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Dear Elders,

It is a delight to remind you that your congregation is part of a Presbyterian family which includes **40 congregations and 4 campus ministries**. *Together*, we are 2947 Presbyterians strong in middle and SW Georgia! Although life during the past few years has brought ample challenge, so too has it brought fresh opportunities to be the church in creative and engaging ways. As always, our presbytery's focus remains unwavering: to encourage, equip and empower *your congregation* as it seeks to be an imaginative and inspiring witness to Jesus Christ in the world. We are particularly delighted that the sale of our presbytery office building has provided us with the opportunity to dedicate more funds to congregations and campuses who are making imaginative and faithful decisions about how best to be the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We hope you'll take a moment to review this information, so you are ever aware of the crucial ministries your giving makes possible.

**Helpful Facts re. our Annual Income:**

- 65% (approximately \$360,000) of our annual budget comes from congregational pledges
- 25% (approximately \$200,000) comes from special funds which have been generated through the generosity of Presbyterians through bequests, such as the Walter Flint Fund. *ALL of these funds go directly to support congregational creativity with mission grants.*
- 9% comes from congregational payment of per capita, most of which is sent to our synod and General Assembly to assist them as they support all of us through the ministry of our 6 denominational agencies, which include the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Office of the General Assembly, and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation
- 1% comes from individual donors

**Helpful Facts re. our Annual Expenditures:**

- 60% is used to provide the following:
  - experienced guidance for Sessions in the midst of challenges and change
  - intentional support and resources for installed clergy, CREs, TREs, and ruling elders
  - regular collaboration to equip and empower new leaders
  - educational events and experiences for Presbyterians of every age and background

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- 10% is used to offer focused training and support for congregations in any type of transition
- 20% is used to undergird our mission outreach at 4 college campuses throughout our presbytery
- 10% is used for our local, national and international mission partners, while also assisting the 6 denominational agencies which give so much to us

As you pray, plan and prepare your 2023 budget, we hope you'll consider our prayerful request, so that our shared ministry may flourish.

To that end, know that a member of our Finance Team will reach out to your Session moderator and clerk of Session in the next few months. The Finance Team member will explain the reasoning behind our pledge request. Know that members are glad to meet in-person, via Zoom, or simply provide additional e-mail information as needed. We are glad to be present in the way that will be most helpful to you.

We offer this to you with gratitude and joy,

The Finance Team of Flint River Presbytery

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