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Dear PPC Members and Friends:

As we consider the needs and opportunities available to us through the Potomac Presbyterian Church annual Generosity Campaign, we first want to thank you for your generous financial support and many pledge increases from last year's appeal. As a congregation this year, we are celebrating connections we have with Christ, one another, and the community. As we do this we gratefully reflect on the new and expanded ministries enabled by our increased financial contributions.

This year we are requesting that we all prayerfully consider an 8% pledge increase to the church. This will enable us to maintain our current programs in this extraordinary period of 8% inflation. Importantly, our increase of 10%, 15% or more will allow us to:

- Further expand our social ministry and digital outreach to current members and prospective new members,
- Enhance other key ministries of the church, and
- Recognize Chris McAuliffe for his ordination as a minister of Word and Sacrament and his expanded role for PPC, together with the inherent increase in health, pension and related expenses required for pastors by the Presbytery.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to some dear friends of PPC who moved away or now know eternal rest, as has been the case in recent years. Many of these longtime members were likely amongst our larger pledgers. Because of the great progress made in our online and digital ministry, we may retain some of those who moved but we expect to need new and increased pledges to replace many of those who departed.

Whether you are a member or frequent visitor, please consider what the Church means to you and your family and the dividends you derive from it. We appreciate all contributions, but a pledge of your giving plan is particularly important. A pledge allows church leaders to make financial commitments for the coming year. Let's all plan to deliver our pledges online or in person on October 30, 2022, which is pledge dedication Sunday. This will allow us all to join together to show our support for the growth initiatives and wonderful current ministries of our church. Faith pays dividends!

When we work together as a faith community, and with God's help, we may then connect and grow our ministries on our journey toward, *Caring for ALL with Faith, Hope and Love.*

In Christ, your Generosity Committee: Jeanie Bissey, Jan Cookerly, Mike Dager,
Chris Dowd, Gregg Johnson (Chair), Paul Mamalian, Elsie Reid & Ed Tennent