

Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I bring you greetings as we prepare to gather in the Spirit to be the church in the world. In this time of uncertainty, change, new vision, and hope for the future, it is challenging to continue to be faithful to the promises of God.

But our scripture for this meeting is an assurance that God continues to be faithful to us. So as we gather virtually, as we gather in the Spirit, as we gather to be the body of Christ, we are the promise that is evident in God's word to all people. We are the ones who need to heed God's plan and trust that all will be well and share that assurance with a world that is hungering for a word of hope and healing.

Even in the midst of turmoil and confusion and challenge, life goes on. And we have a responsibility to ensure that we show a vision of life that is abundant and loving and caring. And so we gather in our various ways around the life of this beloved Penn West Conference as our pastor and churches care for congregations and communities and bring words of hope and healing and well-being through their actions of prayer, worship, and service.

As we meet to conduct the work of the church, let us remember that the plans we make during this meeting are not only to address our present needs but also embody our hope for the future, trusting in God's care for us, following Christ's example in the way we live each day, and being the vessel for the Holy Spirit to witness to divine truth. We have this Pentecost power within us to speak to everyone around us and show the love of our Triune God whenever and however we gather in holy purpose.

Blessed Be,
June Boutwell
Assistant Moderator.