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His Holiness Kirill
Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia
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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Along with my brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, I rejoice with Your Holiness on your elevation to Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia! As Your Holiness continues your faithful walk as a servant of God, the prayers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are with you.

We pray for Christ's guiding spirit upon you as you move into your new ministry. May God grant Your Holiness the wisdom and strength to do all that God asks of you. May you be blessed today and all of your days to come.

We, in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) celebrate the blessing of partnership with the Russian Orthodox Church. Through our work together, I pray that we may contribute to a strengthening of the presence of Christ on Earth. May Christ continue to be a bond of hope and love between us, with mutual trust and respect growing ever stronger in the years to come.

Your Holiness, we rejoice with you! We pray for you. May you bring glory to the Kingdom of God in all that you do.

Your brothers in Christ,

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