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To the Fabulous & Faithful of the Synod of the Sun,

Recently, I shared with the Synod Coordinating Team of a new call for my life. I will serve out the remainder of my contract up to December 31, 2022. On January 16, 2023, I will begin serving as Synod Executive & Stated Clerk of the Synod of South Atlantic.

There could be no better time for a change such as this in the synod. Thomas Riggs, Director of Communications and Administration, has and will continue to manage the Communications Services Plan and the 20+ partners with grace, creativity, and efficiency. He is the best at what he does and has been a friend and colleague to me and many others along the way.

Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell has proven to be the person that God put in place for the start-up of the Synod Partnership for Disaster Response. I know that you will continue to support this effort and that the pilot program will be a model for the denomination, just as so much in this synod is already.

Thank you for entrusting me, for allowing me the space and time to grow into leadership as a partner in ministry with you. I am grateful for your patience, love, and support over the years.

"³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Phil 1: 3-6

I will remember you and the future of the Synod of the Sun in prayer, as I hope you will do for me also.

Peace,

Valerie Young
Synod Leader
& Stated Clerk