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Dear Regional Council Members, Ministry Personnel, Chairs of Governing Bodies, Regional Executives and Committees:

I have such a deep sense of gratitude for our Ministry Personnel, our Communities of Faith's governing bodies and our many staff both in local congregations and at the regional level. We have been, and continue to be, affected by this pandemic. We are truly blessed and upheld by each other and by a good, loving and ever-present God.

I have been receiving questions about the Annual Congregational Meetings. Please note the General Council Executive has made the following decisions:

- To extend the temporary suspension of the requirement in section B.5.1 of The Manual for congregations or pastoral charges to hold an annual meeting, such suspension having originally been adopted in April 2021; and
- To extend the temporary amendment of the responsibility of the congregation or pastoral charge to make a decision on the annual draft budget by allowing the governing body of the congregation or pastoral charge to fulfil this responsibility where necessary, as originally adopted in April 2021,

with each of the foregoing to be in effect until **June 30, 2022**, subject to earlier cancellation or further extension by decision of the Executive or Sub-Executive of the General Council.

It is important to note the charitable return T3010 form to keep your Charitable number must be filed on or **before June 30, 2022**.

As we wade through these difficult times, may we do so together, with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Sincerely,

Faith March-MacCuish  
Executive Minister