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Dear Colleagues,

It is with excitement and joy that I write to inform you of the results of a meeting held in Harare, Zimbabwe on 29 August 2017. Representatives of the Burundi Annual Conference and the UM Church of Burundi met with representatives of the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters who are part of the Comprehensive Africa Task Force, and Bishop's Wandabula and Nhiwatiwa.

The nine participants in the dialogue signed the attached letter to the United Methodist Church in Burundi requesting that the church take the steps necessary to have one United Methodist Church in Burundi culminating in a special session of the Burundi Annual Conference in February 2018. This conference will be convened by Bishop Wandabula and Legal Representative Rev Jean Ntahoturi.

Please know that the Comprehensive Africa Task Force of the Standing Committee celebrates these actions and looks forward to acknowledging this reunification at our February 2018 meeting in Sierra Leone. We will take it into consideration of our work and would ask that you lift up these deliberations in your prayers and inform the global church of these actions.

Please contact me should you have further questions about this exciting development.

Together in Mission,

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