

## Central Atlantic Conference Board of Directors Report

As I write this, I realize that this is my final report as President of the Board of Directors for the Central Atlantic Conference. I am honored to have been able to serve with a committed group of people who care deeply about the UCC and this conference. I also marvel at the work done by a small but mighty conference staff led by our conference minister, Rev. Freeman Palmer. We are blessed to have leadership that has faith in God, and a heart for the people and the local churches of this conference.

We didn't know what to expect coming into 2021. With the pandemic still raging and work still to be done, we continued to move forward in a virtual environment. Our conference minister and treasurer, in partnership with the Finance Working Group, and in consultation with the board of directors, continue to demonstrate strong stewardship over the financial resources of the conference. While we still face challenges, our financial stability continues to improve, and the proposed budget will support the priorities established through the strategic plan that was presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

We also see consistent support of the Friends of the Conference initiative and OCWM from many of you and your local churches. We are grateful and humbled by the generous spirit of this conference and we encourage your continued support of our focus on investing in justice and witness activities, assisting our local congregations and supporting the overall work of the conference.

The board also took on the long overdue task of updating the CAC Bylaws which provide the governance and oversight over how the board functions, the roles of the officers, board members, and the conference minister. This was another important step in the foundational work that was started in 2020 and I want to thank the board for their engagement in this important work.

While we still face many challenges, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 encourages us to, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus". So let us "Remember, Renew and Rejoice" together and give thanks in all of the ways that God continues to bless the Central Atlantic Conference!

Peace,

Janese Murray  
President, Central Atlantic Conference Board of Directors