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Dear Sisters and Brothers of Susquehanna Conference,

Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of Our Brokenness, and Hope of the World!

Last year at the 2017 Annual Conference Session, we heard a report from the Sierra Leone Initiative of our conference. There has been a long partnership between our conference and the Sierra Leone Conference. Our conference is currently in the eleventh year of providing salary support for all of the Sierra Leone pastors, along with other various mission engagements in Sierra Leone. We have pastors from Sierra Leone serving in the conference and each year we host guests from Sierra Leone throughout the conference.

We learned last year that one of the present challenges that the Sierra Leone Conference faces is insufficient funds to pay pastoral salaries. Pastoral salary support is vital as many pastors are serving Christ faithfully with little financial assistance. When this information was shared at the 2017 Conference, several pastors and congregations decided to do what they could to meet this critical need. I am pleased to report that God's Spirit once again moved mightily through the hearts of God's people, and the response was remarkable. Thanks be to God for the heart for mission of God's people of the Susquehanna Conference! We celebrate the work of the Sierra Leone Initiative and all that they are doing to support the work of our church in Sierra Leon. However, the need will continue in the years to come. The work of the Sierra Leone Initiative depends upon the on-going, generous, second-mile giving of God's people.

As your mission and finance committees consider how your church will respond to the growing needs of God's people locally and globally, I would ask your congregation to prayerfully consider our investment in Sierra Leone. I know that our brothers and sisters of Sierra Leone along with Bishop John Yambasu would greatly appreciate your partnership in mission.

May God continue to bless you and your congregation as you strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

In Christ's Ministry,

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