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In this time of troubled waters in The United Methodist Church when we so much need leadership grounded in the gospel of Jesus Christ and emboldened by the truth-speaking of the Holy Spirit I am glad to endorse Rev. Autura Eason-Williams for the episcopacy. As one of her professors, I have seen the way she steadfastly tells the truth while recognizing that the ministry Jesus gives us in one of reconciliation. She loves all aspects of the ministry of reconciliation; she is so effective at it because God has given her the gift of loving all kinds of people. She has an eye for the gift of others and brings out the best in them. She is impatient with every form of injustice in the world and on the church, and she hastens patiently to gather and strengthen all those who will stand up against injustice. Her deep prayer life and spiritual disciplines are evident to anyone in her presence. As a bishop, she will teach the faith with authority, bring vitality to a younger generation of disciples, and help give a new shape to the church according to its Lord and the suffering of these times. We are thankful to God for setting Autura in our midst.

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