

May 2026 Letter to the NFAMLP from the desk of Rev, Amie Stewart, GBHEM liaison to the NFAMLP.

In this Easter season, we live between celebration and anticipation. The joy of resurrection is still before us, even as we look toward Pentecost—the birth of the church and the gift of the Spirit. Ours is a faith always in motion, shaped by seasons of change.

As an ordained deacon, I recognize how deeply the church depends on those who serve at the intersection of shifting needs and enduring hope. The church is ever-changing, and it relies on the call, creativity, and faithful adaptability of leaders like you—associate members and local pastors who embody connection, innovation, and care amid transition.

Easter speaks directly into this reality. Resurrection is not only something we remember; it is something we live. It assures us that God is always at work bringing new life, even in uncertain or evolving circumstances. What feels unfinished is not beyond redemption.

Pentecost deepens that promise. The risen Christ does not send us out alone but equips us with the Spirit—an active, sustaining presence in every sermon prepared, every visit made, every act of quiet faithfulness. The Spirit strengthens not only our endurance, but our hope.

Through the work of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, and especially in [this season of *This Moment Matters*](#), we are reminded that this is a pivotal time in the life of the church. Your leadership is essential. Your perseverance is a witness. Your creativity is part of how the Spirit continues to shape what comes next.

The work is not always easy. But the promise of this season remains: Christ is our anchor, and the Spirit is our guide. Resurrection reminds us that new life is always possible. Pentecost reminds us we are never alone.

Thank you for the ways you continue to lead and serve. The signs of hope are evident, and the Spirit is still at work.

In the hope of Christ,

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