



Dear Bishop Oliveto,

I have many fond memories of my time at PSR, which was just a few years ago. Negotiating through the course requirements and ensuring that we had met them all was no easy task, but your amazing support and pastoral presence is something that I cherished. While you may not have been the designated student chaplain, you certainly played an important role on the faculty team providing spiritual guidance to me and so many others.

I never wanted to miss Tuesday Chapel if I knew that you were to be in the pulpit. It was a joy to learn that you were serving Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, knowing that you would bring a challenging and encouraging word every Sunday to that historic and prophetic setting. Imagine my excitement when I learned that you had been called to the episcopacy, a wise and valiant decision on the part of the Western Jurisdiction.

As a fellow clergyperson (UCC), I honor your tenacity, faithfulness, and grace in the times of challenge and celebration. You are a role model to thousands of women who have traversed the sometimes-rocky road. As a former student and proud alumnae of Pacific School of Religion, I thank you for your commitment to the universal church.

Congratulations on receiving the PSR Distinguished Alumni Award this year; a well-deserved recognition of your powerful leadership. Be well and stay strong dear sister in Christ.

In gratitude and solidarity,

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The Rev. Linda Jaramillo served for 10 years as Executive Minister for Justice and Witness Ministries in the National Headquarters of the United Church of Christ in Cleveland, Ohio where she oversaw the church's work on human rights, racial, environmental, economic, and gender justice in the U.S. and around the world. Now living in Portland, Oregon, Linda continues to dedicate her ministry to social change, human rights, radical inclusion and equity for all. She cherishes engagement with interfaith, inter-cultural and multilingual communities. As a mother and grandmother, Linda believes that we are each responsible for sharing wisdom and stories across generations. She is particularly motivated by

HOPE for a more loving and caring social culture will prevail as we set our course for a peace-filled and nonviolent future.