



Greetings to our conference staff, ministers, and congregations within The Penn West Conference, from our residents and co-workers at Homewood at Martinsburg. May the power and fellowship of God's Holy Spirit bless and strengthen you in abundance!

Homewood Retirement Centers as an organization celebrates 90 years of ministry, and we give thanksgiving and praise to God for the opportunity to provide superior care services to enhance the quality of life for individuals in our care. Here at Martinsburg we are working on 48 years of ministry, continuing the vision of Rev. Givler to love and care for others.

In January of this year a transition of leadership occurred in the position of Executive Director. Mrs. Lisa Defibaugh began her leadership role as Executive Director for our Martinsburg campus in 2016. We are grateful for Lisa's years of faithful service in continuing the vision to provide professional, compassionate and quality care to our residents, families, co-workers, and guests. Lisa will continue as a member of the Homewood family, serving with our Corporate Office as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Robin Stern as our new Executive Director, who will lead us in our continued vision of ministry to love, provide and care for God's children.

The past two years our reports have focused on the themes of pandemic life and recovery, and what our life together was like as a continuing care retirement community. As our world works to move to post pandemic life, Homewood at Martinsburg is moving in that same direction, perhaps in baby steps, while keeping the safety of all within our community, and the best possible care practices as our primary responsibilities, to ensure our residents the experience of the upmost quality of life.

Recovery has obviously been and continues to be a challenge, but it has also been a privilege and joy to witness our residents enjoying and engaging life through visits with family and friends, participation in activities, worship services, and other events they choose. Our Holy Week and Easter worship services afforded us a long overdue celebration for our community, as we welcomed back our Health Care Residents to worship services and activities in our Chapel and Cultural Center. Even though opportunities for worship and activities continued during these past two long years, our crossover from one level of care to another was quite limited. The joy for residents of one level of care to again in person enjoy the opportunity to greet a resident from another level of care was simply overwhelming with blessing and gratitude as it reminds us of the importance of connection, and life together in community.



These recent years have indeed been a challenge for all of us, but what a blessing to journey throughout life together with the assurance that the Living Christ, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is present and accompanies us all along the way!

On behalf of our entire Homewood Community, our Executive Director, Robin Stern, and our leadership team, we thank you all for your prayers and support for our community as we minister together in Christ's name.

In love and service of The Risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Rev. Jerry McCuller, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev. Jerry McCuller, Jr.  
Director of Pastoral Services