

January 15th, 2024

Dear siblings in Christ,

The members of the GLP Administrative Commission for Dardenne send warm wishes for a blessed year ahead for each of you and to each member of the Dardenne PC congregation. As Christians, we believe that with Christ as our shepherd and God as our constant, we have become one family, (“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” - 1 Cor. 12:27), siblings all to one another. In that vein and with great hope of engaging with you in conversation, we continue to reach out to you, our siblings in Christ.

On December 22nd, 2023, an email including an attached letter, was sent to each person we currently have listed as active elders on the Dardenne PC session. At the time the email was sent, we also did not have complete contact information for all members of the session, nor did we have confidence that we were communicating with the current members of the session. We assume that the email was received by each person but have no way of knowing as we to date have not received a response from the session nor from any individual member of it.

Moving forward, we would like to ensure that each current member of the session is able to receive our communications directly. If you would provide confirmation of the roles and the missing email addresses, it would be helpful in our efforts to make sure that all persons are treated with equal care and attention. In addition, if there are others who you feel it would be helpful to have included in future communications, feel free to send along their information and we will add them to our list of contacts.

In keeping with our faith tradition (“God, who reconciled us to [God’s] self through Christ...has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” – 2 Cor. 5:18), we invite the whole of Dardenne Presbyterian Church including pastoral leadership, the members of session, and the entire Dardenne church body, to join us in conversation. Our wish is for someone to contact us by January 21st, 2024, to begin arrangements for a gathering that would extend this conversation to those beyond the narrow contingent of the DPC session.

We continue to keep the entire Dardenne PC community in our prayers and hold on to hope that we will hear from you soon.

In peace, joy, love, and hope, and in the name of our reconciling Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

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