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Greetings!

Earlier this week I walked into the office of National Capital Presbytery as the new General Presbyter eager and excited to start the job. So, what first? A question, as you can imagine, was asked a lot as my first day approached. I could offer an answer around new vision and energy; a commitment to continuing the work that came before; turning half of our churches into sustainable alpaca farms (kidding!). What I hope to accomplish first in this new role is *listening*.

For the first few months on the job I want to hear from as many of you as possible. I want to hear your stories of celebration where you have seen the living Christ in and amongst your communities. I want to catch fire for your vision of what might be next in your lives, churches, and in this presbytery. Through listening I have faith that a real and honest relationship can begin as we support each other in ministry.

Here are some of the best ways to make that possible...

- Be on the lookout for regional “office hours” where I’ll be setting up camp in a coffee shop for the day.
- Invite me to worship with you and your congregation on a Sunday morning
- Call me at the office anytime (240)-514-5350.

My prayer for this body of good and faithful servants is that we live into our shared calling in ministry, build friendships where collaboration can flourish, and be ever ready to move to who and where our God is calling us to go and be.

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