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fairly traded
**COFFEE
CHOCOLATE
& TEA**

Dear Congregants,

Congratulations! Your church is one of 25 across the PC(USA) that purchased the highest volume of Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks through the Presbyterian Coffee Project in 2010. Enclosed please accept a small token of our gratitude, a Certificate of Appreciation which recognizes your congregation's commitment to Fair Trade. The awarding of such certificates is one way we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Presbyterian Coffee Project this year.

The total of all Equal Exchange fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks purchased by Presbyterians in 2010 was 145,187 lbs (or 73 tons). Over the past decade, Presbyterian congregations purchased 1,154,275 lbs. (or 577 tons) fairly traded products. This is a tremendous accomplishment for which we are deeply thankful. By supporting Fair Trade your congregation has helped small farmers to stay on their land, plan for the future, and care for the environment. Your continuing participation demonstrates that together Presbyterians can make a significant difference in alleviating hunger, eliminating its causes and creating a greener and more just food system. Your actions strengthen the Fair Trade movement for small farmers around the world and provide a model of alternative trade for faith based groups.

On behalf of the farmer co-operatives, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Equal Exchange, we thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to help reduce hunger and poverty for small farmers. By working together we make each other stronger.

Yours in faith,

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Small Farmers. *Big Change.*