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A Word from the NWC Superintendent Kara J. Stromberg

Dear Mission Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

On behalf of our staff and Executive Board, I wish you warm greetings in the name of Christ in this 140th year of ministry in the Northwest Conference.

The logo for the Northwest Conference is a tree, which is a visual reminder that Christ is our true vine and we are invited to remain in him. “No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.” (John 15:4). Similarly, Psalm 1 exhorts us that those who delight in the law of the Lord are like “a tree planted by streams of water...bearing fruit in season.”

As we remember with gratefulness our 140 years of ministry, I look back at the seasons of ministry in our conference, most of which predated me. Some seasons have produced much fruit, some less so. There have been times of pruning and times of abundance. And yet, we can reflect with gratitude on God’s faithfulness, presence and provision for nearly a century and a half.

The Northwest Conference is for the local church. Everything we do centers around developing leaders and thriving churches for God’s glory and neighbor’s good. As we look ahead, we are continuing to prioritize both starting and strengthening churches, investing in the next generation, and supporting pastors.

As our staff and executive board discerns how God is leading the NWC into this next season of ministry, know that the most important thing for us is to *remain* in Christ. We also welcome the pruning work that God might need to do in us to help us stay faithful.

It’s an honor to serve as your superintendent, serving churches and uniting churches together in service.

With gratitude,



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Superintendent