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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Faith,  
Lay and Clergy Members of the Wisconsin Annual Conference,

It is my great joy to welcome you to the 2005 Annual Conference of the Wisconsin Area of the United Methodist Church.

As your new Bishop, I look forward to this gathering of the whole United Methodist body of Jesus Christ in Wisconsin. I have discovered that we are a diverse body -- in culture, race, age, gender, and gifts. I have begun to experience how precious we all are in God's sight. I have seen a commitment to a new way of being and making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the Circuit Ministry model. I have heard some of the concerns and some of the joys of the people who are the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin. I consider it a blessing to be in your midst.

We come together for Christian Conferencing. It is a time for worship, for prayer, for conversation and fellowship, for decision-making. It is a time to share the good news of the mission and ministry being done in Wisconsin and throughout the world, and the good news of Jesus Christ who is with us.

There is much to celebrate, much to consider, and much to share.

Let us be in prayer together now, during and after our Annual Conference, for our work to be effectual, for our efforts to bear fruit of the Spirit, and for our lives to be witnesses and a testimony that we serve a Living Savior who is in the world TODAY.

May God continue to bless you.

In Christ Jesus,

Bishop Linda Lee

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