

Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity  
Supplemental Report to EMP and Requested Motion of Approval for Name Change, February 13, 2023

**Most of the faith-based Habitat community groups in Monroe County committed to working together to build a Habitat home every year.** Penfield has yet to decide. Our own Mark Stevens from Perinton Presbyterian Church will be co-chair of the new count-wide steering committee. We can now invite our parishioners to volunteer to help build a Habitat home every year instead of only every three years. We are under no obligation to provide any more money than is currently raised or recruit a greater number of volunteer builders. Habitat has an abundance of volunteer builders. Instead of paying \$65,000 to build a home every three years, the Perinton Habitat group will contribute roughly a third of that to each house built annually. The actual cost of construction is well over \$100,000 so the local Habitat affiliate solicits additional funding from other partners. The additional funds for the Habitat home we built last year (our eighth since 1999) were contributed by the Jim and Juli Boenheim foundation based in Syracuse.

**The recent merger of the Habitat for Humanity affiliates in Monroe, Wayne, and Ontario Counties necessitates a change in our certificate of assumed name filed with the New York State Department of State.** Each PEM and EMP ministry has a certificate. These allow PEM and EMP to conduct business under these several ministry names and preserves our exclusive rights to use these names. As a practical matter, it allows donors to write checks payable to our individual ministries by name rather than having to make checks payable to PEM or EMP. It allows PEM and EMP ministries to acknowledge contributions and state that they are received by a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation and may be eligible for income tax deductions.

**Proposed motion** to authorize the President of Ecumenical Ministries of Perinton or his designee to sign required documents to change the name of the Perinton faith-based Habitat group from “Perinton Congregations for Flower City Habitat for Humanity” to “Perinton Congregations for Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity” upon approval from Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity of the new name.

**EMP director action:** Please be sure that your church has a Habitat coordinator to provide information to parishioners about building opportunities and serve on the steering committee which rarely meets more than two or three times a year. Churches currently represented include Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Church of the Assumption, Church of the Resurrection, Fairport United Methodist Church, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Mountain Rise United Church of Christ, Perinton Presbyterian Church, and Saint John of Rochester Church. Thanks to EMP directors for doing their part to see that there is two-way communication between their individual churches and the steering committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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