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New Disciples • Vital Congregations • Transformed World

**Imagination - *Have enough light to see the hope of God's call* – Ephesians 1:18**

Come, imagine with me new generations of disciples, vital congregations and a transformed world

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Look where our imagination is taking us!

At the 2016 Annual Conference Session of the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey we celebrated our ministry together with stories of transformation through our congregations, clergy and mission partners. We witnessed the hope of God in our missional work through initiatives like A Future With Hope and CAMP YDP. We shared how God's call is working through our youth at IGNITE. We imagined 100 new Hope Centers across our conference to bring the word of God to the people of God.

We celebrated our new resourcing that is moving our congregations and ministry forward, the Laity Academy, Team Vital, PaCE groups, Communities of Hope and coaching.

We also imagined a world without racism and passing legislation that allows us to move forward in our mission with strong diversified leadership.

In these pages you will find the people, congregations, and fruits of our ministry together. I hope you will review them carefully and refer to them often in your ministry. These pages hold the directory of our lay and clergy leaders which is key to our connectionalism. They outline bold new initiatives and thoughtful analysis of our progress and our challenges. They show diversity and our challenges with diversity.

Greater New Jersey is imagining, pursuing and growing transformational leaders, new disciples, vital congregations and a transformed world. Explore for yourself all God is doing through us in the following pages.

God is not finished with us. God has imagined great things for Greater New Jersey. I invite you to have the imagination to hear God's call for love, unity and healing. Pray that we can use God's light to focus us on our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and grow vital congregations to transform the world.

Imagine what God has in store for us next.

Keep the faith!

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