

LA MARQUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2413 PECOS AT LAKE ROAD
LAMARQUE, TX 77568 409-935-2760

To the Members of New Covenant Presbytery,

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This letter comes to you from the Session of LaMarque Presbyterian Church with great love and affirmation.

We commend the presbytery for the vote taken at the May stated presbytery meeting that defeated the overture requesting that the presbytery NOT pay a church's per capita to General Assembly if requested to do so by the church. It requested that the presbytery not equalize per capita. You said NO to the overture and joined us in defeating it. That was the right decision!

In the uniqueness of the Presbyterian system of government, we can take our thoughts, feelings and opinions and lay them before the larger, church. We can be heard. Due process is followed and the church makes its decision on whatever issues are brought before it. Maybe we agree and maybe we don't but the church has spoken.

It seems incumbent upon all Presbyterians to support the church even if we can't always agree on its decisions. That is what makes us Presbyterians, the ability to trust our brothers and sisters of the larger church to faithfully respond to the Holy Spirit as we try to do the same in our local churches. Yes, there will be times of conflict and disagreement. However, to try and hold the church "hostage" by cutting off or withholding funds is not at all Presbyterian as we understand the system of government of our church. We commend the presbytery for not doing that very thing by withholding funds to the General Assembly. The Presbytery was faithful.

There always will be controversial matters with which the church will have to deal. We pray we will always handle them in the Presbyterian way.

Faithfully,

Rev. Dr. C.O. Magee

Brenda Magee

Frank Kelso

Mike Allison

Donald Kotlarich

Susan Wittjen

Paula Smith

