MEADOWLANDS DISTRICT
UNITED METHODISTS
OF GREATER NEW JERSEY

Dear Colleagues,

Grace and peace my sisters and brothers in Christ! I cannot thank you enough for all the ways you are courageously leading and serving Christ with grace, passion, and innovation as we pray our way through a new normal in the world. I thank God for each of you as you discern ways to stay in love with God, do no harm, and do all the good you can in the communities in which you lead. Thank you for leading with love, grace, and risk-taking innovation. Please continue to pray for each other and check in with one another as colleagues and siblings in Christ.

This letter marks the beginning of the upcoming church conference season. Please review it carefully.

2022 Church Conference

Presiding Elders in the District will conduct church conferences via zoom to help ensure greater participation. Please click here to see the schedule. In September, you will receive information about the agenda for the meeting and instructions for our time together.

Additionally, I will host three in-person worship services throughout the district on:

- Saturday, October 29, 2022, 9:00 am at **Chatham United Methodist Church** (directions)
- Saturday, November 12, 2022, 9:00 am at **The United Methodist Church of Little Falls** (directions)
- Saturday, November 19, 2022, 9:00 am at **Galilee United Methodist Church** (directions)

You and all worshippers in your community are invited to any of these worship services. You can plan your morning for two hours of worship and fellowship. Local church masking guidelines will be in effect. Notifications will be sent in the case of cancellations due to the COVID pandemic.

Important Dates

- Church conference paperwork is due **Monday, September 19, 2022**. Click here for a link to all required church conference reports and instructions. You can access the church conference paperwork as of the first week of August.
- Metro Highlands Regional Worship & Gathering will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022 for all persons in the Metro Highlands Region (Meadowlands, Skylands, and Raritan Shore Districts) at Calvary Korean UMC (directions)

Friends, I believe that God is doing a new thing—even amidst such trying times– and I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our ministry together in the district and, most importantly, in your local church and community.

If you have questions about district leadership and strategy, please click here to view a presentation.

Grace and Peace,

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