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Dear Partners in God's Mission:

We are writing to invite you and your congregation to participate in the "Mission Renewal Process," which is a time of focused reflection, discernment, and action that will renew your commitment and expand your capacity to engage in God's mission in your community.

The process will begin with a workshop on Saturday, January 8, 8:30 am-12:00 noon, at Christ Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill, 105 W. University Avenue, St. Paul. The design is for each congregation to send a team including a pastor and 4-7 creative and energetic lay leaders to begin this journey. We will present an overview of the process and lay out the first few steps more concretely, and congregations will be given several assignments to undertake. The cost is \$100 per congregation, which includes all books and materials. Those who wish to continue the process will be invited to participate in quarterly workshops, which will run from 8:30-12:00 noon. The dates for these events and basic themes are:

- Saturday, January 8: Listening to God
- Saturday, March 5: Listening to Each Other
- Saturday, May 7: Listening to the Community
- Saturday, August 27: Imagining a Missional Experiment
- January, 2012: Evaluation and Next Steps

In between these events, congregations will be able to consult with the Assistant to the Bishop who works with their conference, and, when feasible, will partner with a nearby congregation to engage in mutual accountability and support.

The desired outcome for this process is for the congregation to have a clearer understanding of what God is calling them to be and do in their specific context, and to begin an ongoing process of discernment, action, and reflection that will move the congregation to engage in this mission.

We hope you will consider this invitation, and feel free to contact us if you have any questions. If you are interested in the process, but unable to attend on January 8, please let us know and we will inform you when the next process is beginning

In Christ,

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