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Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

On behalf of the fifty-one churches and forty-two charges that make up the Greenville District, I welcome you to Greenville and to the 2026 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. We would also like to extend our deep appreciation and gratitude to Bishop Leonard Fairley for his faithful leadership.

It is an honor to serve as your host district superintendent this year. We are in the midst of significant change in our conference. Districts may be restructured and the landscape may shift, but what remains clear is that the people called United Methodist in South Carolina continue to be faithful in doing the work of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Over the next few days, we gather for holy conferencing. In this sacred time, I pray that each of you will have opportunities to worship, to fellowship, to reconnect with friends and colleagues, to celebrate the ministries we share, and—most importantly—to reflect on how God may be calling you to go forth into our world and into our communities to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I pray that we will all discern the possibilities before us and live into God's promises.

Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the Annual Conference Committee; our host congregation, Advent United Methodist Church; the Greenville Convention Center and its staff; and the many volunteers whose humble service has helped make this session of the South Carolina Annual Conference possible.

May God's blessings be upon us all as we conference together.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Christopher M. Lollis  
Greenwood/Greenville District Superintendent