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The Synod of the Trinity
Rev. Forrest Claassen, Synod Executive
Rev. Wayne Yost, Stated Clerk
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Dear Forrest and Wayne,

Warmest New Year's greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I am writing you at the instruction of Pittsburgh Presbytery, and I ask that you share this correspondence also with Synod Co-Moderators Martha Jordan and Bernice Adams, whose contact information is not available to me.

At its Stated Meeting on December 9, 2021, Pittsburgh Presbytery acted to endorse the Driving PA Forward Coalition (<https://drivingpaforward.org>) campaign for driver's licenses for all in Pennsylvania, and directed that we bring this issue to the Synod of the Trinity for consideration.

This action was taken by the presbytery in response to an overture from the Bower Hill Community Presbyterian Church. I have attached to this letter their overture, which includes background rationale. The only concern raised on the floor of presbytery was whether granting driver's licenses to undocumented persons would provide unqualified persons a back door to citizenship; the advocates for the overture had researched this question, and assured the presbytery that it would be impossible for an undocumented person who obtains a driver's license to short-circuit the pathway to citizenship.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions about this.

Yours in Christ's service,

Sheldon W. Sorge
General Minister