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Siblings in Christ,

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God
who activates all of them in everyone.*

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 NRSV

Our Regional Meeting may have concluded on Sunday, yet the work continues. So, it is with a grateful heart that we take a pause ... and I write to you in my capacity as your Chair.

We were so blessed this past weekend to witness the hours of faith-filled work and the variety of gifts expressed toward the common good that went into making this meeting one that was enriching, life-giving and allowed everyone a voice at the table.

From Regional Staff to Regional Representatives & Ministry Leaders
From Planning Team Members to Hotel Hospitality Providers
From Note Takers to Tech & Zoom Facilitators
From Music & Worship Leaders to Bookroom Sellers
From Workshop Leaders to Resource Team Members
From Executive & Commission Members to invited Guests

Each one of you, working together, sharing your gifts, your questions and your sweat equity made the meeting what it was. You put your trust in God and you opened yourself to the Spirit as it wove through the body collective in ways unexpected and wondrous, surprising us all! Our Region is stronger – this Body of Christ gathered here “Upon this Rock” – has been able to deepen our connection one to the other and our understanding of place in the wider church.

And here I sit in wonder and awe as I mumble words of thanks that can’t even begin to capture my gratitude for the part you played. For what seemed insurmountable was made possible as my contribution was added to the mix and together with yours, made this meeting one to remember!

Blessings to you as you continue to walk in faith.

Peace,

Rev. Nancy Ferguson, Chair
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