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Dear Brothers in Christ,

Ash Wednesday greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Today we begin our Lenten journey together as we follow our Lord to His cross and suffering. The attached video is a personal word of encouragement to you amid all the challenges pressing down upon you. It's meant to offer some divine confidence during the flurry of increased activity this most holy season.

Know that I give thanks to the Lord for you and your faith. I pray the Lord Jesus Christ sends you His Holy Spirit to strengthen you and sustain you all the more during this extraordinary season, granting you joy in your service and the quiet time to receive, again and again, the grace and peace that you administer to your flock.

You are a blessing to me, the district, and to your congregation. Thank you for your faithful service.

Your brother and pastor in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford