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Greetings!

We are excited to announce the formation of our Growth Task Force, a group of people dedicated to the future of Plymouth Church. We have much to celebrate in our vibrant, faith-based community, including increases in numbers of volunteers, lively Wednesday evening activities and expanded interest in our First Service. And yet we have been facing challenges, such as declines in attendance at our Second Service, numbers of pledgers to the church and amount of giving.

The Growth Task Force will address these issues while they also explore what is working for us at Plymouth. As your Acting Senior Minister, Leadership Council Chair, Chair-Elect and Moderator, we understand *growth* quite broadly to include spiritual, numerical, financial, programming, partnerships and retention aspects, so these are within the scope of their tasks.

Lynn Moline will chair the Growth Task Force. As a past Moderator and past chair of the Leadership Council, Lynn brings a wealth of history and steady leadership to this project. In addition, each board has been charged with exploring ways to grow and the task force will integrate their work with them and other entities at Plymouth.

Please join us in supporting the Growth Task Force in their important work!

Paula Northwood, Acting Senior Minister

Chad Freeburg, Leadership Council Chair

Deb Fowler, Leadership Council Chair-Elect

Claire Kolmodin, Moderator

Growth Task Force members are:

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