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An Open Letter to the Churches of the Presbytery of Western New York

Dear Friends:

This past Sunday, The Buffalo News published an article about the Lafayette Lofts in Elmwood Village located within Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Buffalo. Part of the building was converted to apartments and commercial space in 2014. As is common for church development/redevelopment, the Presbytery of Western New York became a guarantor for needed loans to accomplish this work.

At the Called Presbytery meeting on April 4, 2017, the Presbytery was apprised of the ongoing situation concerning back payments and it authorized expenditures up to a certain limit to eliminate our exposure. These negotiations have been ongoing and are very close to completion.

The Presbytery's legal counsel is extremely knowledgeable and is working diligently to protect the Presbytery while putting forth a fair and equitable solution. We will continue to move forward and pray this matter is completed shortly.

If you have any questions, you may contact Ruling Elder Craig Miller, Chair of the Board of Trustees (838-4300 w.) Please pray for Lafayette Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Western New York, and all those who worked to make this project a reality – lenders, contractors, etc.

Through God's hands and guidance, blessed wonders can happen. Thank you.

In Christ's Service,

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