Pastor John DeBevoise presented the proposed Secret Pal project to the PCPC Witness and Service Committee at its meeting on Friday. The group enthusiastically endorsed it. I offered to serve as PCPC chair for the project.

I am certain several members of the committee will volunteer to participate. Also, I want to circulate the opportunity to our “Conversations About Racism” Sunday School Class and to our “Race and Faith” reading and discussion group. I believe members of both groups also will want to be part of the fellowship. In addition, PCPC will publicize the opportunity more broadly on our church social media platform.

All this outreach will take some time, however. I think we will need two weeks (July 22-August 2) to get the word out to the church. I want to give people two weeks to respond by sending me their completed forms. (August 3-16). Once you and I have the forms, we probably will need at least a week to exchange them and pair up participants. (August 17-23).

Assuming it will take 1 week to notify participants of their partners, we could schedule our folks to deliver their first gifts to be delivered to our Fellowship Hall on or before September 7, but since that is Labor Day, I would say September 9. We could deliver our gifts to your church on Friday, September 11. If you would like, our delivery person could pick up your gifts at that same time and bring them back to PCPC so our people could pick up their gifts in our Fellowship Hall.

Given all the things going on in our world right now, I suggest we do gift exchanges every other week, instead of weekly, but we could follow the same procedure for each exchange.

I will begin the initial publicity now but let me know what you think of this timeline. We are excited about the chance to renew and deepen our fellowship with your congregation. My contact information is at the bottom of this email.

Thank you for taking the lead on this. We have been wanting to do some thing more together and this looks like a great opportunity.