“May the Lord… give you peace at all times and in all ways…” ~ II Thessalonians 3:16

Dear Members,

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ’s peace extends throughout all creation. We celebrate that we are all together at the table, in God’s house. We celebrate that we are offered what we need to continue the work of building the household of God with active peacemakers here at home and around the world.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ’s peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. We celebrate the truth found in 2nd Thessalonians, “May the God of peace give you peace at all times in all ways*.*

Jesus Christ invites believers from all over the world, in every time and place, to join us. As we open the doors and prepare the meal, Christ invites all—despite our differences, experiences, and pasts—to come to the table as one body and to make peace through reconciliation and advocating for God’s justice.

Christ invites us to join in the ministry of reconciliation and the pursuit to end violence through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our participation in this Offering and the ministries it supports, we offer healing, peace, and reconciliation. In joining the Offering, we serve God’s people in Cameroon, where violence and conflict threaten, in the U.S.A. with ministries of reconciliation inside prison walls, and in Malawi, where peacemakers seek to eradicate diseases like HIVAIDS and their impacts on the most vulnerable. This offering will [share your story of peace/reconciliation] with the 25% we retain for our own ministries of peace and reconciliation.

Our Session and I invite you to join in this ministry. Visit the Peace & Global Witness Offering website [www.pcusa.org/peace-global] to find more information on how our gifts promote peace in our world. As a community of God’s people seeking to be instruments of peace bearing “peace, at all times and in all ways,” we want to make our commitment and participation in ministries of peace visible to all. I pray that the God of Peace might inspire us to be peacemakers in every word and deed as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 1 and give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

May we claim Jesus Christ as Prince of Peace and pattern our lives in the compassion, kindness, and grace that he shows us.

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Rev./Pastor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_