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Dear friends in Christ,

Pastors and congregations continue to live through a time of challenge unknown in our lives. I am awed by all that you've done to keep your congregation connected and serving – and I am here to support you. I understand the challenges of ministry and can help you discern the best ways to serve your congregation and community. Please get in touch if I can assist you!

Online Giving

If your church has not set up online giving yet, I can help you get started. The Presbyterian Foundation offers an <u>online giving portal</u> (<u>www.presbyterianfoundation.org/onlinegiving/</u>) that handles all of the administrative tasks of processing gifts, transferring funds to your church once a month (more often by request). No set-up fees required. Please get in touch with me if you'd like to set up online giving.

Resources During a Pandemic

The Presbyterian Foundation has compiled resources to help your congregation deal with the challenges of worship and serving your community during a pandemic. Find those at www.presbyterianfoundation.org/covid19.

Stewardship

Stewardship Navigator (https:// stewardshipnavigator.com) is a new resource that you may find helpful. It is an online resource available at no cost for PC(USA) churches. You can sign up for an online account and find resources on all aspects of stewardship, including an online calendar.

Presbyteria

I am happy to set up a time to talk to you, your pastor or other church leaders about creating theologically sound stewardship campaigns that invite all of your members to participate.

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." – 1 Peter 4:10 "The Presbyterian Foundation is a wonderful resource for local churches. First of all, it helps the pastor not have to carry all the water of stewardship education. The Foundation has helped us realize a variety of giving methods, and we know that has increased the giving, particularly of our younger cohort." – Rev. Louise Westfall, Pastor

Planned Giving

Working through a plan for your estate is essential, and such a big relief for those who accomplish this task. Members of your congregation may find it helpful to have a session on <u>estate planning</u> (www.presbyterianfoundation.org/willslegacy-giving/)while their calendars are free of the typical events of fall. I can lead a webinar or other similar session with members of your congregation who are ready to take this important step.

Investments

As you plan for the future of your church, it may be time to consider who holds your church's investments. Do you receive personalized service from those who manage those accounts? Can you get help when you need it? Are your investments held in ways that are consistent with Presbyterian values? I can talk with you about meeting your investment needs in socially responsible investments that help you meet your financial and moral objectives.

"The Presbyterian Foundation is a partner with us, and in being a partner, they are helping us be what God has called us to be." —Rev. Jeremy Jinkins, Pastor

Church Financial Leadership Academy

Few pastors or commissioned ruling elders would say that they had adequate financial training for leading their church. That's why we created the Church Financial Leadership Academy. It's a Netflix-style website for church leaders who need resources to bolster their knowledge of church finances – and it's offered free of charge, thanks to a grant from the Lilly Endowment Inc. You can find it here: <u>https://churchfla.com/</u>

