



November 3, 2020

Dear Friends,

As I have been trying to understand how the uncertainties caused by the events of 2020 have impacted each of us and collectively all of us, I am struck by how innovative, flexible, and resilient PEVA and its churches have been in supporting their ministries both internally, in their communities, and around the world.

PEVA's churches have experimented with virtual worship and fellowship events. They have in some cases joined forces to share resources, both people and technology, to bring opportunities to their congregations that may not have been possible separately.

Your faithfulness in financially supporting The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia is greatly appreciated. It has enabled PEVA to make grants totaling over \$106,000 to 31 churches & 8 other entities in the areas of technology improvement, hunger alleviation, outdoor recreation, and other financial support including facility repair. Clearly, God's hand has been on all of us as we have and will continue to collectively work through these difficult times.

The Council and Trustees have been vigilant in using your contributions prudently, realizing how difficult the resource allocation process is in these times. Our General Presbyter, Rev. Liza Hendricks and the entire PEVA staff have worked tirelessly to faithfully guide and direct with great vision the efficient use of what you have entrusted to us. Despite the difficulties of operating in a pandemic world, I am continually amazed by and thankful for what I see in their support of all of us. Please commend them for how they have brought our churches together in ministry. The recent Zoom PEVA meeting is a vivid example.

As you and your sessions work through the 2021 stewardship process, I ask for your support of The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's continuing and hopefully growing ministries to the PEVA churches and the world. We realize that you are each trying to sustain and grow ministry in your place. But as a connectional church, we want to be able to best support one another in ministry and mission as we evolve to our new normal world, whatever that ends up being.

I thank you on behalf of the PEVA Trustees, Council, and Staff for your past and current support and prayerful consideration of how you can financially support PEVA moving forward in 2021 and beyond.

Elder Larry Hull

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*"We build bridges across divides to deepen connection to Christ
and one another to serve the world."*

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