

THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 8, 2007

Dear Friends, Members, and Participants of National Presbyterian Church,

This is a letter about our current life at National Presbyterian Church. On the page that gave you the link to this letter, you will also find links to a letter and a set of questions from our Session. The letter describes the desire of our elders to improve their conversation with you. The answers to the survey will be used at our fall congregational meeting.

October is a very important month in the life of our congregation. We look forward to our **All-Church Retreat**, October 12-14, a 24-hour **Day of Prayer and Fasting**, October 19-20, our **Fall Congregational Meeting** on October 21, when we will elect our officers and have time for the officers to listen to the congregation's feedback about life at NPC, and on October 28, a **Reformation Day Celebration** in worship of our Lord for giving us sixty years as The National Presbyterian Church and forty years since the laying of the cornerstone of our church.

As you know, we have been concerned about balancing the annual budget. Our hope is that recent staff cuts and further operating budget cuts will bring our budget into viability.

However, our income is not static. Our faith giving is about \$120,000 higher than it was in September of 2006. This is very good news. Your increased giving is making a difference. At the fall meeting of the congregation, we should have some clear projections to the end of the year.

As you may have seen, there is construction equipment in our parking lot. Several renovation projects are underway or are planned for the near future for our 40-year old facility: 1) the replacement of heating and air conditioning systems in the main building, including the sanctuary and chapel, 2) the replacement of gutters on the main building, and 3) the replacement of the elevator.

Much of the funds for these projects were set aside a few years ago when a friend (and non-member) of our church left NPC a significant gift. The trustees and elders set this money aside for needed repairs on our facilities. What a wonderful gift from God at an important time. As a result, no operational money is being used for these three projects. At the same time, we'd like to replenish this designated fund in the near future.

Our Property Committee of the Trustees and our property management team, Stone House Group, are working very hard to keep our buildings in excellent working order and looking good. In the next five years, our buildings will continue to need significant renovation. Our officers are considering the possibility of a capital funds campaign to help pay for these needed renovations.

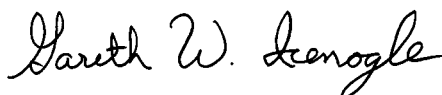
At our upcoming Day of Prayer and Fasting, we encourage you to join us in prayer for our beloved National Presbyterian Church. Pray for your pastors and staff. Pray for your elders, trustees, and deacons. Pray for clarity regarding our ability to listen to the Spirit of God and guide this church into the future.

Our 2006 strategic plan, developed in community and prayer, sets the themes for our ministry future: 1) growing disciples of Jesus Christ; 2) preparing healthy leaders; 3) engaging the next generations; and 4) becoming a healing and reconciling church.

We have a past permeated with the Love of God to celebrate; a present in which to do the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ; and a future guided with clarity by the Spirit of God, to pursue.

Let us follow Christ into that future with patience, perseverance, persistence, and prayer. Let us love one another on the way. Let us work together for a common good so that National Presbyterian Church will grow in depth, strength of character, maturity and size.

Your Servant in Christ,



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