

Pennsylvania Southeast Conference United Church of Christ

“Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.” 2 Chronicles 6:41

Moderator's Report 2023

It is hard for me to believe how quickly this year has passed. Yet as I reflect on the many miles I have traveled to meet, visiting congregations, conference consistory, and gatherings, it brings me great joy to recount how we have strengthened our relationships through the bonds of Christ's love.

This year enabled me to understand the structure of the conference, consistory and all the other committees and the responsibilities. I appreciate the members of all the committees who are very faithful to their call to share their talents and gifts.

The reports of all the meetings reflect the work done by various committees to fulfill the mission of the Church. Pennsylvania Southeast Conference is unique in its mission and blessed by the continued support of the local churches through their prayers and financial giving to our churches, wider missions. The conference has a very special concern towards the social, economic, and deprived communities and focuses upon drug addiction, environmental concerns, and racial justice. Our conference and its leadership have shown the world through their actions.

As soon as I took the office as a Moderator of PSEC in June 2022, and as a member of the UCC denomination, I realized there are many churches within the conference that I do not know. So, I started visiting churches, as Moderator, to get to know as many members and churches within the conference as I could. Last June I planned to visit churches several Sundays each month. I am truly blessed by traveling to different churches and worshipping with many congregations in different types of settings with very diverse worship styles. I have been welcomed into the worship service to greet each congregation, I thank all for their support to the conference, and I assure them that the conference can be with them in their journey of faith.

The conference is blessed by the many committees and their initiatives who work diligently to provide leadership to the local community and church at large. I thank all who serve in various capacities to bring life and vitality to the conference. We are indeed blessed by the vibrant leadership of The Rev William Worley, Ms. Susan Creswell, The Rev. Cean James, Ms. Kim Kulesa, The Rev. Kevin McLemore, Ms. Brea Rarick and The Rev. Tammie Wisniewski.

I am very thankful to the conference staff for their steadfast support and guidance during this year. I have seen and experienced their selfless commitment to the churches in fulfilling their duties by going an extra mile.

I would like to express my special thanks to Rev. William Worley and Ms Susan Creswell for your timely guidance, insights and reminders that have made this time to fulfill my duties effortlessly.

I would like to thank my home church Grace Trinity Church, Philadelphia congregation and Senior Pastor Chandra Soans for their continuous encouragement and support. But not the least I am indebted to my family for their unconditional support in the ministry to my wife Dr. Indira Burani, son Onyx Kuthuru, daughter-in-law Danielle Kuthuru, daughter Oliva Kuthuru and my loving pets Bruno and Tuckee.

I thank all of you who are present here and who are unable to be here and who continue to support the conference in various ways and encourage me along this journey as Moderator. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated. I am looking forward for His direction and listening to His still speaking voice.



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