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Future Conference and Association Giving

During the coming year the Conference and Associations will be building upon the reorganization thus far of the Conference and Associations by drafting new constitutions and by-laws for the Conference and Associations that reflect the current organization of our common life. Additionally the Associations and Conference will be discerning whether we should "unify" our giving to the Conference and Associations such that all finances or bookkeeping would be done by the Conference. The goal of this reorganization is to equip the Associations and Conference to fulfill their respective missions as faithfully and efficiently as possible.

The possibility of "unified giving" comes out of confusion for churches about the necessity of having both association dues and Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) contributions. In addition, the Conference currently funds the vast majority of Association and Conference ministries. As we continue to discern how to be the best stewards of our finances, there will be opportunities for dialogue at the Association and Conference levels.

The Conference Board of Directors and the Conference Minister prayerfully anticipates your continued and strengthening support of the Southern Conference and its Associations as we seek to be about God's work as a mission-minded, justice-hearted people.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Carla P. Gregg, President
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*Rev. Dr. Edward Davis
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