*This letter is intended as a template. Please modify as helpful. Please update the parts in* ***bold*** *with information from your context. We suggest the minister and chair of board or equivalent sign it. Please remove this paragraph before sending.*

Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you and yours healthy, safe, and well! With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic we are indeed in the midst of a different time and reality. Yet as always, we are not alone, God is with us!

Please let me share some good news. Your church continues to be a place where everyone can easily and openly experience a God of great love. Even as some members of our fellowship face new challenges, our first priority remains providing pastoral care and maintaining relationships in our community of faith and beyond. Calls are made, people are cared for, and worship continues **[online]**.

It takes many people, lots of talents, creativity, and vision to make God’s love real.

Thank-you for making God’s love real!

Here’s the thing: making God’s love real also requires funding. Today I am asking each of you to please reflect on what this spiritual community means for you and your ability, whatever it may be, to make a commitment of financial support. At the same time as some will have to reduce their level of giving, others will be able to increase their giving. I do not invite those who can share more to do so grudgingly in order to “make up” for those who must unwillingly reduce their giving. I invite you to share more cheerfully, because this is how the community of Jesus cares for each other and those around them. Within the community of Jesus, the church, ALL gifts are a sign of faith and an act of generosity to be celebrated.

So again, thank you for your generosity; and please consider how you will share that generosity:

Drop a series of post-dated cheques in the church mail slot, or send them by mail.

Sign up for PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance).

* We have **[#]** families that financially support our church in some way. **[#]** of those give through PAR. I want to say a special thank you to our PAR donors! It is at times like this that your consistent, automatic, monthly giving helps sustain us. Your commitment is a big gift!
* You can join them by completing the enclosed PAR form or **[calling the church office at** **#]**. We can help get you set up.

Go online to [canadahelps.org](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/).

* Search for our congregation: **[name of congregation as found on canadahelps.org]**.
* Select it from the list.
* Enter the amount of your donation, and click CONTINUE.
* Fill in the required information, and you will have supported your church and the ministry we share.

Thank you for seriously considering this request. You are appreciated!