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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

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

May 30-June 1, 2019 we will gather as clergy and laity for the 2019 Annual Conference. There will be great singing, powerful worship, presentations and decisions made. One of the agenda items of our time together will be the election of lay and clergy delegates to the General Conference to be held in May 2020 and the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference to be held in July 2020.

The election of laity and clergy delegates is an important part of our connectional church. The delegates that will be elected represent not only the Susquehanna Conference but also United Methodists throughout the world. There will be much work to undertake and a myriad of action items to act upon at both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The delegates will have numerous issues to deal with that will affect the mission and ministry of our beloved church and its future.

Choosing to place one's name in nomination to be a delegate should never be taken lightly. It must be bathed in prayer, in scriptural study and reflection, and in consideration of what will be best for the world-wide United Methodist Church. Please know that I invite all United Methodists of our Annual Conference to join me in praying for those who are considering placing their name on the ballot.

Together may we pray that God's spirit will surround our Annual Conference and our process. May God's spirit lead persons to pray for guidance as they decide whether God is calling them to this task. We will pray that God will not only bless our process but raise up women, men, young adults and youth, laity and clergy who will have the wisdom and depth of Christian commitment to service as well as an openness to be led by the Spirit.

Your partnership in prayer and your prayerful consideration and discernment to put your name to the nomination process to serve our beloved church for such a time as this would be deeply appreciated.

With You in Christ's Ministry,

Jeremiah J. Park