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## Entering a New Season of Work

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"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

### Dear Friend,

As I read Luke 12 recently, I was struck by Jesus' admonition not to be driven by an anxious striving for the things of this world, but rather to "strive for God's kingdom," which it is the Father's "good pleasure" to give us. Jesus then describes some specific ways we can strive for that kingdom: by giving generously; by living in joyful expectancy of God's work; by prayerfully discerning his will in the present moment; by standing for truth, even when it causes divisions with those we love; and by seeking reconciliation where relational brokenness exists.

When I learned that the deciding vote to defeat Amendment B had been cast, ensuring that the biblical standard of "fidelity in marriage and chastity in singleness" would be preserved in our Book of Order, I thought of the many encouraging emails, prayers, and sacrificial checks that you have given as part of your own "striving for God's kingdom." It is a privilege to be in partnership with you!

### Our work is not finished

We are still paying the bills for the [Campaign to Defeat Amendment B](#), even as we move ahead to what's next on God's agenda for the Coalition and the Church. There is much to be done in building networks within the church, providing an evangelical witness to church leaders, engaging in serious study of the Word, praying for the life of the church, and preparing for the [2010 General Assembly](#). We expect that body's business to include reports from the committee studying civil unions and Christian marriage, the new Form of Government task force, and the two committees that are considering amending our confessions. And, of course, the ordination issue will be back in one form or another. Commissioners to the General Assembly will be looking to us for help on these and many other matters, and we are determined to be well-prepared.

As we engage in this work, we hope to be a gracious help to the PC(USA), calling her to move forward in pursuit of biblical faithfulness in the midst of a changing culture. We are committed to proactive, persistent, and strategic "truth-telling" in this PC(USA) setting where God has placed us.

### Check our [website](#) often

We post many excellent resources on a range of issues and opportunities within the church. If you have any questions about our resources, or see a need that we might be able to fill, please contact me. YOU are a part of this work!

### Please give generously

The work of the Coalition requires the financial support of Coalition partners. The Board, Terry Schlossberg, and I are grateful for the strong support you continue to provide our common cause, even in an uncertain economy. Right now, that common cause needs your support all the more. Creating the necessary Google account to donate online with your credit card is simple, fast, and secure - and will not result in email spam. [Click here](#) to go to our user-friendly form.

Striving with you for the Kingdom of our risen Lord, through whose grace and power we are being healed, renewed, and sent out to serve,

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