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Dear Pastor and Church Council,

The Disciples Making Disciples Team of Classis Niagara has been meeting to discuss ways that we might encourage our churches in their ministry of 'growing and making disciples'. Our classis mandate is to "empower and equip churches and individuals to multiply ministries that will reach their local communities so that not yet Christians may embrace Jesus as Lord."

To help fulfill this mandate we as a team are available to **coach** church councils, outreach teams and individual members; we are only a phone call or email away.

Engaging mission in our communities can be challenging. As a team we are also available to provide **equipping** for your congregation.

Last spring, we hosted a series of workshops around the concept of Missional Communities; several members and churches attended these workshops.

We have also prepared two workshops that we believe can be helpful for your church:

- Loving Your Neighbours: Ways to engage your neighbourhood
- Gospel Fluency: Sharing your story and God's story

Each workshop would be ideal for a Saturday morning or an evening session for your congregation and would take about 2 hours. However, we are also prepared to provide a shortened version of the workshop for a council meeting or a congregational meeting, depending on what you feel would be most suitable for your church.

Finally, we want to make you aware, that classis has **funding** available for new outreach initiatives that you might be considering as a church; the guidelines for receiving funding are attached. Please contact one of the members of this team for more information.

We welcome the opportunity to chat further. Let us know how we would be most helpful for your church in this journey of making disciples.

Blessings,

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