



Good morning and Malo elei lei,

This Wednesday I got to serve on a panel at an event looking at the future of the United Methodist Church at Lover's Lane UMC in Dallas. Folks from across the United States were there, and it was a great day of learning and dreaming together. As a part of the panel, I was on, I got to bear witness to the work of Christ in our beautiful multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, and how it gives me hope for the future.

As I sat on the stage, I was struck by how what I was bearing witness to was the fruit of a process similar to what we've been talking about in worship, daring to dream a God-sized dream, dreaming together, and committing as a community to join the dream.

We dreamed that we might be a church that would be one across language, culture, and worship history. Because you have dared to dream, dreamed together, and joined together to sacrificially make that happen. This Sunday we will close our "what if" series and commit to dream God-sized dreams, and sacrificially support those dreams with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness to others.

When considering your financial gifts, know that we encourage you to take the next step in your faithfulness.

- If you've never pledged, consider pledging in 2023.
- If you have pledged, consider giving a percentage of your income, moving toward a tithe.
- If you have faithfully tithed, prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to an offering of thanksgiving beyond the biblical expectation of the tithe.

Please bring your completed card with you to worship this Sunday or complete your card online <https://www.martinmethodist.org/stewardship>.

We will give these back to God as a part of our worship.

God has BIG dreams for our church and community for 2023. I am excited to be a part of what we will do, with God's help, in the coming year!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Daniel

PS – To see the video from the conference click <https://youtu.be/uOz7wOj3Oec>.