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Dear Members and Adherents of Leaside Presbyterian Church,

The Kirk Session would like to make you aware that we have had several exploratory meetings with members of Glebe Presbyterian Church, with a view to an amalgamation of our two congregations. Glebe is a neighbouring congregation in the Davisville area. During the past several annual meetings we at Leaside have discussed the possibility of joining together with another congregation, in order to realize the potential of doing together what we cannot do alone. This includes funding our ministry, extending our mission in the community, as well as offering sacred space which is accessible, safe and inviting. The ministers of the two congregations, and later several members of both congregations, have explored the possibilities of coming together to become one. Furthermore, in our exploratory discussions with Glebe, we have recognised that we reside in overlapping neighbourhoods, we share several mission concerns, and we desire to be better stewards of our human and material resources.

If the two congregations were to amalgamate into one this would entail several significant changes including:

- the congregation of Glebe selling their building and coming here
- the joining together of ministry staff, Kirk Session, Board of Managers and Trustees
- the joining together of congregational membership as well as adherents
- the integration of mission initiatives as well as programs
- the combination of financial assets
- a new name to represent a new entity

While preparatory work has been done, it is now vital that we all begin to think this through, ask questions, offer our input and eventually vote on an amalgamation proposal.

Therefore all members and adherents of Leaside Presbyterian Church are invited to an information meeting organized in a Town Hall format on **Sunday October 23, 2011**, following worship. After the meeting we will post a FAQ list on our church website.

Moreover, you can email any questions or comments you may have to:

Dr. Nick Athanasiadis, Minister nick@leasidepc.ca

Rev. Angela J Cluney Associate Minister CE angela@LeasidePresbyterianChurch.ca

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Alternatively you may call the Rev. Dr. Nick Athanasiadis with questions or comments.

Please keep this proposal in your prayers that God may guide us into the best way forward.

Peace and Blessings,

Beth McKay
Clerk of Session