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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We will be gathering soon to celebrate another year of ministry and mission as an annual conference. This year we will meet for Holy Conferencing at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA on May 19-21, 2011.

The theme for this year's conference is "Journeying with the Poor" and we are privileged to have The Rev. Rudy Rasmus with us for three teaching sessions. Our two mission projects will include a potato drop sponsored by the United Methodist Men and the packaging of high protein, dehydrated meals for use in crisis situations around the world through Stop Hunger Now. More information on the mission projects will be forthcoming.

In the months to come, let us commit to be in prayer, study the pre-conference materials as they are made available and attend the district conferences, Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. Voting for delegates for General Conference 2012 will also occur at this upcoming annual

conference and I would specifically ask that you be in a spirit of discernment for those clergy and lay representatives.

May we share generously, love passionately and journey steadfastly as we prepare for the 2011 Annual Conference.

God bless you.

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