I. VISION AND MISSION

Our Vision

We are an annual conference of churches
growing in discipleship and ministry
for Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

The purpose of the annual conference
is to make disciples for Jesus Christ
by equipping its local churches for ministry
and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church,
all to the glory of God.

The primary focus of our annual conference
is to identify, support, train and nurture
effective lay and clergy leaders to strengthen
local congregations for ministry in the world.

We are in mission and ministry in the name of Christ
for the transformation of lives and the redemption of the community;
that the hurting may be healed,
that the hungry may be fed,
that the lost may be found,
that the Shalom of God may come upon the earth.

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

I envision a Church of the Pentecost in which the Holy Spirit is igniting, gifting and empowering God's children of all ages, backgrounds, colors, and personalities to glorify their Creator as passionate witnesses for Jesus Christ. Such a church does not merely serve the poor, the left out, the different, but welcomes them warmly into its heart, home and worship.

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Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

May 28-30, 2009

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we make plans to gather at Valley Forge Hotel and Convention Center for the Tenth Session of our Annual Conference, May 28th – 30th, 2009.

This year we will be coming together under the theme of "Disciples Transforming the World: Through Prayer". It is a joy to come together as one body in "holy conferencing" in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Our leaders for worship and study this year are Rev. Adam Hamilton as conference preacher and teacher and Mrs. Marjorie Kimbrough as Bible study leader. Rev. Hamilton is recognized across the denomination as an outstanding pastor and dynamic leader of the church in the 21st Century. Mrs. Marjorie Kimbrough is a highly acclaimed author and faculty member of Clark Atlanta University. We also welcome Ret. Bishop Felton Edwin May who will reflect on the Multi-Ethnic Center of the denomination. Bishop Moon Goo Shin will bring the message of challenge to those being commissioned.

My hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will dwell powerfully in and among us and that we will be attentive to the Spirit's leading as lay and clergy members come together to renew our covenant with one another, to pray, to worship, and to make decisions together.

We have a blessed connection through Jesus Christ, and as we meet in an atmosphere of prayer let us love one another as Christ first loved us. My expectation is that we will gather with "open hearts, open minds and open doors" as we vision and plan in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I pray that our time together at Valley Forge will invigorate our spirits, strengthen our faith and prepare us for another year of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As your bishop and brother in Christ, I look forward to greeting you in person as we gather for our Holy Conferencing.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

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