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To all members:

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be Feb. 12, 2017, immediately after church. In addition to the normal business (receiving reports and electing officers), we will be electing the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and approving our mission study. The following Mission Statement and priorities have been developed from last fall's mission study process. If you have any questions or comments please tell me or one of the elders prior to the meeting.

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Priority I: We wish to be a community of believers in Jesus the Christ who work to bring spiritual and physical well being to persons in our church community and to each person in the broader community.

This would include:

(I-1) We will attempt to provide worship experiences to enhance the spiritual well-being of those who attend and will strive to include more persons in the worship experiences. We will attempt to provide opportunities for biblical study to give people a strong biblical support for their life.

(I-2) We will attempt to assist our members with disabilities/infirmities and their caregivers/families with both their spiritual and physical needs.

(I-3) We will attempt to assist those in the community to be able to live without undo concern for their spiritual and physical needs. We will work with other churches and community organizations to accomplish this.

(I-4) For each of the above the session will evaluate our progress and recommend changes where necessary with appropriate feedback from the congregation.

Priority II: We need to deal with other particular concerns and wishes which arose in the study. These would include:

(II-1) Improving the training for various leaders in the congregation,

(II-2) helping millennials with things like parenting classes, social events such as family game nights, afternoon day care program, expanded youth involvement.

(II-3) continuing/expanding the community social events (BBQs & Turkey Dinner)

Priority III: As a congregation in the PCUSA, we wish to support the ministry and mission of the wider church as it seeks to bring the love and mercy of Jesus, the Christ, to persons around the world. This would include:

(III-1) supporting the special offerings of the PCUSA,

- (III-2) supporting particular missions/missionaries,
- (III-3) supporting refugees possibly including a family here in Stamford

Shalom, Dale