September 10, 2017

**Mission Moment** 

In September, we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. During this time, we make an extra effort to hear the voices of our Latino brothers and sisters. We set aside time to appreciate the ways they contribute to who we are as United Methodists, and we recognize that together we experience a richer understanding of the kingdom of God.

These people from many nations and traditions bring a wide range of rich cultural experiences into our churches. The United Methodist Church is a much more vibrant reflection of our creator because of the participation and contribution of our Hispanic members. Their voices are reflected in our hymnals and heard in dialogue of loving our neighbors. Their presence among us is vital as we seek to engage the changing culture around us.

God asks us to love all of his people and to open our eyes to see the image of God reflecting in the diversity of His creation. Grant that we continue to be a place with open doors, open hearts and making room for all. Give us generous hearts that we may continue to use our gifts to support one another.