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Dear Friends at Christ the King,

As we announced at our Annual Meeting in June, Christ the King is embarking on a congregation-wide listening process beginning this fall. The Church Council is leading this effort to be more intentional about listening to one another in our joys, concerns, questions, and desires for our life together as a community of faith. We want to invite you, as members of the CTK community, to be involved and engaged in this important process.

Life at CTK is filled with love, understanding, and grace. Our life together is about sharing, exploring, and expressing God's love—both to one another within our congregation, and to the community all around us. We are called to be a people who come together to form our faith in Jesus Christ, as well as to transform the community for Christ's sake. Since our founding in 1961, we have been called to gather for worship and fellowship, to grow in our faith and discipleship, and to give of our selves and our possessions for the mission of the Gospel.

Today, our church is at a tension point, a crossroads. While our core values have not changed, **how** we live out these values are shifting as we respond to the rapidly changing world all around us. Some have said we are in the middle of a generational shift, where it's becoming clear that Christ the King can't be exactly what we used to be in 1961, 1986, or 2001.

Speaking as leaders of this Congregation, we want Christ the King to be a community of faith where people listen—truly, deeply listen—to each other. We want to be a church where our leaders (Council, Staff, and Ministry Leaders) are on the same page, inspired by the same mission, working toward our common goals, and living out our shared values. We want to build a culture of openness and transparency at every level of our life together. Until such a culture is truly second-nature among us, we have developed some more formal, intentional methods to begin living into such a way of life.

In this listening process, each Council Member has paired up with another CTK member. These two-person listening teams are now actively gathering small groups of about six additional persons. Some of these gatherings will be drawn from existing groups who meet regularly at Christ the King, such as Elders in Action, WELCA Circles, Men's Bible Group, BTDT, etc. Others will be invited as groups of neighbors, or among folks with shared interests. Here's where we invite both your openness and your initiative:

- Accept the invitation of a council listening team to meet with your group;
- Invite a listening team just before, after, or during your group's regular meeting time;
- Gather a group of about 6 neighbors of friends and contact a council member to meet with you (names and emails are listed below)
- Call the church office to get your on a list of others looking to connect with a listening group;

Just as you are each important members of the body of Christ, so too are each of you critical components of the Christ the King community. Each member of this community has an important voice and perspective to share shaping the present and future vision for our life as a congregation. Your voice counts and your insight matters. We want to work together as one to shape the future at Christ the King.

In Christ,



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