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Dear Trustees,

I am looking forward to our meeting in just a few days. I do regret that it will be virtual. If you are anything like me, this COVID-19 pandemic has taught you just how inadequate the virtual world is for soul enrichment. Nevertheless, it is a useful tool in a crisis, and I am glad in this instance that we have it as an option.

I was recently reminded of a sermon by Charles Haddon Spurgeon, where he points out that every generation in our fallen world talks about the difficult times they face, and he exhorts, "What have we believers to do with the times but to serve God in them?" I have been preaching that truth to myself during the COVID-19 era. Pray for pastors. As I talk to them, there is a general discouragement that I fear will drive many from the ministry.

As we gather as trustees next week, one thing will be crystal clear; the ERLC has been strategically and aggressively living out Spurgeon's admonition on behalf of Southern Baptist Churches in these times. I am consistently astounded at the volume of work our ERLC team gets done and the wisdom with which they proceed in addressing the vital issues.

Additionally, one thing I thought might be of interest or benefit to each of you are the answers we promptly submitted to the task force to the questions they sent on June 1st. We are still awaiting a response to the answers we submitted. Working on these responses reminded me of just how much we have to be thankful for with our ERLC team. I thought this might be a helpful supplement to the report we received yesterday from Brent.

Finally, you will also find attached a letter that our trustee Jonathan Whitehead requested we share with the board. While I disagree with his letter of concerns and conjecture, he certainly has the right to share them with the board. I am always thankful for the active participation of the member trustees.

It has been and continues to be a joy to serve as a trustee with each of you. I think you have done admirably through some choppy waters in denominational and national life. The work of the ERLC team is not possible without your work as trustees. Thank you for serving the churches of the SBC by serving the ERLC.

Blessings in Christ,
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