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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Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church
"Disciples Transforming the World: Discovering Our Gifts for Ministry with the Poor and Others"
Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
May 31 – June 4, 2011

March 22, 2011

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"Disciples Transforming the World: Through Our Gifts" is the theme of the twelfth session of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference to be held at the Valley Forge Hotel and Convention Center from June 1- 4, 2011. May I request all of you to join me in prayer as we prepare ourselves to be in Holy Conferencing for the glory of God as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Each of us will bring unique gifts to this session of the Annual Conference. Together we will prayerfully seek the will of God as we work at being the Church of Jesus Christ for the twenty-first century.

We are truly blessed to have Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter as our Conference preacher and Rev. Dr. John Holbert as our Bible study leader. Both of them are leaders in their fields, pastors and teachers seeking to lead United Methodist clergy and laity into a "new thing" for Jesus Christ. We will announce the names of preachers at the Tribute Service and Commissioning Service and participants and guests at the Annual Conference in the Digest before the commencement of the Annual Conference.

The electing of delegates to the 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences is one of the major responsibilities of this session of the Annual Conference. Please discern God's will as you prepare to elect clergy and laity who could truly represent the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and our Annual Conference. These people will help to shape the future of the denomination in 2012. In your discernment, kindly look at all the children of God within the bounds of the Annual Conference, study the membership of the Conference, make sure that attention is being given to God's gift of diversity in our Annual Conference.

Please encourage your fellow congregants to be in prayer for us so that all our decisions, remembrances, and celebrations truly enable us to strengthen our Christian discipleship and to witness in our respective communities, nation, and world.

May God's peace be felt at every moment of our Holy Conferencing and may all our decisions be undertaken without fear, with love, hope, peace and courage, dreaming God's dream and vision. Looking forward to seeing you at Valley Forge.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

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Resident Bishop

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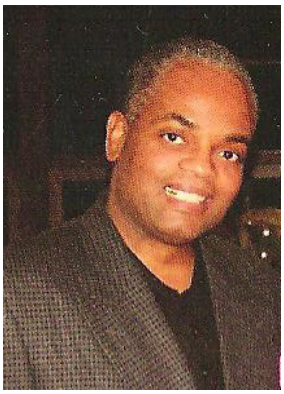

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Cynthia Stouffer

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2011 RETIREES

(from left) James C. Batten, Robert L. Boettner, Howard F. Sterling, David E. Dutcher

(Missing from photo) Linda Del Sardo, Boyd Fox, Steven Frick, C. Christopher Hinnen, George Imhoff, John V. Johnson, Deborah A. Kauffman, Stephen Palmer, Chris Ko, Dennis Lippart, Norman Madsen, Renee Mc Cleary, Carolyn Montgomery, Robert Smith, Doris Thompson

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