



Dear Pastors and Laity of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference,

Once again, we have the opportunity to bless the young people under the expert care of the Board of Child Care with our Christmas offering. Their scripture theme this year is: "Anyone who welcomes a child...on my behalf is welcoming me." Matthew 18:5. Jesus reminds us that how we choose to anticipate, care for, pray for and help "grow up" the blessed babes that come into our world reflects a great deal about our hearts and what we value.

Little red stockings for coins and offering envelopes that we have been using for years to give to this partner ministry have created a legacy of love and concern for young people who we believe in and want to give a chance at a bright future. We want to encourage you to respond generously with a Christmas project that will continue this legacy of love.

One hundred percent of your gift to the Board of Child Care goes to providing enrichment programs for these young people. I hope you will include this in your special appeals again this year. With the Board of Child Care now operating in their newest Denton, Maryland location, we have this golden opportunity to serve on the Eastern Shore as well as those on the western shore and in West Virginia. Please consider a generous gift.

In an effort to mail your materials in a more timely fashion, please consider using the www.boardofchildcare.org website to request your supplies this year. For online gifts, please click on: http://www.boardofchildcare.org/help/christmas_offering.php

Blessings,
Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
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