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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Grace and peace to you in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

In 2007 the Synod Convention adopted a resolution calling for a strategy to work toward greater harmony in our Synod. The Board of Directors and the Council of Presidents appointed a Task Force on Synodical Harmony that met throughout the past triennium. This task force presented a preliminary report in the 2010 Convention Workbook (pp. 74ff). The 2010 Synod directed the Task Force to finish its work and to suggest various strategies for the Synod to follow.

The Task Force on Synodical Harmony brought a final report to a joint meeting of the Council of Presidents and the Board of Directors in November 2010. In response the COP and BOD jointly requested the task force to work with my office to publish their final report and to develop a way forward in conjunction with a proposed “Koinonia Project.” Together with this letter you will find three documents. First is a brief document entitled “A Way Forward” that brings together the strategies suggested by the task force and the “Koinonia Project.” The second document is the text itself of the Final Report of the Task Force on Synodical Harmony. Finally, we have provided a concept paper outlining in preliminary fashion the “Koinonia Project” we are now developing.

We bring these documents together in hopes that you will read them sequentially, and with the prayer that our gracious God, by His Spirit in His Word, will make us “eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,” as the apostle writes (Ephesians 4:3). Please understand that the “Koinonia Project” is still in development and that we are working collaboratively with many groups to design, test and begin to carry through on this effort. You will hear more of this as the project grows into the future. God’s peace to all!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Matthew C. Harrison, President
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