Presbyterian Church (USA). Knox's desire is to affiliate with other churches and a denomination, which share Knox's most important beliefs and principles, and with which Knox can serve God most effectively.

Knox desires to end its voluntary association with the Presbytery, in a gracious manner, in accordance with Biblical principles, as stated in Matthew, chapter 18, and I Corinthians, chapter 6. In order to conclude this matter as quickly and amicably as possible, Knox is willing to discuss a contribution to the Presbytery, in recognition of the loss of revenue Knox's departure will create.

In closing, Knox wishes the Presbytery the very best as it continues its mission in this region. Knox will continue to pray for the Presbytery and its ministries. Knox's desire is to resolve this matter with the Presbytery in a manner that is truly honoring to God.

If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Upcraft, Knox's President, at 612.371.3731 or upcraftc@pfm.com.

Very truly yours,

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MINNEAPOLIS

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles Upcraft", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Upcraft, President

cc: Steve Robertson