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Dear members of St John's,

As you may know, I am currently a doctoral student in theology at Saint Paul University. As part of my degree, I am leading a research project here at St. John's. I would like to invite you to participate in this study.

This research is interested in the ways in which this congregation understands the church's worship, its relationship to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, and the significance of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples more broadly. Its intention is to get a sense of what people know and how they feel about these issues.

The study will be conducted using two major methods. First, I will be engaged in participatory observation during our worship services and public events: I will observe and describe what goes on. Second, I will be conducting interviews to discuss my topic. Interviews will be scheduled with those who volunteer and should take no more than 60 minutes. All information and data collected during both the interviews and during the worship observations will be kept confidential and remain anonymous.

This research is supervised by Prof. Rev. Dr. Sarah Kathleen Johnson at Saint Paul University as a part of my course of study. In consultation with Gary and the Wardens, I have received permission to undertake my research here at St John's.

If you are interested in participating or have additional questions, please contact me at jzent029@uottawa.ca or 613.816.1695. I will then follow up with you to schedule an interview.

Sincerely,

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