



Greetings,

During our November 3, 2023, membership meeting, Presbytery of the Cascades voted to give the site of the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst, Portland, to the Future Generations Collaborative (FGC) for \$1 after both parties meet the conditions listed in the motion. We celebrate this important step toward the transfer of property which reflects our presbytery's commitment to participating in the reconciling work of Jesus Christ in the world and pursuing acts of repair and healing alongside Indigenous leaders in our community.

It has come to our attention that the enthusiasm to share news of this exciting development has contributed to articles and news stories being published that unfortunately omit important details regarding this transaction. We offer a few pieces of information that we hope will clarify and correct the record and reduce any possibility for misinterpretation.

First, it is the Presbytery of The Cascades—the nonprofit organization that represents the collective of congregations in its region -- that voted to take this action, not an individual church. Because the congregation of Laurelhurst was dissolved in November 2016, the congregation would not have been able to execute this transfer. Additionally, our governance requires that all decisions of this nature are made by the entire presbytery, as opposed to individual churches.

Second, the completion of the transfer is contingent on the conditions outlined in the motion presented in our November 2023 meeting. These conditions were developed for the protection and benefit of Future Generations Collaborative organization and the Presbytery of the Cascades.

We give thanks for those who will continue working together toward the completion of this process and invite all to join us in the celebration of this



incredible step that has been taken in the spirit of repair and healing toward the Indigenous community.

Our denomination follows a collaborative process codified in bylaws and our denomination's constitution. We will make public announcements about this matter as that process unfolds. Please respect our process and our duties to our membership.

For more information you are always welcome to contact our Missional Resource Manager, Thomas Lundy who can be reached at mrm@potc.life