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## Letter from Lois

*Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

~ Hebrews 13:1-2

*We have seen what the power of an awakened people can accomplish.*

~ Tom Black, in "We have won justice before. We can win it again."

I'm grateful for the Broadway community of faith as we have taken the time and space to be honest about the pain and anger that have come in the wake of the Florida trial verdict and the way the name "Trayvon" has become an awakening for our nation's conversation about racism and white privilege and power. I'm grateful for the real tears, and the heart-beat of rage that desires to make the world safer and better.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s words that we used in Broadway's Pride month here ring as true now as ever: "We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality." The reality of our common life is a call of *faith* – a trust that we are connected to one another in deep, profound ways.

I was moved to read what Sojourners' Jim Wallis wrote as the national conversation plays out, a piece called "Lament From a White Father," in which he called on people of faith to recognize that racism is a sin in the eyes of God:

*This is not just about verdicts but also about values...And the impact of race in and on this case, this trial, and the response to it around the country must now all be centrally addressed...there is a religious message here for all Christians. If there ever was a time that demonstrated why racially and culturally diverse congregations are needed – that time is now. The body of Christ is meant, instructed, and*

*commanded by Christ to be racially inclusive... White Christians cannot and must not leave the sole responsibility of telling the truth about America, how it has failed Trayvon Martin and so many black Americans, solely to their African-American brothers and sisters in Christ. It's time for white Christians to listen to their black brothers and sisters, to learn their stories, and to speak out for racial justice and reconciliation. The country needs multi-racial communities of faith to show us how to live together.*

This is our call as Broadway, as we continue on the anti-racism, multi-cultural journey: to learn and to teach how to live together as God's people, people who understand both self-love and mutual love. The claiming of "beloved-ness" for ourselves and for all people gives hope to the world.

On the journey with you,



Rev. Lois McCullen Parr

*The reality of our common life is a call of faith – a trust that we are connected to one another in deep, profound ways.*



## Vernice's View

The song "Celebrate Good Times" sung by Kool and the Gang has been running through my mind all morning. That's what August reminds me of - vacation, family reunions, hot weather - good times - times to celebrate. And as I reflect on a couple events from the past weeks I find good reason to celebrate.

In June during Pride month many of you were with us as we celebrated the justice ministry of Greg Dell. We centered ourselves around these words from Dr. King:

*"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."*

Those were appropriate words to center us as we celebrated a person who spent a great deal of his life preaching, teaching and living those words. Greg is retired now and living with Parkinson's disease and yet even now he continues to speak out for justice and inclusivity. Greg was unable to attend the awards service and

he and Jade asked that I receive the award for him. It was a great honor to do so. The ministry that Greg and I shared has left an imprint on every aspect of my life and ministry. And I wanted to share with you some of the words I shared with those gathered that evening as I accepted Greg's award.

*I began my ministry at Broadway 12 years ago as a student. Greg was my supervisor, my mentor, my colleague and he remains a close friend. Like many of you Greg's inclusive ministry and authentic walk for justice has influenced and changed my life. I talked with Greg this week to ask if he had any words to convey to you all and he said to express his thanks and regrets for not being here tonight. He also said that he hopes his ministry has been seen as one that addresses the intersections of oppression of race, gender and sexual orientation.*

When I came to Broadway, inclusive ministry was not a part of my vocabulary yet. It is because of Greg Dell and Broadway that I was able to

celebrate another event in my life. I finally completed a long process of transferring my ordination credentials to Church Within A Church Movement. On July 20, 2013, a small group of CWACM leadership and members gathered to participate and witness this event. And in just a few days, on August 4th, all of you here at Broadway will celebrate with me as well.

I am most thankful to CWACM and to Broadway and to my mentor and friend Greg Dell and my current colleague in ministry, Lois McCullen Parr, for creating the space for me to authentically name, claim and live my inclusive ministry. Thank you all for your love and support.

The journey continues...

