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Dear Church of San Marcos,

We, the San Marcos Ministerial Association, greet you in the name of Jesus Christ. Our association was founded over 3 decades ago in order to promote respect, provide opportunities for understanding, and encourage joint action and coordination. We are made up of Christian pastors and ordained ministers in the San Marcos region and we meet monthly at Central Texas Medical Center.

It is our desire that the complete body of Christ in San Marcos come into unity. We understand that the cultural landscape of San Marcos is beautiful in its diversity. God has blessed our city with people from all walks of life and we have been placed here in this relatively small place to live in His purpose. Ephesians 4: 15 says, "Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. 16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. (NLT)" From north, south, east and west. From Texas State University to the Outlet Malls. From the farmland to the San Marcos River to the hill country. We desire for the body of Christ in San Marcos to be fitly joined together. This will be educational, inspirational, and powerful. This will answer the prayer of Jesus in John 17: 21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. (NLT)"

The San Marcos Ministerial Association hosts several events throughout the year. In early May, we help organize the National Day of Prayer activities. There are usually different venues throughout the day for the church to gather and pray in unity. At the end of the school, year we sponsor the San Marcos High School Baccalaureate. This service celebrates God's involvement in the students' lives. Each Thanksgiving, we organize a city-wide worship service. This service blends our different worship styles and involves a large sampling of our community. Financially, our association supports 3 local organizations: The Salvation Army, Giving Hope San Marcos (a Christmas Outreach), and Southside Community's homeless ministry. In addition to our financial support, we help Salvation Army ring bells at Christmas.

Your pastor has played a significant part in these efforts and we are appreciative of all our members. However, now is the time for all believers to join in the cause. It is our vision to organize larger outreach projects that help local families and show the love of Christ in our neighborhoods. With construction projects, food distribution, larger community worship experiences, and other methods we want to continue the momentum we have garnered. If you would like to offer your assistance, please speak with your minister or leadership about how you can get involved.

Sincerely,
The San Marcos Ministerial Association

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