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Dear Bishop Schol and Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

It is appropriate to begin by thanking and praising our Creator God in and through the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, using the words of the Psalmist who said, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness." (Psalm 115:1).

Congratulations! Today is a great moment in the history of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference as the new Mission and Resource Center is dedicated. Heartfelt thanks go to your episcopal leader, Bishop Schol, and to the trustees, leaders, and saints of the Conference for this splendid accomplishment.

In 2000 when the Southern and Northern New Jersey Conferences united to give birth to the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, best efforts were made to locate a new home base to carry on the vision and mission as created by the uniting conference, resulting in the move to Wickapecko Drive in Ocean. By 2007, conversations began to develop a new conference center that would empower the continued expansion of the uniting conference's vision and mission. Support for this initiative not only continued, but grew, despite the financial crisis facing our nation in 2008 which led to the formation of an ad hoc committee to address the task.

Thanks be to God for the leadership of Bishop Schol, staff, trustees, leaders, clergy and laity of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference who kept the vision and dream alive. We are standing in this magnificent Mission and Resource Center because of years of faithful and caring hands, hearts and minds committed to the Glory of God.

As you begin a new chapter in your ministry, I pray that this new space will provide the physical means to enable your ministry and mission to reach all of God's people, in New Jersey and throughout the world. May God continue to bless you so that the new Mission and Resource Center blossoms for the glory of God, filled with the love of Christ guided by the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar