



The Presbytery of Western North Carolina

October 12, 2020

To state the obvious, 2020 has been quite a year for the churches of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina! The resilience and imagination congregations have shown in adapting their mission and ministry to the unanticipated circumstances of the Covid pandemic is a testimony to your readiness to move forward, trusting the providence and presence of God. Moreover, you have brought those adaptive gifts into the corporate life of the Presbytery as well.

Amidst all of this, Presbytery has followed God's leading to call the Rev. Dr. Byron Wade as our new General Presbyter. Far from simply filling a slot on the personnel roster, this call represents a renewal of our commitment to make sure that Presbytery renews and extends its capacity to support, encourage, nurture and lead its congregations in mission and ministry. Under his leadership and with your financial support, here is what you can expect to continue:

- Transformative new initiatives to renew long-serving congregations, to support smaller ones, and to establish new congregations and worshipping communities.
- Outreach and mission, locally and in Guatemala and Malawi, as well as through disaster assistance, campus ministry, hunger action, and initiatives toward peace and justice.
- Ministry with youth that develops faith and leadership that will serve the wider church for years to come.
- Support for and partnership with the remarkable, visionary ministry of Presbyterian Women as it continues its micro-loan work and more.
- Leadership development opportunities for all the members of Presbytery through Christian education training and through the Church Leadership School.

Just as you have found novel ways to provide pastoral care to your members, your engagement via personal participation and financial support has enabled Presbytery to support many of our churches, large and small, as they have gone through major transitions—ranging from calling pastors, to dealing with challenges to building facilities, to concluding congregational ministry. Without that embracing connection of the Presbyterian way of life together, they would have been left to make their way alone.

Confident that the year ahead will be a challenging one, but even more confident in God's abundant provision for us all, please return the pledge card enclosed with this letter with your congregation's planned unified giving for 2021 as soon as possible, but no later than **November 9th**.

God knows the way through every wilderness, we have only to follow.

Grace and peace,

D. Cameron Murchison, Jr.
Stated Clerk

Charles Sellers, Chair
Finance Committee

Enclosure

c: Pastor or Moderator/Treasurer



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Pledge Card 2021 Estimate of Giving

_____ Presbyterian Church of _____

We pledge \$_____ to Unified Giving (Presbytery, Synod, General Assembly, including Synod & General Assembly per capita).

Unified Giving does not include institutions, designated giving or special offerings.

Name _____
(Contact Person)

Phone # _____

Email _____

Comments for Presbytery Treasurer: _____

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. —Psalm 126:3 (NIV)

Please return this 2021 Pledge Card to Lisa Pressley at 114 Silver Creek Road, Morganton, NC 28655, or send an email to lpresley@presbyterywnc.org by November 9, 2020 with your congregation's response. We ask that you prayerfully consider pledging at least the amount you pledged in 2020 or, if possible, increase your pledge for 2021. If you need information regarding your 2020 contributions, contact Lisa Pressley at 828/438-4217.