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Letter of Invitation to Communities of Faith to be part of a Conversation to Explore Collaborative Ministry

Dear Friends,

Recently, several leaders from United Churches in our area met to talk about a new approach to ministry. The reason for the discussion is the common struggle in our churches with finances and the sense we could do more effective ministry by sharing resources.

What if we were to take a bold step and talk to each other about sharing ministry personnel, lay leadership, programs, and so on?

What could we do together that we struggle to do on our own?

What if, by working together, we could make better use of the gifts of lay leaders, ministers, and lighten the financial load?

Other churches have asked these same questions and are exploring working together – sharing staff and resources – in a new approach called “Collaborative Ministry”.

We are inviting your community of faith to explore the idea in our area.

A small planning team has met to develop the focus and strategy to engage in this conversation. The description of the topic that has been planned is: Exploring Collaborative Ministry – A Conversation about Emerging Ministry Possibilities.

Our hope is that a wide variety of people will be interested in being part of the next conversation. We encourage each community of faith to be part of a Zoom gathering, including the minister, the chair of the governing body, regional reps and two or three others. There is no limit to the number you could have at the meeting!

This meeting date and time is

The invitation is being extended to the following churches

You may want to assure people we are not looking at closing or amalgamating churches – just doing things more effectively, being the church in new and exciting ways.

On behalf of the planning team,