

Heritage Advent Christian Conference
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Greetings from your brothers and sisters in Christ in the Heritage Conference.

We are in the midst of our 150th year, a year in which we are celebrating our heritage, and anticipating our future. As many of you know, we have a rich heritage of proclaiming the Gospel and the soon return of our Lord and Savior. As we look back to that heritage, we are reminded of the pressing need we have today to likewise proclaim the Good News of salvation in Christ alone, spurred on by that glorious promise that Jesus is coming soon. As we have begun to anticipate the great workings of God, we have also pressed forward with the tasks set before us.

Last October we announced two projects that we hoped to complete in the coming year: a conference newsletter and a full revision of our ministerial manual.

After a year of working toward this goal, the first issue of that newsletter was recently published. We express our heartfelt thanks to our editors, Tom Loghry and Jen Potter, for their hard work in completing this first issue of the Heritage Herald. If you would like to read more about what is going on in the Heritage Conference churches, we invite you to visit our website (acheritageconference.org) or our new Facebook page. The newsletter will be available in both locations.

The second project I mentioned, the revised ministerial manual, has taken much longer than originally expected. A few months into the work, we realized that the revisions would require constitutional changes as well. The changes were welcomed by the conference and work has once again begun on the manual. Our most recent efforts have been focused on reviving an older credential, the Christian Worker Certificate, which is now complete. The work continues, and for that I express my gratitude to Andy Rice who has diligently worked alongside me on this project.

At the recommendation of our delegate body, we are now also in the process of developing a pastoral training program: the Timothy Fellowship. We look forward to sharing the details of this program in the near future.

Two men have received credentials in our conference this year: Rev. Jim Loghry, who transferred his ordination from the New Life Conference, and his grandson, Thomas Loghry, who received the Commissioned Minister's License. One long time pastor in the Heritage Conference, and my predecessor as conference president, transferred his ordination to Maine State Conference: Rev. Steven Baker. We pray that God blesses these men and whatever ministry He sets before each of them.

As we all anticipate the future God has set before us, consider the words of the Apostle Paul: "There is one body and one Spirit -- just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your

call -- one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all... (Ephesians 4:4-6).”
Together, we are that one body of Christ that Paul spoke so much about. Together, we have many gifts. Together, we will be more ready to spread the Gospel in our communities. And together, we will bring the most glory to our Lord and Savior. May we, therefore, strive to grow together in unity, fellowship, and faithfulness to the Word as we look for the glorious appearing of our faithful Savior.

In Christ and to His glory,
Rev. Nathaniel S. Bickford, President