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Friends:

Greetings! We write to you today with an update on the work of the standing committee on Personnel. Under the proactive leadership of Dave and Carol, we had reluctantly brought to the April Synod meeting the recommendation that the Synod move to one full time equivalent in the executive position by 1/1/2012, basing that primarily on fiscal considerations.

The implementation of such a plan is complex. There is no doubt in any of our minds that the faithfulness, wisdom, professionalism, breadth of experience and gifts of our current co-executives are such that we need to exercise all care possible in planning any leadership transition for the Synod. When we met again in May, we concluded it would be more prudent for us to ease our pace to allow us to incorporate whatever actions might come from this summer's GA about synods and to give us time to gather input from the stakeholders in any discussion about the future ministry of the Synod. We need to know how we will be configured before we can plan for leadership changes.

We will be bringing to the July Synod meeting the recommendation to rescind the April motion and recommend that the Synod plan and implement a three year process to discern the future leadership needs of the Synod as the Synod moves into partnership in ministry and mission in new ways.

Please pray with us and our GA commissioners as we seek discernment about our future.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Eddie Knox, Moderator
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