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To: Presbytery Executives and Stated Clerks
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Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ as we approach the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost! The intent of the letter is to share particular highlights from the 239th Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and to ask for your prayers and support in the synod's continuing effort to discern its mission and ministry.

A major portion of the Assembly's time was spent listening to and responding to presentations by nine Presbyterians who are deeply involved in ministries of Race and Reconciliation, Young Adult Leadership, and New Immigrant Ministries. All three ministries are relevant to the times in which we live. How will the synod, presbyteries and churches respond? The 240th Synod Assembly will continue these conversations in some form. A bio-sketch is attached for each presenter. You can view excerpts of each presentation by visiting www.synatlantic.org, click on Assembly and then view the video.

The Assembly voted to increase per capita for 2018 from \$.80 to \$.85. The Finance Committee continues to investigate using income from particular funds to offset budget deficits. We remind each presbytery that in 2010 synod per capita was reduced from \$1.60 to \$.80 with the understanding that this reduction would last only for one year.

The terms of the Synod Executive and Stated Clerk were renewed for a second four year term.

The Assembly is continuing to explore and fund a proposal that will enable the Atlantic Korean American Presbytery to secure new Executive and Stated Clerk leadership.

A more thorough review of actions taken during the 239th Assembly is forthcoming with the publishing of the highlights. As the Executive Committee plans for the September 11-12, 2017 Assembly in Richmond, it will assist our work tremendously if you assist us in the following ways:

- Provide us with names of new commissioners whose terms are expiring in 2017 or who will not serve for any reason.
- Each Presbytery provides names of persons to serve on synod committees and commission. They include Jubilee Fund, Speer Trust Fund, Committee on Representation, Nominating Committee and the Permanent Judicial Commission. A member of the Synod Nomination Committee will reach out to you shortly to help it fill vacancies and terms that will expire at the end of the year.

Peace and blessings as you continue the unending work of Christ in this region and in the world!
