

Dear Friends,

What a year this has been for That All May Freely Serve. We are still glowing from the recent ordination of the Rev. Lisa Larges and the Rev. Susan Thomas. It was quite an October after too many years of delay. Every prayer and expression of support you have offered; every conversation with members of your families, congregations and friends; and every way in which you have lived your lives in love so that others may do the same - these and more are at the heart of what has made our church and society. Thank you, well done and carry on in all the ways you do!

It has been a year of loss of dear friends. Each year we recall so many of our loved ones who have gone on to be with others we love. We wish to honor all those in your lives who have moved to their eternal reward, while remembering Judith Foster and Mark Palermo. How we love those who now and guide us beyond ways we can imagine.

And it has been a year of with some disappointments. That All May Freely Serve initiated an overture for the 222nd General Assembly that called for the institution of the PCUSA to acknowledge the harms it had done to our queer Leaders and community over the last forty years and to apologize. Approved by the Presbytery of New York City and concurred with by the Presbyteries of Genesee Valley, Chicago and Hudson River the overture was replaced by a substitute legislation authored and promoted by Covenant Network of Presbyterians, which spoke a language of regret for those of us who feel the church might have harmed us and expressing deep sorrow who found they needed to leave the church because of the inclusion of queer folk in the church. Of the three national groups: More Light Presbyterians, Covenant Network of Presbyterian and That All May Freely Serve, only That All May Freely Serve worked in favor of the original overture. The outcome was especially difficult following the Pulse massacre of just a week before. We missed a chance to enter with heart and soul a national discussion of justice and love and healing with the witness we let slip away. For many of us, it was a sad outcome and one that will continue to be reviewed going forward.

And that leads us to what's next for That All May Freely Serve.

As always, friends of TAMFS across the country continue to be available to be present as needed. Our network of folks who can assist others on this journey of Justice and love numbers in the hundreds. More than ever, we are closer to making sure that no one is ever alone when they reach out for help. Consider yourself a Member of this network. All it takes is saying you are and responding, if you can, when we reach out for your help. We want it to be easy to help others. It is never a burden in the world of the gospel.

Next, we have committed our energy as an organization to work closely with the Janie Spahr initiative at SFTS. We see the collaboration of progressive groups including as an important effort to combine our talents and energies as the needs of our denominations and faith communities address the many conditions of race gender and power. We have great hopes that this will begin a process that may eventually be the primary way in which we marshal our combined efforts and gifts to bring about the changes we need. For this reason, we encourage you to extend your financial generosity to JSI and consider it your gift to TAMFS as well.

We are not only aware of the many requests that you receive for financial support but have always been very focused on how our funds are used. Over the last four years, we have steadily reduced the stipends that Janie and I have received. In 2016 this Janie and I received a

Of \$12,500 as Stioends. I am very happy to Report that 2017 will be the first year of no stioends or salaries, moving 100% to an all volunteer organization. All Donations we receive will help with expenses only.

We are able to do this for many reasons, and the advanced use if technology For networking and archiving and program development continues to be central to our vision of being able to serve without spending time Raisingmomey to serve.