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Dear Friends:

The Covenant Presbyterian Foundation was formed in 1998 with the mission of building a sustainable legacy for Covenant Presbyterian Church. Over the years, we've been proud to contribute significant funds for many important needs. In the past year alone, we spearheaded a \$350,000 matching campaign to help retire Covenant's mortgage debt, and we offered substantial underwriting to help our pastors acquire housing.

One of the Foundation's main interests is education, and so it is with great excitement that we announce an effort to help Covenant members become better stewards of their finances. You will see regular information from the Foundation in mailings, in the newsletters and on Covenant's website. Foundation Trustees will also be available to speak to your groups. Through these articles and activities, we'll offer tips about:

- How to plan for retirement. Planning for retirement is important regardless of your financial situation.
- How to incorporate charitable giving into your family's life. Generosity is a core value, and passing a commitment to charity to the next generation is one of the greatest gifts you can give.
- End-of-Life planning and documents. It is hard to overstate the importance of estate planning and having a will. Regardless of your income or age, Texas law is such that dying without a will can leave your family in chaos.

As we talk about ways to save and give money, we will also provide information about how you can incorporate some of these ideas to support the church through the Foundation. Unlike other church programs, our need for funding is not immediate. For instance, you might consider including a bequest to the Covenant Foundation in your will—it's simple for you and helps us plan far into the future. Or you might think about switching all or part of a beneficiary designation on your individual retirement account to the Foundation. If a loved one passes, you may mention a contribution to the Foundation "in lieu of flowers."

The Foundation Trustees are excited to start a conversation about planning for the future—both of the church and as individuals and families, and are eager to share this beneficial information that will help you find the best ways to save and give. We hope that you will consider supporting the Foundation in the way that works best for you and your loved ones.

All the best,

The Covenant Presbyterian Foundation Trustees

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