



Presbytery of Saint Augustine

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Dear Pastor and Session,

As we are about to enter into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, there is little question that this year has been a time of great uncertainty. You as leaders of the 56 churches of our Presbytery have undoubtedly had to think outside the box, providing ministry in unique and innovative ways to your congregation because of the COVID 19 pandemic. We as a Presbytery had to reassess how we could gather together as a body of Christ and carry out the daily mission of ministry, particularly in a COVID 19 world. What has been certain and constant in 2020 has been God's faithfulness with us! How I am reminded of those words from a very old hymn which proclaims, "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come," calling to our attention that as God has been with us through the ages, through 2020, God will be with us as we move into 2021.

We praise God for your faithfulness as members and leaders of this Presbytery, and it is at this time of the year that we are asking for your continued support and partnership in ministry through your church's pledge to the United Mission Giving. Your prayerful giving supports all the many ministries, programs, and services that the Presbytery provides during the year. Looking forward to 2021, your continued giving will make it possible for the Presbytery to support the new Ministry and Mission Coordinator on the Presbytery staff, along with our new Office Manager, and the continued excellence of our Communications Coordinator, Stated Clerk and Area Relationship Coordinators. Further, we have exciting goals in 2021 that increase opportunities for training, connections, and communications (including social media).

For your prayerful consideration of your gifts and giving we have included a Pledge Card that outlines the amount you pledged in 2020 and we have provided space for you to pledge for 2021. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider matching or possibly increasing this amount for 2021. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will allow us to provide resources for the many needs of the churches and ministries of our Presbytery.

The General Assembly apportionment ("Per Capita") for 2021 is \$8.98. **Based on your membership statistics, your portion is _____.** The presbytery forwards these per capita amounts to the support all of the programs and ministries of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

We thank you for your prayers, your support and your partnership in ministry. Though this year has been challenging, we look forward to what God will do in 2021, through you, your church and the Presbytery of St. Augustine.

Yours in Christ,

Diane M. Wilson

Chair of Coordinating Council