In truth and Justice,

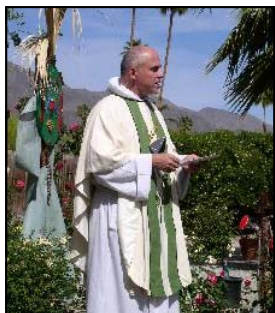
Rev. Vernice L. Thorn  
Broadway UMC Pastor,  
CWACM Clergy

*And in just a few days, on August 4th, all of you here at Broadway will celebrate with me as well.*

## Celebrating Rev. Vernice's Credentialing



Join us on **Sunday, August 4th**, as we celebrate Rev. Vernice's credentialing with the Church Within A Church Movement (CWACM). Relationship Builders will host Coffee Hour.



## Kevin's Korner

*Background note: Rev. Kevin A. Johnson and Mike Shear are BUMC members who moved to Palm Springs, California, in July 2002, to begin Bloom in the Desert Ministries, which is an interdenominational, inclusive Christian ministry including the Methodist (Broadway style) tradition. "Kevin's Korner" is a monthly column reporting on their progress so Broadway and Bloom stay well connected in ministry together. ([www.bloominthedesert.org](http://www.bloominthedesert.org))*

In the context of "doing ministry," I have been asked to write quarterly for a rotating column in The Desert Sun newspaper. The following appeared online this month.

"Words of Faith" July 12, 2013

I believe faith is an action word. It is not only evidenced by thoughts and words that swirl in our hearts and minds. It is proven also by the actions we take with our bodies. I believe that a major component of the witness to faith is what we do in light of it.

For me, faith is unmistakably devoted to actions of God's justice and compassion in our communities locally and globally. If, as the old saying goes, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," the pudding is faith and the eating is social justice. While not everyone is called in faith to do the same

things, everyone can do something for good.

For some, religion and spirituality are confined to what is inward. I respect that. As a Christian, I think that is not the sum total of our discipleship. Inward work, as Jesus did when he went into the wilderness or away for prayer, will strengthen the followers of the Jesus Way to do outward work of healing and justice – as Jesus did.

That is why, as a delegate to the recent United Church of Christ General Synod 29 meeting in Long Beach, I joined 300 people in a march for "Just Immigration Reform." The promotional flyer proclaimed the group's purpose to: "Put your faith into action! Stop Deportations and Pass Inclusive Immigration Reform!"

We marched a mile for immigration justice at Noon that day. I considered

it a privilege to walk with immigrants and Dreamers marching for family unity and a pathway to citizenship in common sense comprehensive immigration reform. "Yes we can!" and "Si se puerde!" were shouts heard all along the route.

Church leaders "baptized" the Federal Building containing the ICE office in Long Beach, washed the feet of immigrants at City Hall and shared bread in a plaza outside the local Congressional offices. Along the way we followed our leaders' directions to "keep moving for justice."

In the faith actions of personal devotion and big church meetings, there are always ways today to make real the ancient words of Jesus: "Go and do likewise."

As always, we ask you to keep us in your prayers. We will pray for you.

## Calendar Notes

### Spirit Lake Mission Trip

#### **July 28-August 3**

Please keep our Spirit Lake Ministry Team in prayer: Lamar Adams, MJ Grimshaw, & Rev. Lois, along with folks from the Euclid Ave UMC & Out of the Box Ministries congregations, the week of July 28th, as they are in

Spirit Lake, North Dakota, in ministry with the Dakotah Tribe!

[www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org](http://www.spiritlakeministrycenter.org)

### Pastors on Summer Vacation

Lois is away **August 5-12**;

Vernice is away **August 18-25**.

### RMN Convocation

**August 30-September 2**

Please keep in prayer Connie Bryant, MJ

Grimshaw, and others from around the UM connection as the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) holds its Biennial Convocation "Churchquake" in Chevy Chase, MD.

### Looking ahead

**September 7: Church Picnic**

**October 19: Fun, Food, & Fellowship** with Broadway's Property Caregivers (8am-3pm)

# Draw the Circle Wide Gift to Rev. Dell

Rev. Greg Dell received *Draw the Circle Wide*, a commissioned Thanksgiving Gift from the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, on June 23, 2013.



