

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

At the 2019 Special Called General Conference some decisions were made that have United Methodists and United Methodist Churches uneasy about the future and your relationships across the connection.

<u>**Our mission remains**</u> to serve churches, people and ministries related to The California-Nevada Annual Conference. In the coming months, our Board of Directors will meet to further define what "related to" entails, and create definition or expansion, if necessary, of this missional footprint to be more broadly inclusive of churches and other ministries.

<u>Your investments are secure</u>. We will continue to administer your investments as you have instructed us to do so under your investment agreements. Our contracts are between the churches and the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation, Inc. Only those specified as authorized signers may make withdrawals or transfers. We keep your account information private and no United Methodist body has any more access to your funds than they would at a local bank. Our investment managers will continue to follow Paragraph 717 in the Book of Discipline regarding Sustainable and Socially Responsible Investing.

<u>The California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation is independent</u> of the General Conference, the Annual Conference, the Council of Bishops, the GCFA, Wespath, and any other United Methodist denominational entity. We are separately registered as a California Nonprofit Corporation and we hold an independent IRS 501(c)(3) tax-exempt ruling. Our Board of Directors is self-managed.

<u>We are sustaining investments for future generations</u>. We will continue to be focused on the future, on strengthening local churches and building legacies.

We will continue to care for those we serve, including you and your church family as we have for the past 55 years. I have confidence in the wisdom and leadership of the Foundation's Board of Directors to ensure that we will remain a financial foundation for future generations.

If you have questions, concerns please reach out to me.

Peace,

Susan Peters Executive Director

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