

December 1, 2011

Pastors and Congregations of the Western North Carolina Association:

We hope that your Advent journey began with hope and joy and continues to provide light for you throughout the season! Sharing your sense of expectation in this season, we are writing to update you on some of the Western North Carolina Association's (WNCA) planning work to date.

Currently, we are preparing to implement actions taken at the Conference's Annual Gathering last May. The WNCA Board and I would like to reassure each of you that the Association's commitment to serving our local churches and pastors, while remaining in covenant with our Conference, remains strong—**the Association office will remain open part-time, with support from Rev. Jerry Rhyne and Libby Parker after January 1, 2012.**

After our Board meeting in December, we will provide a more detailed schedule and contact list, but for now, if you are unable to reach anyone at the Association Office, you may reach me at home (704) 721-4017 or on my cell (704) 699-1823 (only in case of emergency).

At this point, the reality is that our churches need to provide financial support in order to continue our work together. The Board, staff, and volunteers remain committed to supporting you, our local churches, but we ask in turn that you continue giving your OCWM to our Conference. It is very important that you send your dues (\$1.50 per member) to the Association.

In the future, we hope to share information with you through a variety of channels, and have updated the website- [www.wnca-soc.org](http://www.wnca-soc.org) as a first step. Please keep our Association and Conference in your prayers, and let us know if you have questions as we begin this new journey of our ministry together.

Blessings

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