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A Word from the NWC Superintendent Kara J. Stromberg

Dear Friends in Christ.

On behalf of the Executive Board and staff of the Northwest Conference, I send you warm greetings in the Name of Jesus. Please know that it is our honor and privilege to serve in this shared ministry to which we have been called.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 4:4-7, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We are instructed to do three things: 1) Rejoice because we are children of God, 2) Live lives that model the fruit of God's spirit in us, and finally, 3) To not be anxious or worried about ANYTHING but instead, to pray continually. In all of this, God promises His peace.

With all that threatens to destabilize and distract us from our shared mission, I invite each of us to enter into this next season as non-anxious people, fully trusting in God's provision and faithfulness, grounded in hope.

There is much to celebrate in the NWC. Middle school and high school kids met Jesus and responded to his invitation to follow Him this past summer at UNITE North and MUUUCE. We celebrate the momentum around our rural impact initiatives to equip town and country ministry leaders. Our five camps continue to serve as places where people meet God, and I am encouraged to hear stories of people coming to faith and lives being changed through the ministries of NWC churches. Minnehaha Academy, a ministry of the NWC, continues to grow and thrive as the school provides Christ-centered education for young people who will serve as our future leaders.

On behalf of the leadership of the Northwest Conference, I thank you for your faithful support of our shared ministry. Your commitment to the broader work of the Conference—through finances, prayers and your active support—allows all of us to live into God's call on our lives.

May the peace of God reign in your hearts and minds as you follow Christ Jesus.

Sincerely.

Kara J. Stromberg Superintendent