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Dear Members and Friends:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for the massive generosity you showed during December. Thanks to your giving, we are poised to begin 2023 on firm footing. Your unselfish giving has gone above and beyond what we ever imagined. This has not happened in many years.

Words cannot describe just how thankful we are for you.

I also want to share with you some additional good news about our church! Attendance has begun rising. We're beginning to see an influx of new people. We're seeing the return of people who have been gone from us for quite some time. We're beginning to reactivate ministries that had been dormant due to the pandemic. MCC NoVA is once again involved actively in ministry to the homeless/hungry. Fellowship with food following the morning service is slowly being reactivated. We are also beginning to rent space out to outside LGBTQ+ affirming groups.

Additionally, we are looking to introduce a regular men's ministry in the first quarter and are exploring avenues of ministry and support beyond the community. We are open to having volunteers to help us as we embark on these new avenues of ministry. The church is also open to general suggestions to help our church continue to grow and share God's message of unconditional love. So, if any of these interest you, let either our Pastor or me know. Stay tuned for additional information.

Again, please know that your gifts have encouraged all of us here at the "Little Church that can and does."

Be well,

**FRANK D. VANCE, JR.**  
Vice-Moderator