



## Northern Light United Church

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September 1, 2021

Corey Schlosser-Hall, Executive Presbyter, Northwest Coast Presbytery  
Dean Strong, Stated Clerk, Northwest Coast Presbytery  
P.O. Box 583  
Woodinville, WA 98072

RE: Proposed Overture to 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

Dear Corey and Dean,

It is with the deepest humility and conviction that we forward to the Presbytery of the Northwest Coast the final draft of the “Overture on Directing the Office of the General Assembly to Issue Apologies and Reparations for the Racist Closure of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Juneau, Alaska” that we hope and pray that the Presbytery will submit on our behalf.


Incorporated by reference into this Overture is the Resolution adopted on August 29, 2021, by a vote of 66 to 1 at a special Congregational Meeting held after two work sessions during which participants could ask questions and share comments. The Resolution regarding Acknowledgment, Apology, and Reparations is a statement of commitment to healing and reparative action by our congregation and will be a living testament to our understanding that we must act affirmatively to make the history known and alive if we are to unlearn destructive attitudes and behaviors and to raise awareness within our community to eliminate racism.

We are grateful for the support we have received from you and the Executive Board as we have moved forward on this path. Please advise us about how we can contribute to the next steps in moving this forward at the Presbytery and the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

  
Faith McClellan, Pastor

  
Marianne Mills, Council Moderator

  
Barbara Searls, Chair, Native Ministries Committee

  
Kate Burkhart, Council Member/Elder