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To: Presbytery of Milwaukee Ministers and Congregations
From: Common Ground Strategy Team Leaders
Re: Presbytery Membership in Common Ground

Common Ground welcomes the Presbytery of Milwaukee as a dues-paying member of Common Ground. Over the next four years, Presbytery congregations and ministers serving in other capacities will have the opportunity to explore the work of Common Ground to determine if and how it fits into your vision for ministry.

There are currently five Presbytery congregations who are members of Common Ground: Good Shepherd Trinity, Heritage, Immanuel, Tippecanoe and Wauwatosa. Feel free to reach out to them as you explore Common Ground. We also invite you to go to our website for further information about the organization and the campaigns it has undertaken - www.commongroundwi.org.

Beginning in 2021 there will be training opportunities to explore. These will be centered upon Leadership Development, Congregational Growth, and Congregational Finances. Common Ground teaches our members the skills of impacting public life as well as the skills of organizing strong congregations.

If you or your members have an immediate interest in current efforts in which you wish to participate, please let us know:

1) In our non-partisan Get Out the Vote effort, we are reaching out to 15,000 people to help them figure out how to vote and then collecting their names and addresses in order to check the voting records after the election to make sure their votes were counted. You can contact Jeannie Stranzl, our Administrative Organizer at jstranzl@commongroundwi.org for more information.

2) Our Community Health Volunteers project has 46 of our members calling COVID-positive people referred to us by the Milwaukee Health Department. The phone calls are made each day for 10 days to people who are recovering at home and monitoring their health condition. We have helped over 250 people to date. You can contact Patricia Obluck, Associate Organizer at patricia.obluck@commongroundwi.org for more information.

Thank you for considering participation in the work of strengthening the common good. For general Common Ground questions or to schedule a meeting to get acquainted, call Bob Connolly at 414-491-5910 or e-mail him at bconnolly@jamescompany.com

