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From the Northwest Conference Superintendent

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

At the time of the annual meeting for your congregation, I would like to send warm greetings on behalf of the Executive Board and staff of the Northwest Conference. We are grateful for your church and the important part it plays in sharing the Good News of the crucified and resurrected Jesus with those in your congregation, local community and beyond.

It is our prayer that, as you look to the future, your witness may be in both word *and* deed. We also pray that God's faithfulness to you over this past year amid both joys and sorrows will fortify your trust in Him and allow you to take new steps in faithful obedience as you make decisions about opportunities set before you in the year ahead.

Please know that we are honored to serve our NWC congregations and want to be available to you when you are looking for help. We take our ministry priorities of Congregational Vitality, Church Planting, and Children, Youth & Families seriously. We are also pleased to be able to come along side our pastors and ministry staff members as needed.

Even as we pray for you, please pray for our shared ministry together. We need the prayers of God's people on our behalf, and thanks to those churches that remember to pray for us from time to time.

We are also grateful for your financial support. Simply put, we are dependent on the faithful stewardship of our member churches every bit as much as you count on the faithful stewardship of those who are part of your congregation. Thus, I would encourage you to model as a church the very thing you expect from those within your church body.

And thanks to those within our congregations who serve the broader work of the Conference and Covenant through their participation on various boards, committees, task forces and commissions. Your efforts for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ are both appreciated by us and known to God.

Your church is making a difference ... together, we are also making a difference!

May God richly bless you as you gather to make important decisions about His work through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COURAGE!

Mark R. Stromberg
Superintendent