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This year begins my fourth year among you all as Associate Conference Minister for the West. I am blessed to minister with you. This past year has been full.

Boundary Awareness Training Rounds One and Two are happening! We are beginning to work with our partners in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in offering round one. This sharing is a wonderful way in which we can reach out to our ecumenical partners while offering the training sessions in more locations. Round Two continues. We had another session at the beginning of annual meeting and we will have more sessions this coming fall, winter, and spring. This coming fall we will introduce two new sessions: financial issues and making self-care real. There are a dedicated group of individuals who are working on these modules over the summer. We are also beginning to train new trainers. If you would like to share in this important ministry, please contact me. I thank all of the people who give of their time to do this important work.

I interrupt this annual report for a commercial: All authorized ministers are strongly encouraged by their church and ministry commissions to have completed rounds one and two by the end of 2017. Now, back to our regularly scheduled report.

The CAC Polity Institutes continue their work as well. We have welcomed new teachers and continue to discover the best way to offer this course. The national setting of the denomination has expressed an interest in advertising the Institutes so I will be pursuing this possibility in the coming year.

I continue to be the ministry team's representative to our German partner church. This April I participated in the symposium of our partnership to discuss faith in our respective cultures. It was a wonderful event and we continue to expand this partnership. I thank Rev. Dr. Robert Apgar-Taylor for his hard work and dedication in planning this event in his role as liaison to our German partners.

My greatest joy as your associate conference minister continues to be meeting with congregations and authorized ministers. From being present and leading worship, leading workshops, helping during transitions, listening during conflicted situations, participating in

ecclesiastical councils, ordinations, and installations, to resourcing the five association councils in the conference, I have been blessed to be part of your journey. I continue to be amazed at the various and good ministry that we do in God's name as the Central Atlantic Conference. Thank you for inviting me to be a small part of your process to be faithful witnesses to God's love and grace in your place.

On a personal note I continue my pursuit as a competitive ballroom dancer. I am having so much fun and my dance studio is a source of joy, relaxation, and socialization.

I look forward to this coming year! Do you know that we are hosting the next General Synod of the United Church of Christ in Baltimore next July???? I am excited about how our shared life will focus on this great event.