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Dear Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful summer!

I attended the 40th General Council in Kelowna during August with Hannah, our student minister. We were both Commissioners and spent a week's restful time in Vancouver and the Kamloops area prior to the GC.

The 40th General Council this year went forward under the theme "*down to the potter's house.*" It brought great momentum for The United Church of Canada to call us into the potter's house, to explore what it means to be reshaped and transformed. It was also a time of affirming our continued commitment to Emerging Spirit, Intercultural Ministry, Living in the Midst of Empire, green energy, ecological justice, and much more.

As we at DPUC begin this new season, we are excited with the prospect of returning to many small group gathering programs that we enjoyed during the last few years. From Bible study when we nurture our faith journey while we get to know each other's faith, movie nights, women's gatherings, healing prayer meetings, services at True Davidson Acres, and so on, we have much to look forward to. I hope we can continue the children's choir again this season.

What we are most excited about is the Congregational Redevelopment project as we reshape the mission of our church including the space that we are settled in. It is my prayer that this whole new venture into the *promised land* calls us to build more trusting relationships through mutual respect as we embrace each other's differences with love and the compassion of Jesus Christ. Another exciting news item is that we will celebrate the baptism of Philip Fraser Jeong, Grace and Jay's new baby.

As we, DPUC, move into a new era of transformation, I invite all of you to come and join to create many stories around the potter's house. In this our journey, may we say to each other, "You are beautiful!"

Blessings,

