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Dear BLC Members,

GREAT NEWS!!! At the May 15th Quarterly Forum, you will have the opportunity to impact our future by approving the Bylaws for the BLC Investment in Ministries Fund. With this approval, we will have all of the regulatory prerequisites in place and can move forward to roll out our plan for BLC's Investment in Ministries Fund for the NEXT 100 years.

The Investment in Ministries Fund (IMF) will be an Endowment Fund for long-term growth. It will not in any way replace your regular offering to BLC, but instead will be a separate opportunity for you to celebrate or memorialize important people and events in your life... the birth or baptism of a child or grandchild, the sickness or loss of a loved one, a new job, prayers answered, or simply thanking God for all the blessings in your life.

The IMF will also be a way for you to leave a legacy to BLC by naming BLC-IMF in your will or estate plan. There are numerous ways to do this and we can assist you by sharing information about common practices or by connecting you with our ELCA Gift Planner to take a more in-depth look at your situation and design a plan for you.

For more information, please contact any member of the IMF team: Paulette Costanza, Roger Kolker, Neil Vokes, Mark Gaul, John Panko, and John Costanza.