



REPORT OF THE CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Friends,

It's been a busy time in the Southern California Nevada Conference. At the conclusion of Annual Gathering 2023, I was energized by the conversations and fellowship. While the months that followed may not have been what anyone expected, the commitment and strength of your Conference staff, Board of Directors, and wider Conference remained. As we prepare for Annual Gathering 2024, I have been reflecting on the past year with gratitude. If there was ever a time for us to be a Bold

Church with Bold Hope, we've never been more ready. While times of transition can be extremely stressful, your Board of Directors has remained committed to the values that drive us:



***RESULTS FROM FEB 2024 BOARD MEETING**

We have spent some time deeply considering our individual and communal values, with attention to how those come together in our decision-making processes. By keeping these central, we can more intentionally take actions that move toward our values, even in uncharted territory. As I recount the many Zoom listening sessions, visits with congregations, and interactions with many of you in shared ministry, I am incredibly thankful for your continued engagement and support during this especially eventful year. It isn't just the easy conversations, but the accountability wrapped in care that allows us to risk with bold hope.

With our new Covenanting Committee on Ministry, Western Regional Youth Event, and shared ministries in Justice movements, my bold hope is that we are moving into a time of being more connected than ever - with each other, our congregations, and beyond to “be the Church” out in the world.

As we prepare to welcome our settled Conference Minister, the Rev. Rachael Pryor, I acknowledge that it feels as if we have been in this liminal space for years — forever preparing for whatever the future of the Church holds. Her unanimous election by voting delegates at our special meeting on March 16th, 2024, was the culmination of years of work from Conference staff, dedicated Board members, and the Search Committee that remained focused on finding the right person to lead us boldly.

I look forward to this next year in SCNC — one that is a flourishing and living embodiment of Bold Church, Bold Hope.

*In Solidarity,
Rev. Jude Johnson
Chair, SCNC Board of Directors*