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Dear Rev. Reba, M-A, Kate and everyone at Williston-Immanuel:

Thank you so very much for your kind and generous support of Grace-Street Ministry. You have helped us with everything from operational funds to Dunkin' and Hannaford cards and bus passes. And on top of that you have been our fiscal sponsor, have provided us with storage space for the mountains of hoodies and such that we have been given, and have been an ongoing spiritual and moral support for the work that we do out on the street. We simply and literally could not have done this without all of you.

As I'm sure you all, services for the unhoused living on the streets of Portland have been significantly impacted by the coronavirus, and show no signs of improving. Even with the city putting out a Request for Proposal, offering \$300,000 for someone to run a day shelter, there were no takers. I fear that people will be split between the antiquated Oxford Shelter and local motels for the entirety of this winter, with very little space available to get warm during the day. As seems particularly heartbreaking during this celebratory season, there appears to be no room at the inn here for 'the least of these' in Maine's largest city.

Early on in the pandemic, the pastors of Grace-Street made the mindful decision to continue to go out into this community, and we will endeavor to be there three times a week, 52 weeks a year. Your generous contribution will help to make that possible.

As I'm fond of saying, thanks for letting us bring your love to the streets of Portland

Warm blessings and sincere thanks,

Pastor Jeffery Logan Grace-Street Ministry

Pastors: Rev. Jeffery Logan, Rev. Nancy White and Rev. Karen Orr