

## **Forward in Their Footsteps Message to Pastors from the Bishop**

Brothers and Sisters,

May God's abundant blessings of mercy and love be with you.

I am so very grateful for all that each one of you is doing to make our FITF Campaign a meaningful and successful one. I know that each one of you has worked faithfully in this effort.

Some time ago the Appointive Cabinet was asked to prepare a sermon that would serve as an example of what could be preached in our congregations as we launch the church phase of the FITF Campaign. Sharon Ragland had preached a sermon about giving ourselves away that was inspired by a visit to United Methodist Churches in the Philippines. Indeed our brothers and sisters in the Philippines taught us a great deal about giving ourselves away for the sake of Christ. We offer Sharon's sermon as a potential starting point for you.

I do truly hope that Sharon's sermon will be but a starting point for you. I would not want our congregations to lose the opportunity to hear your own witness of what happens when we give ourselves away in the powerful name and for the trustworthy purposes of Christ. May the sermon we share with you rekindle in your hearts the memory of God's faithfulness in your life.

Let us pray for each other as we together lead our annual conference. May God be pleased with our efforts.

Your Sister in Christ,



Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño



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