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To the members of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains

Greetings from the University of Jamestown!

We are grateful for God's steady presence and for the many ways the University continues to grow and serve. This has been a year of meaningful progress across our academic programs, campus facilities, and student life.

This past fall, we celebrated the dedication of the renovated Voorhees Chapel and the Reuben & Clarice Liechty Center for Faith and Life—now home to the Unruh School of Character in Leadership. These spaces reflect our commitment to forming students in wisdom, integrity, service, excellence, courage, and humility.

Campus Ministry has also moved into its new home in the renovated Badal Nafus Student Union. This welcoming space provides room for fellowship, Bible study, worship, and care ministries, and it has quickly become a vibrant hub of spiritual life on campus.

Our presence in Phoenix continues to expand, and this May we will proudly award UJ's first Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Research—an important milestone in our academic mission.

Student engagement in ministry and service remains strong, and their enthusiasm continues to inspire us. Their lives reflect the hope and possibility that education brings.

Thank you for your faithful support of UJ's mission. We remain guided by the promise of Jeremiah 29:11 and encouraged by the partnership of the Presbytery of the Northern Plains as we continue preparing leaders of character for lives of service in God's world.

Blessings to you and your congregations this spring.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Polly Peterson' in a cursive script.

Polly Peterson, Ph.D.

President

Grace and peace to you.

On behalf of the University of Jamestown Campus Ministry, we want to express our sincere gratitude to the Presbytery for your continued support. Your care and generosity make it possible for meaningful ministry to take place on our campus, and we are deeply thankful for the partnership we share with you.

This year so far has been a full and encouraging season for our students.

One of the highlights was our **Night of Christian Leadership**, an event made possible in part through your financial support. We were able to bring in a retired Secret Service Agent and outspoken Christian as our guest speaker. Our speaker, who served 5 US Presidents, spent time with our students discussing what it means to live out their faith in secular workplaces and how to faithfully respond to God's calling in whatever field they enter. For many of our students, especially those preparing to enter professional careers, this was a powerful reminder that their vocation can also be a place of ministry.

Throughout the semester, we have also continued to see strong participation in the various Bible studies offered on campus. Students are showing a genuine hunger to explore Scripture together, ask honest questions, and grow in faith together. Because of your support, we have also been able to purchase Bibles to give to students who do not own one, ensuring that anyone who wants access to God's Word can have it.

Another meaningful development this year has been the launch of **Selah**, a time of quiet prayer and reflection held three times each week in our chapel. Selah provides students with something that is increasingly rare in the pace of college life—space for stillness before God. In the middle of busy schedules and constant noise, students are finding this time to be grounding, restorative, and deeply meaningful.

All of these things are possible because congregations within the Presbytery believe that ministry among college students matters. Your investment is helping students encounter Scripture, deepen their faith, and learn how to follow Christ faithfully in the places God is calling them.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this work.

With our deepest gratitude,

University of Jamestown Campus Ministry

and

Kirstie Dobson, Director