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Dear Account Holder:

In mid-February of this year, investors were enjoying the gradual rise of the stock market, though it has been volatile for some time. On the whole stocks were trading near record levels. Stock values were also near record levels. COVID-19 was mostly a problem in China.

What a difference a month makes, both in the United States and globally. To say the least, the change has been dramatic. There has been an aggressive selloff of stocks not only in the United States but globally. Stock values and earnings growth expectations have declined.

It is an understatement to say that people are afraid of COVID-19. People are swarming grocery stores and big box stores to grab anything and everything, leaving shelves empty. Some people have resorted to stealing masks and gloves from hospital emergency rooms. People are afraid.

People are afraid of the unknown. When they don't know, they panic and panic leads to irrational behavior.

The Board of Stewardship hopes to provide some reassurance about your account in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church Investment Loan Program (ILP). The funds in your account are safe. The great majority of your funds are invested in government backed bonds. These bonds are backed by the United States Government. They are one of safest investments available.

The value of your Investment Loan Program account has not dropped like the stock market. If your balance at the end of 2019 was \$50,000, you still have \$50,000. In fact, your balance has increased and at the end of March your balance will be \$50,500. For the first quarter of 2020 the interest earned will be 4% annualized.

The interest rate can change every quarter (3 months). The interest paid can go up or it can go down depending on the earnings on the investments. As a result of markets in recent months, the interest paid may decrease but your current balance will not decrease. The only time your balance will go down is when you make a withdraw.

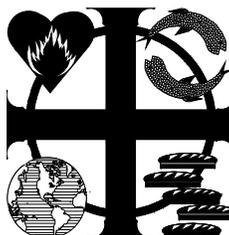
The recent drop in the market has not changed the balance in your ILP account. It will affect the amount of interest that is earned on the account.

If you have any questions, please do not to hesitate to call me at 901-276-4572 x207.

Sincerely,

Robert Heflin

**The earth
is the Lord's and
all that is in it, the world
and all those who dwell therein.**
PSALM 24:1



**"All we have here is
five loaves and two fishes."
"Let me have them," he replied.
They all ate to their heart's content.**
MATTHEW 14:17ff.