

A Letter from the Chair

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am humbled and honored to serve as Chair of the National Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors (NFALMP). I step into this role with deep gratitude for those who have led before me. Like the writer of Hebrews reminds us, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1), and I give thanks for the faithful leaders who have laid the foundation for this fellowship.

I also want to celebrate the outstanding group of leaders who have stepped into new roles this year. Each one brings unique gifts, passion, and a deep love for Christ and the church. Together, they embody Paul’s vision of the body of Christ in 1 Corinthians 12, where every part is needed and valued. I am excited to see how their leadership will bless our fellowship and strengthen our shared witness in the years ahead.

By nature, I am a planner and an organizer. My gifts are in administration and organization, and I pray I can use them well to serve you. I hope to find ways to continue the good work of those who have gone before me in leadership while also helping to pave the way for those who will come after us. Most of all, I want to hear from you—your needs, your ideas, your hopes—so that together we can discover how the fellowship can best support you in practical and life-giving ways.

At our recent gathering, I sensed renewed energy and expectation among us. Truly, the Spirit is moving. As Paul wrote to the Philippians, “the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). I believe God is doing a new thing in and through Licensed Local Pastors and Associate Members across the connection.

Wherever we serve—whether in small rural churches, suburban neighborhoods, or busy city streets—we share the same call: to proclaim Christ, to shepherd God’s people, and to serve with faithfulness and joy. It is a sacred trust, and I believe that together, strengthened by grace, we will continue to grow in ministry and in love for God’s people.

I look forward with anticipation to all that lies ahead. May we continue to encourage one another, to lift each other up in prayer, and to walk forward in hope, trusting in the promise that “those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31).

In Christ’s service,

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