

*On July 28th the members of the MPPC Session voted to send a letter to the congregation. Unfortunately, the text of the letter that was dated August 6th was not the text of the letter that was approved by the Session. This error occurred when an earlier draft of the letter was mistakenly transmitted to the church staff for printing. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused and the correct version of the letter is below.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! As members of the Session, which includes our installed pastors, we are humbled to serve such a strong community of faith. Like all faith communities, our congregation has been deeply impacted by Covid-19 and has found it necessary to make significant changes and to find new ways to stay connected. Many on the staff and in the congregation have stepped up to help meet these challenges in creative and lifegiving ways. We are deeply grateful for all of these efforts and gifts that have kept us strong in this unprecedented time. Thank you!

We are excited about our future as a Church and the steps we are taking to grow in our discipleship. We are committed as a Session to using this season as a time for continued spiritual growth, self-understanding, and reflection on God's call to us as a congregation as we prepare to come together again physically on our beautiful campus. We believe this is the right time to ask ourselves who we are, what we believe, and where God may be leading us in the months and years to come.

Just prior to the pandemic, we entered into a partnership with Pinnacle Leadership Associates, a church consulting group here in South Carolina, to support us in these efforts. Pinnacle has partnered with hundreds of congregations, including several within the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery. Over the next year we will spend time working and learning together with our Pinnacle consultant through retreats, prayer, study, and coaching, seeking to discern where God's Spirit may be leading us in our shared ministry.

We want to be clear that this is not about Church structure or organization. Much useful work has been done over the last year organizing the Session, the Diaconate, our ministry teams and staff. Instead we are now asking how can we as a Session better model servant leadership and how can we as a Church live more deeply into our call to discipleship in Christ, utilizing all of the many gifts God has given us to do his work.

We want you to know that as members of the Session we are fully invested in this process. Toward that end, we pledge to provide united leadership focused on continuing to discern the will of God in the life of this congregation. We likewise pledge to continue to support the strong ministry for which this Church has long been known through the gifts of our time, talent, and treasure. We invite you to join us in those dual commitments. We ask for your prayers and your support as we continue our journey of faithfulness together.

In Christ's Service,

The Session

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