

2026 Report of the Cabinet

“See the Possibilities, Live the Promises”

On behalf of the Extended Cabinet of the SC Annual Conference, we greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are thankful for the faithful leadership of our Resident Bishop, Leonard E. Fairley and the support of his lovely wife Dawn.

Seeing the possibilities has led to significant developments across the Conference, including the transition to a 10-District structure and broader organizational restructuring. These changes effective, July 1, 2026, are designed to strengthen unity and improve the effectiveness of mission and ministry. We would like to thank our Jeremiah teams for their faithfulness to this work, and the work of the Transition teams who have and will continue to help pave the way for a smooth transitional process.

Over the past two years, ten District Superintendents and twelve administrative assistants have supported the work of twelve districts. In addition to supervision of their previously assigned Districts, we appreciate the commitment of Rev. Terry Fleming, Rev. Ken Nelson, Rev. Jeffrey Salley, Rev. Chris Lollis, Rev. Cathy Mitchell, and Rev. Steve Patterson for also providing coverage to the Greenville and Walterboro Districts. We give special recognition and appreciation to admins, Sherri Allred (serving the Greenville District for 4 years) and Margie Williams (serving the Walterboro District for 46 years) for their support of and patience with three different DSs during this season. We want to thank, Laura Hill, the Administrative Assistant to Conference Congregational Development, who has served the conference for 31 years. Laura will be transitioning to the office of Congregational Excellence.

Due to the dissolution of the Greenville and Florence Districts, we bid farewell to Sherri Allred serving Greenville for 4 years and Angela Bethea serving Florence for 13 years, both of whom will be moving on to different professional journeys. We want to express our sincere gratitude for the tremendous impact they have made in their districts, their positive outlook, friendship and faithfulness to God and The SC Annual Conference.

We say thank you and farewell to our Senior DSs, who have completed an 8-year tenure on the Cabinet. Rev. Terry Fleming, Rev. Cathy Mitchell, and Rev. Steve Patterson who have served faithfully during a very challenging season in the life of the church. We pray God’s blessings upon each of them as they return to service in the local church, and for those who will remain on the Extended Cabinet.

We welcome to the Appointive Cabinet three new District Superintendents: Rev. Megan Gray (Spartanburg District), Rev. Tiffany Knowlin-Boykin (Walterboro District), and Rev. James Friday (Anderson District.) We welcome Rev. George Ashford to the Extended Cabinet as the Director of Innovation and Strategy.

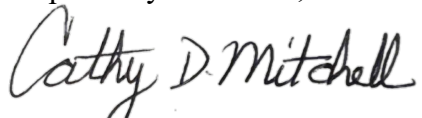
In Spring of 2024, the Cabinet envisioned the possibilities that the Hope Fund grants could provide for local churches' support of church missions, ministries, revitalization and leadership development. And now, we are excited to see the churches living the promises.

As of May 31, 2026, 59 Hope Fund requests from the balance of the 2023 separation proceeds have been granted by the Appointive Cabinet in the amount of \$1,856,467.40: 53% has been allocated to African American congregations, 47% to White congregations.

Per action by the 2025 Annual Conference, 75% of the 2024 Hope Funds were designated to BIPOC congregations, and 25% unrestricted. As of March 31, 2026, 46 Hope Fund grants from the balance of the 2024 separation proceeds in the amount \$1,541,403.76 were granted: 75% BIPOC congregations (\$1,364,783.76), and 25% non-BIPOC congregations (\$176,620.00.)

The Extended Cabinet extends our felt gratitude to the local churches of this Annual Conference that have committed to actively being engaged in mission and ministry in their communities, and for the Clergy and Lay leadership in the Local church, District and Conference levels for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy D. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rev. Cathy D. Mitchell