

Pray.

Pray now,

Pray for the Others.

Love one another. The command echoes through Scripture and awakens us to life. Jesus intended for the world to verify the truth of his message by observing us in our love for one another and all God sends into our lives. (John 13:35, 17:22:23)

In this season, there are momentous preparations being made for our United Methodist community to part, possibly to multiply in new ways. How we do that matters. **Because praying is an expression of loving that is accessible to all, we, your Conference Leadership Team, call all who can sense the resonance of our voices to, "Pray with us!"** Pray for the wellbeing and faithfulness of those who think differently, whose path seems to diverge from your own. Pray for the ones with whom you are aligned, and for the ones who strive to lead in this poignantly sad and possibly exciting time. The world is watching how we treat one another.

Gracious and loving God,

We seek your shalom during these tides of change. The waters we sail are new and uncharted. By the light of the Holy Spirit please help us to navigate so that we might reach new people in new places with Jesus' message of unconditional love. There will be rough seas and unknown obstacles, so we acknowledge our weakness and long for Your strength O Lord. As we work together for the glory of heaven here on earth help us to braid a strong rope with our relationships, with everyone we meet, so that we all can grow deeper in our relationship with Christ by supporting each other. Help us to remember the words of the prophet Jeremiah "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." We pray these things in the name of our risen Savior Jesus the Christ, Amen.