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Dear Ruling 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 2741 Presbyterians in middle and SW Georgia! Although life during the past few years has brought change and 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 a witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

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:

- 51% (or \$325,000) of our annual budget comes from **voluntary congregational pledges**
- 35% (or \$223,500) 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 and "pass through" the operating budget of our presbytery to assist congregations and campuses*
- 5% (or \$32,546) "**passes through**" our budget as General Assembly and synod per capita.

You can see how this denominational per capita is used at [by reviewing our 2025 Per Capita Amount per Member sheet on our website](#). When we fund our commissioners to give voice at national gatherings, they make decisions which impact the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Office of the General Assembly, and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation. These mission agencies often provide *valuable* and *free* services to our presbytery.

- 2% comes from **presbytery per capita**, which remains within the presbytery to assist with 75% of our administrative expenses.
- 7% comes from **individual donors** and miscellaneous income

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Helpful Facts re. our **Annual Expenditures based on voluntary congregational pledges:**

- 54% is used to provide the following **to enhance congregational health:**
 - guidance for Sessions in the midst of challenges and change
 - intentional support and resources for installed clergy, CREs, TREs, and ruling elders, which includes pastoral check-ins, annual retreats, and special fellowship events
 - regular collaboration to equip and empower new leaders through coaching and resourcing
 - online and in-person educational events and experiences for Presbyterians of every age and background
 - shared mission opportunities and regular communications like “Tuesday Treasures”
- 25% is used to undergird our **mission outreach** at 4 college campuses throughout our presbytery
- 20% is used to offer focused training and support for **congregations during pastoral transitions**
 - Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) training, support, and resourcing
 - consultation and guidance from staff and the Committee on Ministry
- 1% is used for our local, national and international **mission partners**

As you pray, plan and prepare your 2025 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 between September-November to discuss our pledge request. Know that Finance Committee 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 and look forward to hearing from you by **December 31, 2024.**

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