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Hello, Midwest Conference family!

As we enter into another season, many of you will be reflecting on the past year and preparing your upcoming budgets. I invite you to share this letter with your church leadership as you undergo your review and planning process.

Our MWC mission statement begins with “churches working together” . . . that’s you. The first line of our MWC budget is “conference church income” . . . that’s also you. Every church in our conference is important to the conference fulfilling its mission as a whole. Ephesians 4:16 conveys this, stating, “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

Giving is a statement of trust, a testimony of the heart’s condition, and an investment in something beyond us. As you review annual giving and prepare next year’s budgets, are your church leaders aware of the MWC mission, the fruits of the MWC, and the need for your church’s commitment? To expect giving of first fruits and tithes from the members within the church body, it is healthy to model that same principle at the church financial level. For some churches, that means budget lines for giving at the denominational, conference, and regional church planting levels. Once the church catches on, tithing and generosity become part of the church’s DNA . . . elements God loves to multiply and expand well beyond ourselves through His blessing.

The Midwest Conference is not an office but a united, expanding family of currently 95 churches in a five-state region, with a staff of dedicated leaders, helpful office personnel, and an active executive board. In united purpose, we are *churches working together to transform lives and communities, by starting new churches, strengthening existing churches, and developing missional leaders*. The MWC exists because of you, and we exist for you!

Your participation and commitment is essential to our MWC mission. Thank you, churches, for your generosity. Please know that I am accessible to you at brendasawyer@cox.net should you desire more information or have questions. May God be glorified by the giving in our conference!

Blessings to you all!

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