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Ruling Elder Marjorie S. Morgan
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Dear Gentleperson Ruling Elder Morgan,

The Coronavirus pandemic has devastated the world internationally, nationally and locally. It has drastically impacted our personal lives and our ability to perform daily activities of living. Instead of attending Worship Services on Sunday or Bible Study in person, we are regimented to virtual worship services at home. When venturing outside, persons are encouraged to remain socially distant, wear some form of facial covering and wash one's hands frequently.

Indeed, our lives are emotionally and physically stressed and changed beyond our wildest dreams. The CDC has identified Afro-Americans to be at a greater risk to be infected by the Coronavirus. According to the latest statistics in the state of Ohio, 160,000 persons have been infected and 4,931 have died. In Montgomery County, 8,417 citizens have been infected and 181 have died.

In the midst of this chaos, Chairperson RE Eliot Heflin and the members of the 2021 Nominating Committee of Trinity Church are confronted with the task of nominating persons to serve as Ruling Elders, Deacons and Trustees of the Church commencing January 2022. It is apparent, things will not be processed in the customary manner.

Following several in-depth virtual discussions, the Nominating Committee and the Session are requesting a waiver of the current policies and procedures of the Book of Order 2019-2021, G-2.0404 *Terms of Service* that addresses the nomination process of church officers. The suggested waiver is to continue the current terms of the Church officers of the Class of 2021. It will extend their terms through the year 2022 or when otherwise determined, with individual consent. Such an action will greatly assist Trinity Church in continuing to implement its ministries, missions, and community outreach programming. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

Ruling Elder Mary Jean Blackmon
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