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AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LOCAL CHURCH LAY LEADERS IN THE OKLAHOMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings, grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The purpose of this brief letter is to introduce you to what I consider to be one of the most valuable resources available anywhere for equipping and empowering persons in the role of Lay Leader. The Board of Laity of the Oklahoma Annual Conference has taken upon itself the challenge to provide every lay leader with a comprehensive handbook that informs, guides, and enables those elected officials of every congregation to understand better the duties and function of lay leader. This manual is easy to read and understand, and provides insightful information that will allow you to cast a vision for your church, and help your congregation to share in that vision!

I'm extremely excited about what this manual can do for the laity of our annual conference! I'm even more excited about what each lay leader can do once he/she understands what God is calling you to be as God's leader(s) in your local church!

God is doing a "new thing" in Oklahoma, and God is using US to make it happen! I invite you to "get connected" through the use of this valuable tool, and I ask that you join me as we bring God's Kingdom closer to the people called United Methodist in the Oklahoma Annual Conference!

God bless you all.


Bishop Robert E. Hayes, Jr.