



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Broad Street Presbyterian Church
760 E. Broad Street
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Dear Session & Congregation,

I want to sincerely thank you for your recent letter acknowledging Broad Street Presbyterian Church's past role in supporting racism towards Bethany Presbyterian Church. Your words reflect a spirit of humility, courage, and love that often feels scarce but is deeply needed in our world today.

It is not easy to face painful truths, nor is it easy to acknowledge when wrong has been done, especially when those wrongs stretch across generations and touch so many lives. Your letter embodies the heart of Christ, who calls us to repentance, reconciliation, and the healing of broken relationships.

Please know that the Bethany session members and congregation received your letter with heartfelt gratitude. It affirms that we, together as a church and community of God's kingdom, is willing to listen, learn, and walk in the path of justice and love as one body of in Christ. Your act of humility strengthens the bonds of community and reminds us that the work of reconciliation is a work that is done together that springs out of our love for God.

Session and congregation, please know that we are grateful for your leadership in this community, for the compassion behind your words, and for the commitment to live faithfully into the gospel's call to love one another. May God bless you with continued courage, wisdom, and peace as we journey together toward healing and wholeness.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Edward K. Lewis Sr." in a cursive script.

Rev. Dr. Edward K. Lewis, Sr.
Pastor

Session Members: Randi Mitchell (Clerk of Session), Carla Jamison, James Cleamons, Keith Walker, Lenora Parham

Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart . . .

Psalm 27:14