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.

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Thirteenth Session of the
Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church
"Disciples Transforming the World: Our Service and Witness – Developing Leaders"
Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania
May 31 – June 2, 2012

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 Thirteenth Session of our Annual Conference, May 31 - June 2, 2012.

The theme for the Annual Conference is ***"Disciples Transforming the World: Through Our Service and Witness – Developing Leaders."*** As we join together in "holy conferencing" to review and shape the ministry of the Annual Conference, we add the task of discerning if there are elders in our church who could become potential Episcopal leaders of the denomination. We will also create a pool of names to be forwarded to the Jurisdictional Conference of possible leaders for various Jurisdictional or General Boards or Agencies or other ecumenical agencies. To help us discern those with the necessary gifts for this high responsibility, we ask for prayerful reflection and openness to the leading of God's Holy Spirit. The selection of the new Episcopal leaders will be part of the business of the Jurisdictional Conference in July.

Our leaders for worship and study this year are Bishop J. Michael Lowry as Conference preacher and teacher, and Rev. Joy J. Moore as Bible study leader. Bishop Lowry is the Episcopal leader of the Fort Worth area. Rev. Joy Moore is Associate Dean for Black Church Studies and Church Relations and the Visiting Assistant Professor in Homiletics and the Practice of Ministry at Duke Divinity School. The preacher at the Commissioning Service will be Bishop Jong Hoon Kim of the Seoul Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church. Please join me in welcoming them with a Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Christian hospitality!

As we meet in the aftermath of the General Conference, I pray that we shall be open to the leading of the Spirit as we seek to become the Church that Christ would have us be for the twenty-first century. Laity and clergy of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference will share in the work and worship of this Annual Meeting. The Rev. Glenn J. Conaway will preach as we celebrate the service of the clergy and laity who during the past year have "completed their course in faith."

As we prepare to gather for Holy Conferencing, keep those who prepare the way for us in your prayers and come with the Grace of Christ in your hearts.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar

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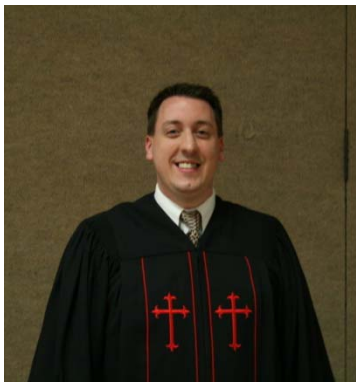

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2012 RETIREES

(Front Row from left) Marion Jackson, Christina Zito, Marjorie Eriksen, Frank Kowar, Gary Turk
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