**THE REV. GREGORY R. DELL**, now retired, is the former pastor of Broadway United Methodist Church. Dell has a 44-year history of involvement in issues of social justice and has been a pioneering and courageous supporter of same-sex unions in the face of opposition from his own church and elsewhere. He is a staunch friend of LGBT communities in Chicago, across the United States, and around the world.

A native Chicagoan, Greg Dell was born in 1945 and raised mostly on Chicago's South Side. While still in high school in Midlothian, Illinois, Dell participated in the marches and efforts to challenge racism in Chicago neighborhoods led by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In March 1999, Dell was sub-

jected to a nationally publicized church trial that resulted from charges filed against him within the United Methodist Church for conducting a Service of Holy Union for two gay men from his Broadway UMC congregation. The result of the trial was a yearlong suspension from his pastoral duties. Afterward, Dell returned to Broadway Church and continued his activities as an ally in the struggle for racial-, gender-, and sexual orientation-based justice. He has received numerous awards, including a Chicago Commission on Human Relations award in 2000, and honorary doctorates from Illinois Wesleyan University (1999) and Chicago Theological Seminary (2007).

Dell was forced by illness to take early retirement from pastoral ministry in mid-2007. He and his wife, Jade, have been married for 40 years. Throughout his career, he has served as an exemplary ally to LGBT communities in Chicago and beyond and as a model activist for social justice. For his life and work, he was chosen for induction into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame as a Friend of the Community in 2008. (Source: *Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame, 2008.*)

## **DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE THANKSGIVING GIFT**

Ceramic Artist Glenn Woods began making pottery full time in

2001 after moving from Chicago where he and his life partner (Keith Herbrand) were members of Broadway United Methodist Church. They loved the church community there and felt honored to have Greg Dell as their pastor during their membership. While most of their pottery is functional and utilitarian in nature, they look forward to the opportunity to make pieces for special events such as this, holding special meaning for the recipients.

*"It is my hope that the piece created for this event captures, if only in a small way, the essence of what this event represents. Thank you for this opportunity, it is truly an honor."* ~ Glenn Woods (and Keith Herbrand) AKA: The Pottery Boys

## **IN HONOR OF GREG DELL (ARTIST STATEMENT)**

When asked to create something for this special occasion honoring Greg Dell for his service and contributions to the community at large — I struggled with what to make. My first thought was to make a communion set but this seemed almost too traditional, too simply and not very thoughtful. I began to ask, what could I make that would symbolize Greg's place in the community AND make something that would serve him, and his wife Jade, for many years to

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# Sunday Adult Education Hour

Please join us on **Sunday mornings at 10am** in the Pillow Room as we reflect on and discuss *The Book Of Awakening – “Having the Life You Want by Being Present to the Life You Have”* by Mark Nepo. Mark is a poet and philosopher who has taught in the fields of poetry and spirituality for over 30 years. A cancer survivor, Nepo writes and teaches about the journey of inner transformation and the life of relationship.

## Children’s Education

Children’s Summer Education continues **during the 11am worship service**. Story hour and outdoor crafts, for children 12 and younger.

## A Note of Thanks

A group from Richfield UMC (Minneapolis, MN) stayed overnight and worshipped here in July. A note from one of the youth: *Thank you for welcoming us into your church and to worship. We were so touched by your hospitality and the kindness of your congregation.*



## Bible Study

The Book of Ruth – “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go...” Ruth 1:16. Come and dialogue about relationships and learn how two women become a pair. **Mondays 10:30-12 noon**. Led by **Rev. Vernice**.

**Bible Study On Line – Coming Soon!!!** If you have expertise concerning online tools, we would love to talk with you. We want to set up as many forums as possible for people to have access to spiritual growth and community. Get in touch with Co-Lay Leader Elina Rodriguez at [intrpid@sbcglobal.net](mailto:intrpid@sbcglobal.net).

# Wednesday Night Live (WNL)!

### Sanctuary Prayer

is open to the church and community **each Wednesday from 5:30-6pm**. Come, enjoy the quiet, and listen to meditative music and the healing sound of water. A pastor is available for prayer and consultation.

