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FROM:	Bishop Gregory V. Palmer
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	Regarding The Rev. David W. Meredith
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With my blessing and encouragement, **the parties continue to seek a just resolution and have scheduled a mediation for early November**. I am hopeful that this will be a fruitful engagement.

We all know that this is a challenging time for the United Methodist Church particularly on this subject matter. I am more than ever committed to work in every arena available to me to find a "more excellent way." We are all called to deep prayer, deepened relationships and an unflinching pursuit of the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Please pray much for all the parties involved in this process for peace and a way forward that blesses one another, the church and the world.

THE MISSION of the West Ohio Conference IS TO EQUIP LOCAL CHURCHES to MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST for the TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD... A WORLD OF JUSTICE, LOVE and PEACE filled WITH PEOPLE GROWING IN the likeness of JESUS CHRIST.