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Dear Lifewatch Friend:

Early Advent grace and peace to you and yours.

Thanks to you and many like you, Lifewatch has remained true to our original calling: "Our first goal is to win the hearts and minds of United Methodists, and to engage in abortion prevention through theological, pastoral, and social emphases which support human life." That was written in 1987 -- when nine of us met and formed the Taskforce of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality (TUMAS), the publisher of Lifewatch.

Today, Lifewatch is sent to nearly 5,000 United Methodists -- including laity, clergy, General Conference delegates, denominational executives, seminary professors, and all bishops (active and retired). We also provide educational resources for use in congregations, at Annual Conferences, and at General Conference. You and I trust that, with God's help, our published materials -- based on Scripture, directed by the Church's Tradition, strengthened by reason, and enlivened by Christian experience -- change the hearts and minds of some United Methodist readers.

Even in 1987, it was clear that abortion grew from a deadly root. Notice again that our founding name includes the word sexuality. Today, The United Methodist Church is being challenged on whether it will continue to be guided by Scripture and The Book of Discipline, which declares that the "practice [of homosexuality is] incompatible with Christian teaching" (Paragraph 161.F).

Lifewatch believes and teaches that genuine Christian love, lived in accord with God's will, brings forth life of all kinds. And we seek to remind The United Methodist Church that so-called love, built apart from God's will and on our own terms, is often used against the unborn child and against other lives.

To continue this unique witness, Lifewatch depends on many sacrificial and faithful friends.

The average cost of sending out an issue of Lifewatch, our quarterly newsletter, is \$2,500. As Lifewatch editor, I serve without compensation -- except for occasional, modest travel expenses. Our faithful administrator, Mrs. Cindy Evans, serves part-time. Lifewatch's entire budget is based on 150 people giving \$15 a month.

In 2015, we will be reaching out to Annual Conferences in preparation for the 2016 General Conference in Portland, OR. With your prayers and financial support, we will continue to stand boldly for God's true love, which leads to life.

Please give generously to Lifewatch. In advance of you giving your gift, we offer to you our heartfelt thanks! And continue faithful, to Christ and His Church, for the sake of the world.

In Christ,

Pastor and Lifewatch President

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### YES... I want to support a bold witness in 2015 to help turn The United Methodist Church to God's true love, which leads to life.

Here is my gift to continue to champion within The United Methodist Church the God-given dignity of every human life:

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  - \$100
  - \$75
  - \$50
  - \$25
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  - \$500
  - \$250

**Thank you for caring!** Please mail this card as soon as possible. Make your check payable to "Lifewatch" and send to: Lifewatch/P.O. Box 306/Cottleville MO 63338.

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