



Comments about Dr. Marcia McFee's leadership:

"Words fail. It was such a delight to work with you again. I always enjoy your approach to each new project: Creative, yes; deeply spiritually connected, yes; innovative and resourceful and courageous, yes... Thanks again for all you did to make 'Healthy Churches' the meaningful event it was. The impact was immediate and powerful."

- Twila M. Glenn, Co-Chair, *Healthy Churches - Transforming the World*

"Thanks be to God for the remarkable gifts that you not only have, but that you share so fruitfully and effectively. Your contributions to our Annual Conference helped immeasurably in creating an ethos for inspiration and awareness of God's missional calling."

- Bishop Dan E. Solomon, Louisiana Area, UMC

"Monday morning I began receiving faxes, calls, and notes about the retreat. You cannot believe the effect that your leadership had on our Conference. Your authentic witness and your interaction with our clergy meant more than you will ever know."

- Bishop William B. Oden, The Dallas Area, UMC

"I want to thank you for the leadership you provide at our conference gatherings. I appreciate your attention to diversity as you promote enthusiastic, dynamic worship..."

- Clara Reed, clergy of the North Texas Conference (UMC)

"... in large part the event's success was made possible through the outstanding worship services... Participants wrote comments like 'worship experiences were outstanding,' 'What a gift Marcia was to us!'... On a more personal note, it was a joy to work with you on the event. Your thoroughness of preparation, creativity and flexibility made the week very relaxing and inspiring."

- Donald L. Hayashi, Planning Committee, General Council on Ministries (UMC)

"Thanks again for sharing with us your insights into communion and reconciliation, worship and above all, your enlivening and gracious presence. You have made an impact at Claremont. We look forward to having you back again."

- Gary Oba, Executive Assistant to the President, Claremont School of Theology

"Let me express my deepest gratitude to you for leading us in raising our voices in praise to our Lord at this year's North Central NY Annual Conference! Thank you for setting the tone for the entire conference by organizing our worship space and energizing our worship."

- Bishop Violet L. Fisher, New York West Area, United Methodist Church

“Marcia -- You are a wonder of creation! You lived up to your legend. The worship experience at General Conference was perfection. The words we’ve heard are, ‘Water in the Desert,’ ‘Christ calming the Waters,’ ‘Woman-manna for the lost,’ ‘A womb giving birth to strength and power.’ Thanks for sharing your gifts with us and with those who came seeking!”

- Rev. Garlinda Burton, General Secretariat, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, United Methodist Church

“Thank you for your gracious and skilled leadership among us... You provided our pastors with practical and effective resources, which they are now able to pass on to their churches and communities. Finally, you opened a place for the reconciling presence of Christ through powerful experiences of worship. You have our deepest appreciation for your ministry.”

- Bishop Beverly J. Shamana, San Francisco Episcopal Area, United Methodist Church

“Wow! What a weekend! Word from all the ‘Words of God’ is a definite two thumbs up, plus toes! This ‘Word of God’ cannot verbalize what a powerful experience the entire process afforded. Thanks for sharing your peace and passion with us. The rhythm continues.... Thanks for helping us find it.

- Jeni Lee, Conference Youth Coordinator, Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, UMC

“On behalf of the staff, music and worship council and our congregation, [we] extend our most sincere thanks to you for your leadership in a truly inspiring weekend in which you shared your passion for creative worship with us... I anticipate that this will be turning point in this church in its efforts to develop poignant worship experiences for the community. We were so fortunate to be blessed by the work of a deeply committed professional whose solid insight opens doors that make people receptive to refreshing ideas and inspires participants of all ages.”

- Jose’ Daniel Flores, Director of Music Ministries, St. John’s UMC

“That was the most amazing drumming I’ve ever been involved in. Folks were talking about the drumming during Communion for a long while afterwards– ‘I’ve never experienced Communion like that!’ And the workshop was excellent... You certainly inspire folks to think about worship in new and creative ways and give them concrete ways to do that. That is such a gift to the church.”

- Mark Bowman, Worship Arts Director, United Church of Roger’s Park

“Thank you for your generous outpouring of knowledge, skill, and wisdom to all who participated [in the workshops]. Your ministry of presence and your passionate leadership engaged each individual as well as the whole group. You enlightened us and also taught us how to help others discover the deep roots of our faith, to reclaim and re-image traditional practices of worship... You taught leaders, whatever their position, to invite, challenge, and guide change, especially in worship by building teams that share power, authority, talents, stories, gifts, and visions with each other.”

- Julieanne S. Hallman, Coordinator of Woodbury Management Workshop, Andover-Newton Theological School

“Thank you SO MUCH for such a glorious weekend! I have had many favorable comments, including this one from the District Lay Leader: ‘The workshop Saturday was the best one-day workshop I’ve ever attended. Her dynamic teaching style and modeling the interaction she talks about was wonderful!’”

- Ginnie Pearson, Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Napa, CA

“You did it again!... Your words and your worship were right on target. The worship for the entire week, the way you worked with persons, the way you pulled the best from us, the way you helped us see new possibilities, the way you invited us to worship—everything you did was a gift. Thanks be to God for your wonderful, wonderful leadership.”

- Bishop Ann B. Sherer, Missouri Area, United Methodist Church

“The worship at this annual conference session has received high accolades! Your part in both the preparation and carrying out of the worship was absolutely essential to that!... Memories will last for a long time! You have many gifts, which come together on occasions such as this. I give thanks to God for your sharing your gifts in our midst.”

- Bishop Susan W. Hassinger, Boston Area, United Methodist Church

“It was a delight to work with you at the consultation. You certainly made things easier for us by your cooperation and great spirit. I want to thank you for the enriching worship that you provided...many people spoke to me about it, and it came up repeatedly on the evaluations as well.”

- Bruce W. Robbins, General Secretary, General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (UMC)

“The event was a big success! Thank you for your leadership.. Our attendees have gone back to their churches renewed and full of ideas for their youth groups.”

- Linda White, Perkins School of Theology, Volunteers in Youth Ministry Event

“As we reflected on the good things that happened at [the Consultation for Workers Task Force]... many people said how meaningful the worship was. They wanted to say to you how much we appreciated your leadership. We are grateful and hope we can work with you again.”

- Bishop Fritz Mutti, Kansas Area (UMC)

“There are no words for what your spirit and spiritual gifts brought to our annual conference.”

- Leslie N. Akin, Director, Conference Council on Ministries, Louisiana Annual Conference (UMC)

“It was an absolute joy to work with you. Your creativity and ability to take an idea and turn it into an avenue for someone to experience God in a new way is certainly a gift from God. I saw that your mind was constantly working as you adapted to the message of the day. You certainly modeled how we need to allow God to speak to us in the moment.”

- David Bennett, Director, Young People’s Ministry, Peninsula-Delaware Conference (UMC)