

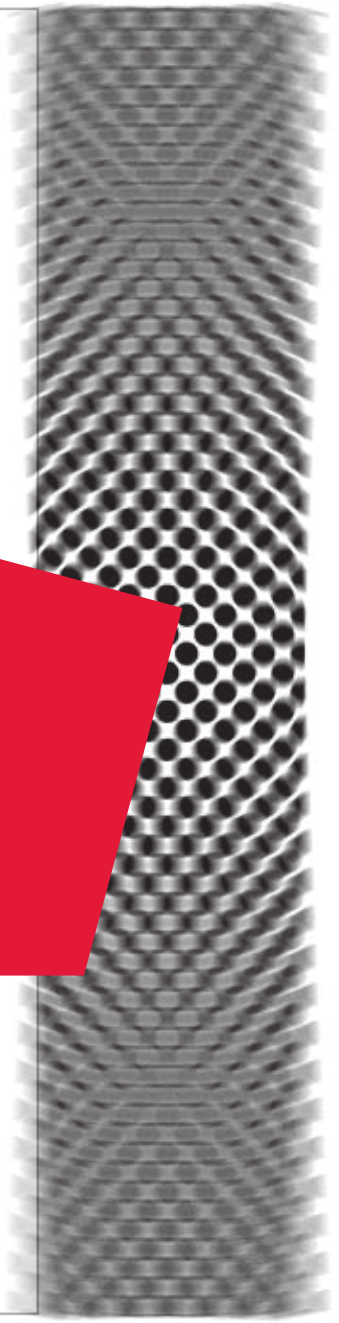
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As Mary Lou and I begin our eighth year of service to the Kansas Area, we continue to thank God for the ministry of the clergy and laity of the Kansas East and West Annual Conferences. Together the United Methodist congregations of Kansas have been offering Christ to a spiritually hungry world. We have focused on the adaptive challenge to increase the number of vital congregations in our state. We have sought new ways God can use us to transform the world.

We must remember our membership vows to pray for the church and each other. We should be present in worship weekly. We should give with extravagant generosity. We should serve the poor sacrificially. We should witness verbally so others will know the love of Christ and God's offer of salvation.

We are in a season of change. There will be a new episcopal area. There may be one annual conference approved next year for Nebraska and Kansas. There are ways in which all of our congregations need to change to adapt to an evolving mission field around us. Change is hard. But just as the people of God during the exodus were led by a pillar of fire by night and of cloud by day, the Holy Spirit is leading us. May we have the spiritual gift of discernment to see the Spirit and follow boldly. May the Lord continue to bless us all!

Scott and Mary Lou