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Dear Friends:

Last month, we updated both churches on the progress of the Joint Amalgamation Committee (JAC). There have been further developments since then, so we are writing today to give you an important update.

Over the past few months, JAC has spent considerable time discussing issues that are significant for both churches. Unfortunately, we are having difficulty coming to agreement in some areas, such as where to worship, which makes it hard to move forward in others. We feel that the best course of action, for the moment, is to take a temporary hiatus of a year or so from these discussions so that both groups can further reflect how amalgamation could help achieve the visions of our respective congregations.

We have not given up on the idea of amalgamation. We feel that it still makes good sense and that it may still happen in the future, but the timing is not right at the moment.

Our churches have had a strong and positive relationship over the years, and our ministers have developed a strong bond. We are eager to support those relationships. During the hiatus, we urge both churches to look for opportunities to build connections between our congregations. Getting to know each other better can only be helpful for future amalgamation talks.

We thank both congregations for your support and understanding as we make this difficult decision. If you have further questions, please contact us at [rord@sympatico.ca](mailto:rord@sympatico.ca) or [sshaver@whiteshedcapital.ca](mailto:sshaver@whiteshedcapital.ca)

Sincerely,

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