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Dear President Dawn, Directors of Christian Education, and all my brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of the Living God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit! I give thanks to God for you always because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

For sixty years the office of Director of Christian Education has been established among us—sixty years of God working through men and women to augment the education and attention given to beloved children of God—so that now DCEs are the third largest category of rostered church workers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

I heartily commend you and all who hold the office. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness and mercy! Thanks be to the God of Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification for all His vast gifts and treasures!

I am thankful to God for each and every one of you. May God continue to bless you, along with your time and effort, as you prepare and communicate, uplifting with the Gospel, strengthening with the Word of God, and pursuing maturity of faith. Rich blessings also to all those who guide and instruct our future DCEs!

Almighty God, we continue to implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through Your means of grace in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Under the saving blood,

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
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