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Dear Pastors and Laity of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference,

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. "Philippians 4:19 ESV

Can you just begin to imagine what this promise would mean to a child?

Every year this letter is sent out to encourage your participation in the Board of Child Care's Red Stocking program. Do you know what they are about and why we, as United Methodists, support them? *"Historically, BCC has followed the teachings of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who once said: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley promoted social justice in his ministry, serving the poor, the uneducated and the neglected in society. Our vision, in accordance with our United Methodist roots and John Wesley's teachings, is to be a community of hope: providing an opportunity to heal, and a safe and caring environment for children, youth and families."* (<https://www.boardofchildcare.org/about-us/united-methodist-church-affiliation/>)

It is time to put our commitment to "doing all the good we can" into action in a tangible way through a little red stocking or an envelope. The Board of Child Care's little red stockings for coins and offering envelopes have been used for years to create a legacy of peace and love for young people. One hundred percent of your gift to the Board of Child Care goes to providing enrichment programs. I hope you will include this in your special appeals again this year.

In an effort to mail your materials in a more timely fashion, please consider using the <http://www.boardofchildcare.org/christmas> website to request your supplies this year. You may also go to our www.pen-del.org website to deliver your Christmas blessing to a child in need.

May you experience a renewal of hope this Christmas season.

Blessings,

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