



Our Mission

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision

Grow in Love of God and Neighbor
Reach New People
Heal a Broken World

Expression of Our Vision as Lived Out Values

Rooted in Jesus
Grounded in Wesleyan Theology
Inclusive of All Persons
Engaged in the Work of Justice and Reconciliation

Dear White Bear Lake UMC, On behalf of our whole Minnesota Annual Conference, I want to

thank you for paying 100%

of your apportionment allocation. While the contributions you submit are vital for our collective work together, your commitment to our connectional nature of being the church is just as vital.

Once again, we find ourselves living through extraordinary times. The healing work and the witness that Jesus Christ calls us to is greater and more expansive than any of us could attempt on our own. Our denominational witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ is made possible by your faithfulness. As United Methodists, our mission remains to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We hold that mission as we live into our new vision statement of becoming disciples that dare to **love boldly, serve joyfully and that lead courageously** in all times. Your apportionment contributions provide the leadership, systems, training, and support for this vision to bear fruit in and through our local churches. Because of your apportionments, our cross-racial/cross-cultural appointments are being supported in life-giving ways. Our immigrant churches know they are not alone. Many of our local churches of all sizes are getting the training and leadership they need to move into revitalization and reconnection with their communities and neighborhoods. We are in this together and together we are making a difference!

As a result of our work together new stories of transformation and redemption are being told across our connection. And that work is supported and sustained by your faithfulness. I know such dedication does not happen without setting clear priorities, cultivating strong stewardship, and making challenging financial decisions. Those challenging financial decisions continue to be made at the conference level as well. Thank you for your leadership in the Minnesota Annual Conference and the Aurora Sky District! I continue to lift your church, your mission and your ministries in my prayers as I enjoy the privilege of serving alongside you.

Sincerely,

Laurie Kantonen
Conference Superintendent of the Aurora Sky District