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Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

On behalf of your 692 sister churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference, I am delighted to extend congratulations to you on the groundbreaking of your new sanctuary. I am sorry that I will not be with you in person on this day of celebration, but know that you all will be in my prayers that day.

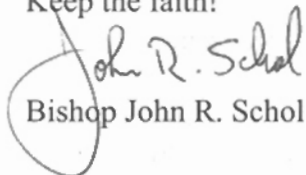
Because of your faithful work and dedication to your vision, you have born marvelous fruits. The groundbreaking you witness will show both the church and the community the importance of taking the Discipleship Adventure deeper by offering space to study the Bible, a place for fellowship and room for growth in the Spirit.

In the Baltimore Washington Conference, we are embarking on the Discipleship Adventure of celebrating worship, connecting with each other in fellowship, developing our faith through sharing and study, and then moving out into the world with ministries of justice and mercy, and finally, sharing with other people the what God has done in our lives.

The members and friends of Christ United Methodist Church should know that the groundbreaking of this new building, will offer a place for youth to study, fellowship and learn more about Jesus which moves us all forward in deepening our journey as Disciples of Christ.

May you continue to be blessed as you create opportunities for people everywhere to encounter and celebrate God.

Keep the faith!


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