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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Beaver-Butler Presbytery,

I am honored for the privilege to serve as moderator of Beaver-Butler Presbytery alongside of each of you. I am looking forward to our continued ministry together in our presbytery. As we begin a new year and new opportunities as a covenant community supporting, nurturing, and helping grow disciples in the way of Christ in each our congregations; I want to be sure to communicate that our new mission statement is not just words – but something we intentionally do. Along with the Coordinating Team, we are working hard to established goals – the very ways in which we can accomplish this together.

Without a doubt, these past few years have taught us many lessons about being the church, both in our individual congregations and together as the presbytery. We have learned or in the very least, been reminded of our connection to one another and our need for each other in the mission we share in the ministry of Christ. You will notice that as we gather for our presbytery meetings this year, each will have a particular theme- intentionally living into our mission statement. We look forward to your participation and input in this process.

This month at our January meeting, we will be sharing some of the goals and objectives before us for this new year and beyond. We will do so involving each of you in hope that we further deepen our connections and grow together. This month we will do this worshipping together in our annual memorial service as well as shared conversations around our vision goals and objectives. Each of our subsequent meetings will then cover other intentional ways that we can support and nurture each other in ministry, beyond just doing business.

Please note that included in your presbytery meeting packet for January, is the complete list of our goals and objectives for your information and consideration ahead of the meeting's conversation. Along with the Coordinating Team, I look forward to our year ahead and ways that we, as the presbytery- a covenant community- can work together, supporting and nurturing our growth in Christ.

Lastly, just a quick reminder that starting this month folks attending presbytery meetings via zoom will no longer have the ability to vote. Voting delegates must be present in person. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to make our way forward. Thank you.

I am truly looking forward to serving as your moderator!

*Rev. Jamie Fowler*

Moderator Beaver Butler Presbytery