

November 13, 2021.

Dear Congregation: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am looking forward to worshipping with you next week Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This worship service will be about 40 minutes long. After the worship service, we plan to have an informal congregational meeting to discuss ideas about the future ministry of the congregation. This will be a time to discuss the congregation's vision in terms of what Christ is calling them to do in the congregation, in the community and in the world. This congregational meeting will run for about an hour.

In the current ministry vacancy, I have been appointed by the presbytery to be your interim moderator. Primarily, my role is to moderate the session meetings, ensure pulpit supply for each Sunday is in place; that regular pastoral care is happening in the congregation, and that pastoral care in emergency situations is in place when the need arises. In addition, I am engaged by the presbytery to lead the session and congregation in the process of calling a minister.

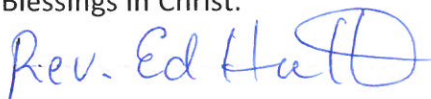
If you are new to the congregation and perhaps have only attended the worship service a few times, please do not hesitate to attend the service and the meeting. You are most welcome! No decisions will be made at this meeting.

The purpose of this meeting of the congregation is explore thoughts and questions from the congregation. These comments and question will be brought back to the session. Then the session and I (Rev.Ed) will prayerfully discern the congregational questions and comments and consider that information when planning the next step for the congregation in terms of ministry leadership. This ministry leadership could be the calling of a full-time minister, or another form of ministry at this time and place. We will talk about the various options going forward. Please feel free to come with your questions.

In preparation for the meeting, think about the future ministry of the church in line with what you see Christ is desiring for his church. We are called as disciples of Christ to advance his Kingdom. How do you envision your congregation moving forward in terms of Christ's commission in this congregation?

Looking forward to seeing you next Sunday.

Blessings in Christ.



Rev. Ed Hoekstra

Interim Moderator of Lucknow and South Kinloss Presbyterian Churches.