### Guided Meditation

in the Sanctuary **at 6pm on Wednesdays**. If you’re interested, come in comfortable clothes for this brief meditation.

### Wednesday Night Study

Join us as we learn about the lectionary and study scriptures that are read at Sunday services. The Revised Common Lectionary used in many Protestant churches is a preselected collection of scriptural readings from the Bible and follows the liturgical year in a three year cycle. Join us **each Wednesday evening at 7pm** in the Pillow Room.

If you have questions, please contact Revs. **Vernice** or **Lois**.

# August Mission Minute



The Mission Minute for August is **The Church Within A Church Movement** (CWACM; [www.cwac.us](http://www.cwac.us)).

CWACM is heeding the Call to BE Church in new ways and model what the church might one day become.

The Working Strategies of The Church Within A Church Movement:

- \* Provide a pathway of Extraordinary Ordination for qualified people denied ordination in the United Methodist denomination because of sexual orientation, gender identify/expression, or inclusive progressive theology.
- \* Promote progressive church plants that encourage prophetic, innovative, creative, and authentic ministries. We are strategic in our planting targets with the desire to provide vital opportunities for ministry to those of sexual minorities.
- \* Actively work and witness to break down the walls of racism and white privilege and all exclusions based on perceived differences.
- \* Provide curriculum and worship resources for the progressive, inclusive church.
- \* Cultivate ecumenical partnerships.

Supporting The Church Within A Church Movement is another way we can help “grow” our church family. Broadway is a CWACM Member Congregation.

**Mission Minute Sunday is August 4**, but you can donate throughout the month – make checks out to Broadway and designate your check or envelope to CWACM or August Mission Minute. You can also donate [online](#).

*This Mission Minute is brought to you by the Sowers.*

## Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside

Introducing.....ONE Northside! Organizing Neighborhoods for Equality: Northside is the new community organization created from the merger of Organization of the Northeast and Lakeview Action Coalition. Broadway is a member institution!

We cordially invite you to an open house to celebrate and get to know your new organization!

What: ONE Northside Open House

Where: Our office at 4648 N. Racine Ave.

When: **August 28, 6-8pm**

There will be music, finger food, and fun activities. Bring a dish to share if you are able. Register at <https://onenorthside.ourpowerbase.net/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=69>. For more information, please contact Mary Lynch-Dungy at 773-769-3232x 21.

ONE Northside is a mixed-income, multi-ethnic, intergenerational organization that unites our diverse communities. Our mission is to build collective power to eliminate injustice through bold and innovative community organizing. The organization will organize individuals and institutions in Lincoln Park, Lakeview, North Center/Ravenswood, Uptown, Edgewater and Rogers Park. Our immediate issue campaigns will include affordable housing, mental health issues, youth issues, health care, economic justice, education, and anti-violence. We will continue O.N.E.'s current programs, including Grow Your Own Teachers and Ceasefire. Keep an eye out for further information about this evolution!

## Draw the Circle Wide (continued from page 4...)

come? I thought a set of nesting bowls would characterize how we are all separate but part of a larger creation. We are a community which is made up of layers, each contributing in their own way to a beautiful co-existence. There are four parts to this single piece, each having their own significance.

**The center piece:** Inscribed on the bottom with "Draw the Circle Wide," this is a pouring vessel, symbolizing how Greg has poured out his life so that many could be nourished by his teachings and his work for justice.

**The next layer is a small bowl carved into a flower:** Inscribed on the bottom with "In Christ, Belonging to Life," this bowl represents those who know Greg professionally, yet another layer of support, holding up Greg as well as his friends and family, offering their own teaching, guidance, and support throughout Greg's successes as well as his struggles.

**The final layer is a larger bowl also carved with a flower pattern:** Inscribed on the bottom with "Shaped by God's Very Hand," this bowl represents the congregations, acquaintances, and the larger community served by Greg's work as well as the work of those who support Greg.

