

Greetings to you, sisters and brothers in Christ, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace, the Healer of our brokenness, and the Hope of the world!

I am privileged and honored to serve the mission minded, mission loving and mission giving people called United Methodists of the Susquehanna Annual Conference. I am amazed by the depth of faith of our people, for their commitment to God's mission, and for their generous and sacrificial giving for the sake of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and his love with the world. Indeed, the Susquehanna Conference is a church alive in mission making a difference in so many lives in so many places.

People are crying out in their places of brokenness, despair, and pain for help, healing, justice and hope for a fair chance of a life worth living. Thanks be to God that, as a church of Jesus Christ, we are doing something about it and are determined to continue to do so in an even more significant way.

That's why I want you to be a **Bishop's Partner in Mission**.

Our area represents one of the richest places in the world. To whom much has been given, much will be demanded. Please prayerfully consider this invitation to be a partner with me in mission by giving \$100 a year to the **Bishop's Partners in Mission Fund**. You can be a partner as an individual or a family or as a congregation or as a group. 100% of the funds that Bishop's Partners in Mission receives will be given, equally divided, unless designated, to **Imagine No Malaria**, our denominational campaign to save lives from malaria and to **Mission Central** to pay off the mortgage so of course, any gift will be received gladly with great appreciation.

To those who have given to Bishop's Partners in Mission year after year, please accept my deepest appreciation on behalf of the lives saved and served. Please, please continue to be a partner.

It is my ardent hope and prayer that many of us are able to respond to God's yearning expressed in these invitational words to **Bishop's Partners in Mission**. Your positive response would be greatly appreciated from the deepest place of my heart. May God continue to richly bless and honor you and your journey as a disciple of Jesus Christ for the sake of transforming the world with God's love.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!