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TO: Presbytery Stated Clerks
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Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

May the joy and peace of Emmanuel bring you strength and hope as we celebrate God-with-us in the coming days and years!

We are most thankful for the Incarnation and for all the experiences we have had in God's love being extended to us through others. It is by God's Spirit that we have been joined together as the Body of Christ in the world today, the living Incarnation of God-with-us and the world.

As each of you are aware, we imagine, the Presbytery of South Louisiana (PSL) is being challenged with its resources and life. As the Apostle Paul has reminded us:

If one member suffers, all suffer together.

We are asking the presbyteries of the Synod to prayerfully and intensely search for ways to share the incarnation of being the Body of Christ to and with each other. This is an opportunity for us to affirm our ecclesiastical integrity as Presbyterians.

The Synod has contributed to the support of the Presbytery of South Louisiana: direct financial contributions, sustaining the Synod's Administrative Commission (elected at the request of members of PSL) and in pastoral presence and guidance. A challenge for a minimum gift of \$3,000.00 from each of the other ten presbyteries has been suggested.

Whether this is possible or not for your presbytery is your determination. One presbytery has already committed a larger gift. As you prayerfully examine all the various funds in a presbytery (and some of those less obvious pockets), we encourage you to affirm the reality of our all being members of one body, Christ's Body, the Church. Let us be with and strengthen the member among us who is struggling.

As we celebrate the Good News of God coming among us in Jesus, the Christ, may we intentionally share the Good News of the incarnation with our sisters and brothers in the PSL.

Grace and Peace!

Gordon

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