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Dear friends,

Like many congregations in America, First United Presbyterian Church of Clinton, Iowa is facing more challenges in financing its staff, building and ministries. As such, in a recent meeting we discussed selling cookbooks as a special fundraiser.

However, that's when a novel idea surfaced: what if we developed something that went beyond our own congregation and sought input from churches around the country? In other words, what if we could create a national Presbyterian cookbook set? Of course, we believe this project could help us meet some of our financial needs, but perhaps some of you would like to use it for your churches and groups as well. What a remarkable way to celebrate our denominational heritage and potentially help one another to raise additional funds for our ministries!

Our hope is to publish the first volume of Made with Love and God's Blessings before May 11, 2014 (just in time for Mothers' Day). This first volume would focus on *main dishes*. Future volumes are intended to center on sides and salads, soups and sauces, and desserts and snacks. Information on these other publications will be available at a later date. For now, we simply need your *main dish* recipes.

If you would like to have your church or Presbyterian organization highlighted, submit your main dish recipes through mail or e-mail before March 1, 2014 (our addresses are printed in the letterhead, above). *Please include: at least one recipe, the name of your church/organization, and a brief description--no more than one page--of what you would like others to know about your church/organization (such as its history, its significant ministry, the community it serves, and so forth). If you can also include a photo, this will help us tell your story while sharing your recipe.*

Although we are unable to quote the anticipated price of each book at this time, when compilation and editing are complete, we will determine a cost that allows other churches and groups to gain from sales in their own fundraising efforts. We will notify contributing churches/organizations first, granting them an extra discount per order.

We look forward to hearing from Presbyterians all across the country. If you have any questions, feel free to call or write.

May God bless each of you abundantly now and always!

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