BOARD MEETING #01, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024

OPENING PRAYER

✤ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In this month of November, we remember in a special way our loved ones who have died ... who have left this year, and are today in God's loving presence, as we await the great day of resurrection. And yet their memories are very much alive in our hearts, and we treasure all that they have taught us and shared with us. We know that, as people of faith, they are still very much with us—as one of our funeral prayers says, "for those who belong to you, Lord, life is <u>changed</u>, not ended". We continue to cherish them, and include them in our prayers throughout this month of remembrance.

Let us pray.

God of endless ages, we gave thanks to you for our family members, friends and colleagues who have died, and are now with you. Bless them with peace and endless joy, and help us to remember the bonds that still unite us, as part of the communion of saints. May our hope of resurrection and new life inspire us, and may their example, their words, their faith continue to show us the way. May we use each day you give us thoughtfully and generously, and may the weeks and months and years of our lives always testify to your goodness. All praise to you, God our Father, through Jesus your Son. Amen.

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