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Dear Friends of ECM:

As reminded by this weekend's events in Charlottesville, the world continues to call us forth for discipleship and faith-filled lives that demonstrate the peace, justice and love of Jesus Christ. I can't think of a better time for us to breathe new life into Ecumenical Campus Ministry at K-State than now!

If you have not heard already, Rev. Christian Watkins has been called to the position of ECM Campus Pastor effective August 1, 2017. Rev. Watkins is returning to her home state of Kansas after serving most recently as a mission co-worker in Istanbul, Turkey with Global Ministries. Prior to that, she worked in parish ministry with the United Church of Christ. Rev. Watkins graduated from the University of Kansas, completed a master's degree at Yale Divinity School and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As Campus Pastor, Christian will provide pastoral and programmatic leadership to support K-State students in exploring their spiritual beliefs through fellowship, study and service.

While Rev. Watkins assumes the full-time Campus Pastor role, Rev. David Jones has transitioned into a part-time position as ECM Director of Development. Rev. Jones will plan, organize and direct all of ECM's fundraising efforts. After 20 years serving as campus pastor, David's new role is an exceptional opportunity to ensure the sustainability of ECM for years to come.

Clearly, we have been abundantly blessed with leadership for the way forward. Please join us in celebration—

- ECM OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, August 27 from 3:00-5:00pm at 904 Sunset Avenue with cookies and punch served. Drop by to meet/greet Rev. Christian Watkins and share your interest in the future of ECM!

Please contact me if you have any questions or input as we pursue this new path on the ECM journey.

Peace be with you,

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