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Dear Friends in Christ,

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). With these words, Jesus commissions us as witnesses to God's love, justice, and peace. Today, we invite you to take part in a unique opportunity to embody this call alongside the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV).

Recently, in response to the end of the PCUSA World Mission program, the PSV voted to hire mission partners **Mark Hare and Jenny Bent** as **Transitional Global Mission Partners**, serving at the **Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana (UBL)** in San José, Costa Rica. This bold and faithful initiative will allow Mark and Jenny to continue their four-year ministry commitment at UBL. This hire does not commit PSV funds but allows the presbytery to receive donations from Mark and Jenny's current supporters, as well as from churches and individuals in our presbytery.

Mark and Jenny have decades of experience in cross-cultural ministry and ecological justice. They are called by UBL—a green, inclusive seminary—to support sustainable agriculture, ecological awareness, and theological education rooted in justice. You can read more about the ministry in the enclosed flyer or at <https://psvonline.org/global-mission-activities>.

This mission depends on your support. We are asking individuals and churches to join us in providing the funds needed to sustain the ministry from October 2025 through June 2027. A Mission Support Board has been established to oversee and steward all gifts with full accountability.

You can financially support this effort by: Check: payable to Presbytery of Scioto Valley, 4131 N High Street, B, Columbus, OH 43214. *Include "Costa Rica Mission" in the memo line.*

Giving online: go to Zelle in your banking app and add accounting@psvonline.org to your account to transfer your financial gift at no cost to you or us.

You may use the enclosed pledge form (or simply email your pledge) to let us know your intentions going forward and to help us plan. Your support at any level makes you a partner in God's healing movement in Central America, sharing in the joy of mutual ministry. Questions?

Email: costaricamission@psvonline.org

Thank you for considering this invitation to extend Christ's peace beyond borders. Together, let us walk boldly into the work of love and justice, knowing we are sent.

In Christ's mission,

The Costa Rica Mission Support Board—Rev. Joel A. Esala, Rev. Bruce Henderson, Mrs. Karen Henderson, Rev. Wendy McCormick, Rev. Jonathan Seitz, Rev. Ginny Teitt, and Ms. Tori Vazquez.