

## 2025 Charge Conference Sowing Seeds of Possibility

*If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "move from here to there," and it will be moved; and nothing will be impossible for you.* Matthew 17:28

### Call to Worshipful Work

**Leader:** The Creator has planted seeds within each of us, seeds of hope, creativity, potential and possibility.

**People:** **May these seeds be nurtured, cultivating good deeds and loving-kindness in the world.**

**All:** **Lord, you call us to be Sowers of possibilities, casting forth hope, even amidst uncertainty.**

**Hymn** *Hymn of Promise* 707  
Verses 1 & 2

**Prayer** Spirit of the Loving God, be the Gardener of our souls. For so long we have been waiting, silent and still—experiencing a winter of the soul. But now in the strong name of Jesus Christ, we dare to ask: Clear away the dead growth of the past. Break up the hard clods of custom and routine. Stir in the rich compost of vision and challenge. Bury deep in our souls the implanted Word. Cultivate and water and tend our hearts until new life buds and opens and flowers. Amen. (-Richard Foster)

**Word from Bishop Fairley**

Video

### Worshipful Work

- I. Composite Report from Church Council
  - a. Where have you sowed seeds of possibilities?
  - b. What Holy Risks have you taken?
  - c. Where do you see God's harvest field for your church?
  - d. What ministries and missions have you planted?
- II. Pastor's Report
  - a. How, as the chief Gardener of the flock, have you cultivated the atmosphere where healthy and effective leaders can dream dreams and see visions?
  - b. Where have you taken holy risk and planted seeds of positivity?
  - c. Where do you see the greatest harvest in this community?
  - d. Share where you see the church living into its calling in 2025-2026.
- III. Report from The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development
- IV. Ministerial Support
- V. Accountable Reimbursement Form
- VI. Review of Parsonage Form
- VII. Sowing the Seeds of Call
  - a. Recommendation for Ordination
  - b. Continuations of persons for licensed or ordained ministry
- VIII. Lay Servant Request
- IX. 100% Apportionment Certificate
- X. District Lay Leader Report

**Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord* 593

### Closing Remarks & Prayer

### Adjourn Charge Conference