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Greetings,

On Wednesday, March 11, 2020, an ad hoc Executive Committee (which consists of the General Presbyter, Rev. John Molina-Moore, the Stated Clerk, Sara Coe, the Moderator of Presbytery, Elder Mariam Dewhurst, the Vice Moderator of Presbytery, Elder Michael Rankin and the Chairperson of Leadership Council, Elder Charles Barber) met to discuss whether to cancel the March 24th presbytery meeting. According to Standing Rule #2 the Executive Committee is empowered to make decisions regarding cancellation of Presbytery meetings in cases of emergencies.

The executive committee unanimously agreed to cancel the March 24th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. Our rationale for canceling started with the acknowledgment of having no immediate business that could not wait until our May meeting, but more importantly the committee didn't feel the need to put any of the members or our body further at risk. The overwhelming majority of us will most likely be fine during the spread of this virus. However, our concern is for the safety of those who are most vulnerable. We all agreed, the safety of our most vulnerable should take precedent over the inconvenience of canceling the March 24th meeting.

We hope that our churches and ministries around the Presbytery continue to use the best practices around stopping the spread of this virus. We also fully trust the discretion of each of our Sessions on whether they continue to meet and worship. Our [website](#) has an ongoing collection of best practices and recommendations from the CDC as well as other congregations and faith communities. Please continue to check it often. For our churches considering canceling, or have already canceled their worship services, NCP will host a webinar led by our staff, on how to make your services available online.

Please continue to pray for those who have already been infected and for those on the front lines of battling this virus.

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