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Dear brothers of the Great Lakes Gulf Presbytery,

We write this letter to publicly thank you for hearing our petition (GLG 21-11), allowing us to publicly address the court in person at the last Presbytery meeting, and agreeing to send the Christ Church Reconciliation Committee (CCRC) to help our church. We realize there is a great deal of weighty activity within this presbytery, and that our petition took your time and many resources (physical, emotional, spiritual) to handle and consider. Even now, there is a related report to consider and, we hope, follow-up effort to expend in our behalf. We believe the expense of human energy, guided by the Holy Spirit, has been worthwhile for Christ Church RP, and beyond, even if it has been exhausting work for many of us who are involved. Again, we express our deepest gratitude for your support and care in the Lord.

Secondly, we want to publicly express gratitude for the work of the CCRC (Elders Scott, Poplin, Kleyn) on behalf of our congregation. We realize these men have vocational, familial, ecclesiastical, and other duties, so we were so grateful for their willingness to travel many hours, answer texts and emails, work through years of another church's history, weigh the rights and responsibilities of the various parties, write summaries and reports, and so forth. The CCRC showed skill in moderating and listening to all, teaching us and others when needed, while also being open to changing their minds along the way, and expressing great zeal for our church. Although the work of reconciliation is not complete in our minds, we have witnessed substantial fruit in our own lives and among members of Session. For all of this, we are grateful to God and his ministers.

Finally, we want to commend our Session for their time and effort expended toward reconciliation, and their commitments to visit families, teach doctrine, and increase their protection over the flock. We acknowledge that these past several years have been a great challenge to them, including our various requests and concerns. We trust that God will use this difficult time in their lives and in the life of Christ Church RP to encourage and embolden them for the significant ministry God has called them to among His flock.

We praise God for His love, demonstrated through His church, and its courts.

Humbly,

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Nathan and Ginny Enas