

My Family and Friends of Cumberland United Methodist Church,

In my absence today, I send warmest greetings to each of you in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is indeed difficult for me to find words to express my gratitude to you for honoring me on my retirement. The words thank you are too small to express my thanks and appreciation to you for my heart is overflowing with gratitude and joy for all of your best wishes.

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic said no, God said yes! Thank you for finding a way. My family and I are watching the service today via Facebook Live, but we are present in spirit and love.

Twelve years ago, I answered the call and was chosen to serve as secretary of Cumberland United Methodist Church. I had no idea how this calling would impact my life. For the last 12 years I spent serving at Cumberland were not spent in vain, serving here at Cumberland gave me a closer walk with thee as I have grown spiritually. I could feel the presence of God as I spent my days doing the work I was called to do and that is why I was able to endure and the workload was easy. Even the bad times were good, for I was being led by God and I just followed His lead. So if I was successful in my role as secretary of Cumberland, I owe it all to Him and to God be the glory. I thank God and you Cumberland, for the opportunity to serve this great church for 12 years and as Rev. Dr. Anthony Hodge said, "We will always be connected."

As I enter into the next calling of my journey, I pray that my aim to serve and my mission to please God and you was fulfilled.

Cumberland: I challenge you to insist on the truth, look *Outward* not *Inward* and remember after the meeting the work should begin. Continue to be the beacon of faith, hope and love and let your light shine like the lighthouse for others to see.

Please keep me and my family in your prayers. Until we meet again, may God bless and keep you in His care. Thanks again, for everything. To God Be the Glory,

Your sister in Christ,

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*"Continue to get into good trouble for God!"*