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Dear Members and Friends of the UCC Partnership Churches,

It is my prayer that this letter finds each of you happy, healthy, and well – and enjoying a wonderful summer in San Diego, CA. You are always in my prayers, and I pray that God’s loving Spirit blows through your congregation, and empowers your vital and vibrant ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. I have heard through the clergy of each church some of what goes on in our Partnership congregations, and it is quite clear to me that our ministries are steeped in the Good News! Thank you for what you do. And may God bless you all.

I am writing to you today as the current Convener of the Partnership Churches. I was tasked by the clergy and lay leaders that gather as the Partnership every other month to write to the congregations to inform each of them as to what your Partnership is doing. The answer in a word is **Discerning**.

The Partnership Leaders are asking how it is that we plan, implement, and evaluate our programs, worship, events, and mission opportunities so that they promote our values and communicate God’s peace, justice, grace and love for all. This time of intentional discerning meant that some of our regularly scheduled events needed to be put on hold as we spend this time in discernment. Therefore, we were not in a place to organize a summer picnic. We know that many of you look forward to this time of breaking bread together, but we felt it best not to force the event for tradition’s sake. We are also discerning how it is we can conduct the second generation of *The Sacred Conversations on Race* with the utmost effectiveness and integrity.

Furthermore, some congregations have asked that we provide them with the appropriate information for where to send Partnership Dues or proceeds. We ask that all Partnership Funds be sent to University City United Church (2877 Governor Dr., 92122) c/o Judy Wilkinson. If your congregation has not sent Judy your congregation’s monies for the 30th Anniversary Celebration tickets, we would greatly appreciate your promptness.

We are asking that you hold the Partnership in your prayers as we discern where and how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in how we host events, do mission, be good stewards of our resources, and promote peace and justice in our city. If you have any questions or would like more information or have feedback for us, I encourage you to speak with your clergy or lay leaders who attend our bi-monthly meetings, or feel free to contact me directly.

Peace, love, and understanding,
Rev. Darryl Kistler
Senior Minister, Kensington Community Church