## Welcome

Dear Beloved Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ,

It is with great joy and anticipation that we extend a warm welcome to our upcoming Church Annual Meeting. This year, as we gather together, our theme is "Forward Together," a phrase lovingly borrowed from the Poor People's Campaign. It is also our invitation as we grow, and a powerful reminder of our unity, strength, and shared journey in faith.

In 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, we are reminded of the challenges we may face. Yet, through our covenantal faith in God and perseverance, we are not crushed, not in despair, not abandoned, and not destroyed. This scripture serves as a beacon of hope and encouragement as we navigate the path ahead together. We may not know precisely where we are going, but we know we will arrive as the belove community.

As we gather for this annual gathering, let us reflect on our past achievements, celebrate our present blessings, and look forward with hope and determination to the future that lies ahead. Let us reflect on who we are and who God invites us to be. It is through our unity, love, and commitment to each other that we can move forward together, overcoming obstacles and embracing new opportunities.

We invite each one of you to join us at the Church Annual Meeting as we share our successes, discuss our challenges, and chart a course for the future. Your presence, your voice, and your contributions make us who we are! You are an invaluable partner in love as we strive to grow in faith, service, and community.

Together, let us move "Forward Together" in the spirit of unity and purpose. We look forward to seeing you all at the Church Annual Meeting as we embark on this journey together!

Blessings to you all, Indigo Brown PNCUCC Moderator