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Dear Friends,

We do not know the ways of God, or how God is going to direct us to our ministry. We pray for discernment and that we recognize God's voice when He speaks. For Paul it happened like this, *"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us'. After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called him to preach the gospel to them". Acts 16:9-10*

Several weeks ago I was totally surprised by a phone call from Sheldon Sorge, the General Minister of Pittsburgh Presbytery. He asked me to assist a congregation through a difficult season, indicating that my skills and abilities could greatly aid this congregation through some difficult transition times. After much prayer and consultation, I believe I am Called and that my interim skills will best serve God and the Kingdom by assisting the health and welfare of this congregation.

With a very grateful heart for Steve, the staff and congregation, I will be leaving OPC on July 5 and will be starting a brief interim as the Senior Pastor at Southminster Presbyterian Church, last served by one of OPC's former associates. Since this is intended to be a brief interim, and Lin and I feel 'at home' at OPC, I feel as though I am going as an extension of OPC's ministry. Lin will continue her ministry as elder at OPC and I hope the invitation is out for me to 'pop-in' from time to time.

My ministry with you has been marked by your graciousness and generosity, along with your support, humor and commitment. You have opened yourselves to my teaching and preaching, and have been supportive of work with the youth and mission. It has been a blessing to be associated with Steve and the staff, the youth and all the ministries of caring.

You will always be in my prayers,

*Don Ewing*