

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

To Community of Christ around the world,

In the tapestry of gratitude, woven with threads of humility, I find myself with the church, standing at the edge of what is yet to be. Gazing into the future creates emotions that defy expression. I struggle to express the profound depth of my feelings and the importance of this moment.

With humble reverence, I accept the sacred call to serve as the next prophet-president of Community of Christ and allow my name to be presented to the church for consideration at the 2025 World Conference.

In this moment of acceptance, I surrender to the current of faithfulness with a trust that transcends the mere acknowledgment of a call. During the season of Advent as I considered this invitation, I was moved by the choice that Mary made: "'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word" (Luke 1:38 NRSV). I respond "yes," not stemming from the strength of human confidence but the humility of being cradled in the arms of God's grace.

As I share these words, I must confess that fleeting moments of doubt and fear cross my thoughts. Yet, my wise and faithful husband, a beacon for me in tumultuous times, reminds me that these concerns pale in comparison to the Spirit's affirmation we both hold about this calling and our desire to support the church's mission.

With a trusting heart, I leave this call with the church to prayerfully consider. Let us continue to reflect on the discernment questions about the church's future ministry contexts and the needs for the next leaders. If the 2025 World Conference approves this call, I commit to faithfully doing my part to empower and support the prophetic voice of the church as we seek to live Christ's mission and help create God's vision of shalom.

Onward!

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