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Dear FRP Family,

The congregations of Flint River Presbytery are blessed to be able to be **the hands and feet of Jesus Christ** and to show **the heart of Christ** throughout the southwest corner of Georgia into Alabama. We cover a large geographic area and, for the most part, our congregations are small. Through the great faith of our congregations and the support structure of our presbytery, our witness to Jesus has continued to shine brightly through the years.

The Finance and Personnel Committees of our presbytery are responsible for directing the funding provided by the faithful giving of its members. We recognize that financial challenges lie ahead of us. In order to maintain our presbytery's support structure for the sake of our long-term witness to Jesus, **we are launching the Legacy Fund** as a way for our members to provide for the continued work of FRP as it supports and sustains congregations now and in the future.

We believe that the **Legacy Fund** is incredibly important for our presbytery's future. **A healthy presbytery invigorates local congregations in their mission and ministry. And healthy congregations animate a presbytery.** Our shared health depends on a circle of generosity – a circle which shares resources courageously and creatively so that we may equip the future church or ministry in the 21st century – and beyond!

Establishment of Fund:

In the spring of 2024, \$106,000 from the sale of various properties was earmarked for a newly established Legacy Fund.

As this fund increases, a growing amount of annual earnings will be applied to reduce budget strain around staff expenses.

How Can I Participate?

We bring this opportunity to you affirming that your primary responsibility for generous giving is *always* your local congregation. We will outline some ways in which you may give at both the congregational and presbytery level.

1.) Consider gifting 10% of your estate to your local congregation.

Reach out to your pastor and Session about the best way to leave a legacy.

2.) Consider gifting .25 - .5% of your estate to the Legacy Fund of FRP.

(For a clearer sense of what we are asking, this ask would yield \$2500-\$5000 in a million dollar estate.)

3.) If your estate is already established, consider making a one-time gift of the same amount from an IRA or another funding source to both your congregation and the presbytery.

4.) Consider naming both your congregation and Flint River Presbytery as a beneficiary for a percentage of a current life insurance policy or consider purchasing a small life insurance policy with your congregation and/or presbytery as the beneficiary.

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It is an honor to offer these suggestions to you!

We hope that you will use this letter as a springboard for renewed stewardship within your congregation as well as at the presbytery level.

Please share this letter at your Session meetings and consider how to best share this letter with your congregation as a whole. Do not hesitate to be in touch with questions and considerations to any of the individuals listed below.

In Jesus' Living Hope,

The Members of the Finance and Personnel Committees of FRP

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