

October 17, 2023

Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ from Athens, GA! We are midway this whirlwind of a fall semester and excited to share that for the first time since Spring 2020, we have surpassed pre-COVID participation in the life of the ministry. Whether building community at Freshman Small Group, encouraging each other at Coffee & Queeries, or taking a deep dive at Theology on Tap, we have enjoyed getting to know new students and catch up with returning ones. WORD+TABLE remains the PSC's central gathering, welcoming well over 30 students weekly for dinner and worship. And, of course, there are the countless pastoral meals and coffees; all signs that the Spirit is at work through the PSC in the lives and faith of these students!

While we are encouraged by the number of students participating, it is most exciting to witness young people experience being loved and welcomed for who they are, some for the first time in a church. What an incredible gift to co-create a community of faith with college students who are passionate about loving their neighbors and being representations of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world.

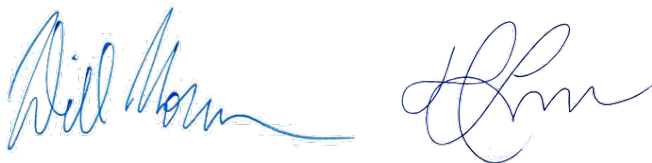
Thank YOU for your help keeping us going and growing strong!

As you know, much of this ministry runs on the generosity of supporting congregations and individuals like you. For a nearly a decade, that support has been supplemented by a number of grant awards. This year marks an unfortunate convergence of three of these grants sunsetting, leaving the PSC with a nearly \$25K deficit in the coming fiscal year in spite of continuing growth in both donations and revenue. While we are expectantly hopeful that we will replace some of this with new grant applications, it is also vital that the financial investment of our local network of supporters continues to grow with the ministry.

To this end, we are asking all of our supporters to consider increasing your gift to the PSC for this year and going forward. The progress so far has shown us what is possible with a robustly staffed ministry, but we still have further to go if we are to sustain and build upon the successes and growth of the past five years.

Every dollar truly helps. Thank you friends, for growing with us in support of these amazing students!

Grace & Peace



Rev. Will Norman & Rev. Haley Lerner
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