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TO ALL MINISTERS AND SESSION CLERKS

PEF Sunday, 16 June, 2019

Greetings from the PEF Task Team of the Education and Training Committee!

This coming Sunday we celebrate again the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to empower the Church to do His work on earth, and we give thanks that through His power all things are possible. May you and your congregants be richly blessed. We take this opportunity to wish all our fathers a very blessed Fathers Day on 16th, coinciding with PEF Sunday!

The **General Assembly of 2018 set the 16th June, 2019 as PEF Sunday**, and requested all congregations to hold a retiring offering for the PEF on that Sunday or another of the congregation's choosing in June, 2019.

The work of the PEF continues: many students are not at government funded institutions or do not qualify for NSFAS funding, but still require financial assistance. There are also High School students, non-South African students studying in South Africa and Zimbabwean and Zambian youth at high school, college or university in Zimbabwe or Zambia.

Once again the PEF needs your help!

We give thanks that the PEF was able to pay out **R 699,633.51** (28% more than 2016/2017) towards successful applicants' fees in 2017/2018. We **thank all who have donated and continue to donate**. Each congregation that contributed to the PEF helped make this possible. **Gifts from 113 congregations and one Presbytery (M'chinga) came to R 184,487.20** (an increase of 14.5%) during this period, the largest number of contributing congregations since the PEF's 40th anniversary celebrations (2012/2013) when 119 congregations contributed.

R 184,487.20 was just over 26% of the amount paid out: just **less than** the percentage covered by congregational donations in 2016/2017 (28%). We still need nearly R 60,000.00 to reach last year's total. To exceed the amount paid out last year by 20% we must first meet the amount received from congregations and Presbyteries last year and then raise an extra R 100,000.00 over and above that amount- R 160,000.00 in total. If we are to meet our goals in 2019, **we need every congregation in the UPCSA to make a contribution to the PEF. Please help us do this!**

The PEF appeals to all congregations, and especially to the 300-odd congregations that have not contributed in the last financial period, to help the PEF ease the financial burden carried by so many of our families who battle to meet the costs of their (and our!) young people's education fees. As in 2018, the PEF **requests every congregation to donate R 1000.00** to the PEF, but no donation is ever too small and it will always be appreciated and well used. Thank you in advance for answering the call of our young people who long to be able to complete their educations without huge debts hanging over their and their families' heads.

With your help the PEF can make 2018/2019 our best year yet with regard to the amounts awarded and the number of applicants assisted, but we are not yet anywhere near meeting the needs of our applicants who have the least resources, and who need our help the most. Please help the PEF realise our applicants' dreams of better lives for all!

All donations to the PEF, whether raised by way of a special offering or given out of the regular tithes and offerings of the congregation, are assessment free.

A master copy of the PEF Sunday flyer is attached. Please make copies of the flyer available for distribution on PEF Sunday. Check the PEF webpage at: <http://unitingpresbyterian.org/ministry/presbyterian-education-fund-pef/> or contact the PEF administrator for more information on the PEF or answers to any queries you may have.

Banking details and information required for deposits appear on the reverse of this letter. Please bring these details to the attention of your Treasurer and whoever will be assisting in making the deposit to the PEF account. Please forward details of deposits to the administrator at pef@presbyterian.org.za.

May our dear Lord and Saviour bless you and your congregations abundantly and touch your hearts to respond to the PEF's appeal.

In His Name,

Rev A Sontange, Convener, Education and Training Committee

Rev L Mpetsheni, General Secretary

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Please address correspondence to: The Administrator, Presbyterian Educational Fund

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE ATTENTION OF YOUR TREASURER / PAY CLERK:

In order to ensure that your congregation's donation is recognized as a gift to the PEF, please deposit it into the PEF bank account, and then **notify the PEF administrator by email or telephone giving the details of your congregation and the deposit.**

Email: pef@presbyterian.org.za

Telephone: 011-727-3511 (Reception: 011-727-3500)

The PEF banking details and reference to be used are:

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| <u>Name of account:</u> | UPCSA - Presbyterian Educational Fund |
| <u>Bank:</u> | Standard Bank |
| <u>Branch Code:</u> | 000355 (Parktown) |
| <u>Account Number:</u> | 20 085 175 6 |
| <u>Reference:</u> | Name of congregation and Town |

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