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Dear Ministry Partners,

I was recently asked why a church should contribute to National Capital Presbytery's Unified Mission Fund. I was excited by the question and want to share my response with you:

We don't have a unified mission fund, per se. We have a mission budget that supports a variety of amazing and creative works done by committees and teams of the presbytery in partnership with our churches. It funds the mission of National Capital Presbytery: empowering and challenging our congregations to be missional, pastoral, and prophetic. I hope you've seen evidence of that work in the life of the 102 congregations that make up our Presbytery but in case you want to broaden your perspective, I invite you to review the [Impact 2021](#) document on our website.

Gifts or pledges that come in with the designation of benevolence/unified mission/shared giving go to support the mission budget, directly and exclusively. Without those dollars, NCP's reach and ability to support our congregations are immediately reduced. In the past couple of years, the mission budget has supported dozens of congregations with hybrid and online worship set ups, anti-racism training, congregational assessment tools, redevelopment opportunities, learning labs, countless continuing education opportunities for both laity and clergy, mission partnerships – the list goes on and on.

Giving to support the mission budget allows opportunity to be shared by our communities and distributed in a collective and equitable way. Your gift has the ability to impact not only all of the congregations in National Capital Presbytery but to leave a footprint on the folks that each of those congregations touch as well. Talk about exponential impact!

If you or your church has not yet made your **2022 Unified Mission Giving commitment**, I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so. In 2022, we shifted to an electronic process for doing so and instructions can be found in this edition of the Thursday Mail.

Blessings,

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