

## A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MODERATOR

January 11, 2018

Dear Fellow Church Members and Friends,

Happy New Year to one and all!

Since we last wrote, we enjoyed a wonderful Advent time filled with worship, musical events, celebrations and more. Each year, Advent in our church surprises and amazes all of us. We hope your life, and that of family and friends, was enriched throughout the Advent season.

As we enter January, we are quickly shifting to our church's annual planning processes (and even Lent on the near horizon). In that vein, we are providing an important reminder of two events coming up very soon; these are as follows:

- **Steward's Review Meeting (Sunday, January 21)** - Immediately following the worship service, our Church Stewards will present the proposed 2018 annual budget and take questions. The budget review will be followed by a presentation and discussion of the findings of the Facilities Condition Assessment Plan (FCAP), nearly complete, and next steps, including the proposed preparation of a Church Master Plan.
- **Annual Meeting of the Church (Sunday, January 28)** – This meeting will immediately follow the worship service. At this meeting we will review the past year, consider nominees for church leadership posts, and consider the proposed budget for 2018. Church members will be asked to vote on both the proposed slate of nominees and on the operating budget for 2018. The meeting will be a further opportunity to learn about the current status of the Church and Parish House buildings and how a team of church leaders proposes to address important physical plant issues.

We look forward to seeing you on both dates to share with you a vision for 2018 and beyond and to hear your ideas for how we can best minister to ourselves, to each other, to our community, and to the world beyond. We believe the best is yet to come!

Faithfully,

Janeen S. Hansen  
Moderator

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Rising Moderator

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Moderator Emerita