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Dear Northern Illinois Conference Leader,

This fall the Conference Eco-Sustainability Task Force, alongside Wespath and The General Board of Global Ministries hosted a Renewable Energy Summit. The Summit was held in response to a pledge from 11 UM agencies to achieve Net Zero by 2050.

Jenny Phillips, the Senior Technical advisor at the General Board of Global Ministries once stated, "We made this commitment as a first step in saying we are committed to making a plan and living into it." She also noted, that as consumers we are already paying a high price for climate change.

We as a conference are called to have our own in-depth conversations, while building and sharing a long- term creation care efforts.

It is my privilege to invite you as an interested leader, to join the Northern Illinois Conference Net Zero Task Force as they gather at 4pm on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Wespath which is located at 1901 Chestnut Ave Glenview, IL 60025. The purpose of this inaugural meeting will be to design and develop a Northern Illinois Conference Net Zero Strategic Plan. If you have questions please email [richard.alton@gmail.com](mailto:richard.alton@gmail.com).

**[You may use this link for registration.](#)**

As a Conference we are called to be continuous leaders in the efforts to diminish, and even reverse climate change. It is a mark of our faithful discipleship as we responsibly steward God's creation.

I hope you will be able to join this effort,

Bishop John L. Hopkins