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**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM/UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CCB/UCC) ANNOUNCES
PARTNERSHIP WITH NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TROY**

CCBUCC Relocating Operations, Worship Services, and Outreach To New Location

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI / October 30, 2024 --- The Congregational Church of Birmingham, United Church of Christ (CCBUCC) has announced it will be transitioning portions of its operations from its present site at 1000 Cranbrook Road to Northminster Presbyterian Church on Big Beaver Road in Troy. The relocation is due to age-related infrastructure issues in the current church building that have resulted in the structure being determined to be unsustainable. While future options for the building and property are being evaluated and considered, the Northminster campus will provide CCB/UCC a location to hold worship services and office space for administration personnel through a temporary lease agreement.

“We are blessed and happy to have this opportunity to work in conjunction with the wonderful people of Northminster,” said Pastor Rev. Shane Montoya. “Our worship and public service philosophies are in complete agreement so we already have a great deal in common. In exploring this transition, their whole organization has been very gracious in collaborating with us to find ways to accommodate our needs as a congregation and in solving and adapting logistical matters arising from this arrangement. We couldn’t ask for better partners in this next step of our spiritual journey as a congregation.”

Montoya also stressed this is not a merger of the two churches but rather a temporary solution for CCBUCC to continue its worship and outreach operations while a longer-term plan for the current structure and property is developed.

“We are a congregation of loving and supportive community in Christ and a building does not define who we are,” Montoya added. “Our identity will not change.”

The transition to the church’s new location is expected to begin in early December of this year and the duration of the shared-facilities arrangement is yet undetermined.

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