When you put all of these items together, it is symbolic of how we all come together as God's creation like the many petals of a beautiful flower; alone we are beautiful but when we come together we create a more beautiful creation. At the center, in this case, we find Greg Dell as the nucleus through which God's presence has touched so many, helping the flower of community to grow larger and more beautiful. (Glenn Woods, June 18, 2013)



[You can send Greg a card at: Lincolnwood Place, 7000 N. McCormick Blvd., Room 1117, Lincolnwood, IL, 60712]

## Kaleidoscope Children's Choir

Attention all children! Kaleidoscope Choir's annual retreat is coming up and we want YOU to come! We will gather at the church on **Saturday, August 17, from 10am-3pm** to learn some new songs, play some music games, have a drum circle, and have a whole lot of fun!!

The retreat is the perfect time for singers to start with Kaleidoscope. So if you have friends who might want to sing with us, please forward this invitation to them!

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

You may register by contacting one of the directors:

Ruthanne: 630-606-7870 / [ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com](mailto:ruthanne.v.swanson@gmail.com)

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Emily: (773) 316-0193 / [emilymcc@gmail.com](mailto:emilymcc@gmail.com)

Hope you will join us on the 17th!

(Kaleidoscope Choir is open to all children ages 4-12 including those 3 year olds who will turn four during the school year.)

# The 2013 Esteem Awards

The 2013 Esteem Awards were presented in July, 2013. This year marked the 7th anniversary of PridelIndex.com's celebration of honor which recognizes the contributions of African Americans and the LGBTQ community in the areas of entertainment, media, civil rights, business and art. The 2013 Outstanding Service Transgender was presented to **Z Jae Williams**. The 2013 Outstanding Podcast was presented to **The Anna DeShawn Show**.



**Anna and Z with their Broadway supporters**

From Z's acceptance speech: *In the near sixty years of MY life anyone that I have ever allowed to get close enough to know me would undoubtedly agree (good or bad) when I say that I am a comfortably controversial individual. Controversial in the since that I never really am comfortable with staying within the margins of what is considered easy or safe. Never fully accepted the status quo of "That is just the way it's supposed to be" or "That is just the way things have to be done."* Through the years this mindset has been reflected in the androgynous way that I dressed, the way that I thought and how I viewed the world. But EVEN with this mindset I would only allow myself go so far in my self-expression. Being a "soft" black gay male in this world was challenging enough and even though that "role" never felt right for me, it was far safer than accepting the fact that I was even more different. The severe punishments for experimenting with my gender expression in my childhood (even for the simplest thing as putting on makeup or women's clothing) branded me. The distinction between sexual orientation and gender expression is more clearly understood and is in more conversation today. How could I accept the fact that I was trans and that this was right for me? How could I ever bridge that divide in my life? I wanted it but there were not enough voices out there in the world (gay or secular) that told me that "Z, IT IS WORTH IT TO BE TRANS". I would have been supported by dear friends and good therapists in my transition but still I didn't dare to take that leap. The cost would be too high. In the last decade that all began to change for me because of my work with remarkable young people at CCC, at The Center On Halsted, and with the "love work" that we call Youth Lounge at Broadway United Methodist Church. They gave me the courage to take that leap and to accept the fact of who I am today. Many of them called me mother Z even before I began physical transitioning. In spite of the marginalization and the dangers, it was their collective voice that said, "IT IS WORTH IT BE TRANS." In spite of the stereotyping and the pain that it requires, it is still their voice that says to me, "Z, IT IS WORTH IT TO BE TRANS". And YES, because of the wholeness and joy that this journey has brought into my life, I can stand before you here today and say, "YES, I AM A TRANS FEMALE AND IT IS WORTH IT." We trans, female and male, young and old, we are here and we are going to make our voices known, and we are going to make your lives richer because we are here. So in the final analysis (for me) it is not what I have tried to do over the years to give to our youth the love and decency I feel they deserve, but it is what they have given to me in return. It's true that our future is in our youth but I can stand here before you today and say that my future is because of our youth. They have given me, "ME". I am thankful for them and I love them dearly. I thank you for this Esteem Award and I accept it for them.

