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Through the thoughtful and dedicated efforts of the elders of Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, and the elders of the Presbytery Amalgamation Team, we are pleased to present to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod the Amalgamation Plan of these two churches.

The congregations have worshipped together continuously since June 2026, and have been working on amalgamation since August 2025. The Sessions and congregations of Knox and St. Giles have engaged thoughtfully and faithfully in discerning a shared future, with guidance and support from the Presbytery Amalgamation Team. This process has required careful attention to the practical matters involved in amalgamation, but more importantly, it has invited both congregations to consider where God may be leading them in the years ahead.

On August 30, 2026, two separate congregational meetings were held at the building of St. Giles. Both congregations formally affirmed the Amalgamation Plan presented by their session elders through separate votes (unanimous by St. Giles, and unanimous-minus-one by Knox). Further, Knox formally voted to accept Rev. Chandra Mannix as the minister of the amalgamated congregation (also unanimous-minus-one). The plan was received with enthusiasm. In a time of warm fellowship after the votes, both congregations expressed hope for a shared future together. There is an embodied sense of unity, joyful anticipation for the future, and a willingness to embrace next steps with open hearts.

The attached amalgamation plan represents the fruit of considerable conversation, consultation, prayer, and work. It provides a framework for bringing the two congregations together while respecting the histories, ministries, and contributions of both Knox and St. Giles. We are grateful for the faithfulness of the elders on both sessions, and the elders on the Presbytery team, for their mindful leadership and significant contributions of time and talent.

The generosity of spirit demonstrated by the members, adherents and friends of both congregations throughout this process has been significant. Amalgamation inevitably involves both loss and possibility, gratitude for what has been, and hope for what may yet be. This plan will allow a new joint congregation to turn its attention toward that possibility, building a vibrant, sustainable, and faithful Presbyterian witness for the years ahead.

We therefore, on behalf of the congregations of Knox and St. Giles as well as the Presbytery Amalgamation Team, commend the Amalgamation Plan to the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod for its consideration and approval.

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