

## **Moderator's Report**

I greet you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As we gather for this Presbytery meeting via Zoom, we continue in the midst of pandemic and vastly changing times. Disruptions and changes still abound in our personal lives and living, our communities, churches, Presbytery and throughout the larger church.

Meetings continue to occur via Zoom, teleconference and other electronic means. Our weekly Presbytery support zoom meetings on Tuesday afternoon, have served as a valuable sounding box to expressing needs, frustrations, concerns and joys. Even more so there has been a bountiful sharing of helpful resources and ideas. Most importantly it has brought our Presbytery together through support and prayer. If you have not been a part of this ongoing online group, I encourage you to avail yourself today.

Presbytery grants to local churches for mission, technology and payroll support are still being accepted. A variety of grants have already been approved. If your congregation has not considered this opportunity, I would encourage your participation today. The process is not complicated and it's a great way of cooperating together in ministry, mission and work of the church.

Many thanks to our Presbytery staff, led by General Presbyter Ian McMillan, along with Stated Clerk Richard Francis, Office Administrator Jeannie Stolee and Treasurer Karen Kaiser. Each has done a tremendous job of communication and organization, providing ongoing support and encouragement through their individual responsibilities and combined joint efforts.

Special thanks and kudos to each of our pastors, sessions, clerks, worship committees, musicians and many others in each of our churches for the variety of ways they have stepped up to provide online worship services, devotion, and community resources.

In these changing and uncertain times, we thank God for the gift of faith – trusting in the One who never changes, the One who is never absent, the One who will never ever forsake us. Trusting in Jesus Christ, the work, mission, ministry and life of the church will continue in new and exciting ways.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Kevin Freese, Moderator