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## Living In a Dot.Com World

To all the Saints,

Grace to you and peace!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *Lehigh Messenger*, one more way in which we are trying to live into the new vision of what it means to be the church, and to be attentive and responsive to all those in the Presbytery.

The dot.com (or .com) economy, emphasizing technology, is becoming increasingly important. But the *Messenger* points to a far more faithful way to be “.com,” from the Latin translation of *com*, meaning “with.”

- *.communication* means “to make common”, or “shared *with* all.” This monthly newsletter hopes to address a problem common to all congregations: how do we keep people informed, and how do we share what they consider important? Remember, communication is a two-way street. The Presbytery can only share what you provide, and ideas can make a difference only as you share them.
- *.companion*, or with bread (*pan*) is a firm reminder that we are not alone. The idea that worked in your church may inspire another; the knowledge that a church is trying something may give your congregation hope.
- and *communion*, or “sharing.” Jesus tells us that he and God the Father are one, and prays that we will be one like them (John 17:22). Just as worship has taken on priority in the Presbytery meetings, so that we might share in the love of God, I hope that the *Messenger* will be a new step toward sharing our love and understanding of Jesus Christ.

Peace,  
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