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... by acting in love toward other members.

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.
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The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. (1Corinthians 16:19, NIV)

I will serve the ministry of my church

... by discovering my gifts and talents.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1Peter 4:10, NIV)

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And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24, NIV)

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... by living a godly life and continuing to grow spiritually.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel (Philippians 1:27, NIV)

... by regular, generous financial giving.

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