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# Steps for Equality

## PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Celebrates Parents!

On Father's Day, PFLAG celebrated on the rooftop of the Center on Halsted with a BBQ! It was a partly cloudy day, but the PFLAG Team was ready for sun or rain with a spacious indoor dancing room. The scene was beautiful, with the Chicago Skyline as background from the rooftop view.

Lamar, Bernard, Carolyn, and I represented Broadway. We were breathless from walking the five blocks from Broadway. (Although we were refreshed from the ice cream presented

to us by the Young Adult Group, walking in the unusually hot day was a challenge.) Breathless or not,

we headed for the nearest table to enjoy the dancers.

Guests of honor for the celebration were the Windy City Cowboys. This year, they had a new routine – they included drama in their presentation. The theme was love relationships, which included: love & loss of love, the process of falling in love, conflict, long-term relationships, all the elements we suffer in learning to love each other as Jesus has taught us to love ("love your neighbor as yourself").

A surprise happened during the dance presentation! Get ready...one of the

dancers threw his royal blue-colored hat into the audience...and, by the Grace of God...I CAUGHT IT! The hat became the centerpiece for our table. I smile every time I think of it! Whenever life throws bricks at me, I think about the Windy City Cowboys, and my thinking becomes positive again. "Whatever is good and true, think of these things," the Bible suggests (Philippians 4).

We also participated in the Line Dance lesson. Bernard, Lamar, & Carolyn were amazing on the dance floor! Broadway, you would have been proud of us. Next year we hope to see more of you at our PFLAG barbeque. Abundant life: that's what God gives us.

~ Equality in Jesus,  
Helen (Ally for Change)

# Lakeview Pantry's Partnership with Broadway's Youth Lounge



Most of us know the Lakeview Pantry provides food, personal hygiene products, household supplies, pet food and clothes for individuals and families in need in Lakeview. We may know the Pantry has been in operation since 1970 and has a broader mission of eliminating hunger in Lakeview, as well as focusing on client issues that lead to food insecurity. Another of their goals is to increase networking and sharing of information between Broadway United Methodist Church and the Pantry. What some of us may not know is that the Pantry donates excess food and need-

ed items from their donor network to other community programs in Lakeview. The exciting news is that the Pantry, because of their community support, will provide some of their excess to support our Youth Lounge programming.

The Pantry's contributions make our monthly requests for additional donations easier, but we will still need donations from our congregation who has always been so supportive of Youth Lounge. For example, the Pantry will not be able to provide paper goods or soda, among other items.

Another important but sometimes overlooked service the Pantry provides is to homeless individuals and families with no permanent address. People can apply at a Pantry location, go through their intake process, then visit the Pantry once a month to receive food and other items plus weekly bread and produce. Pantry locations are at 3831 North Broadway Street and 1414 West Oakdale Avenue.

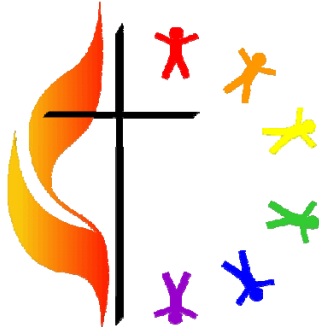
[www.lakeviewpantry.org](http://www.lakeviewpantry.org)

Phone: 773-525-1777

## Newsletter Deadline

Submissions for the September 2013 issue of The Broadway are due **Sunday, Aug. 18**. Articles in electronic format are preferred and should be sent to the office at [bumclakeview@gmail.com](mailto:bumclakeview@gmail.com). Hard copies may also be submitted in the newsletter mailbox off Friendship Hall.





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**Sunday Worship at 8:45 and 11am**

## **Celebrating God's Love for ALL People**

### **BROADWAY'S MISSION STATEMENT**

“God calls Broadway United Methodist Church to be a faith community embracing the diversity of our Chicago neighborhood and larger community. We welcome all persons – celebrating the human family’s God-given diversity of race, age, gender, sexual orientation, and physical or mental capacity. We also welcome persons of all social and economic classes and faith backgrounds. At Broadway, we are accepted into God’s nurturing family, which invites us into spiritual growth through worship, study, mission, and social action. We are grateful for the opportunities God gives us to experience and share the love of Christ.”

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