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To the members and friends of the South Dakota Conference:

As we move deeper into the Lenten season and soon encounter the stories of Holy Week, I find myself reflecting on Jesus words in the Luke's Palm Sunday account. In response to the Pharisees discomfort with the crowd's triumphant cheering, Jesus tells them, "If the people are quiet, then the stones will cry out." We are reminded that God will not be silenced.

It seems to me that there is a lot in our world right now that is trying to drown out the voice of the Divine. But as I said our God will not be silenced. God uses you and me to "cry out" the message of peace, justice, and Divine love.

In this Lenten season, I am inviting you to join me in making a gift to our Lenten appeal so the Conference can continue to empower our local churches to be the voice of God all around this state. Because I know many of you have a special passion for particular ministries in our Conference, I would invite you to designate your gift for the Conference, Placerville Camp, the Dakota Association or the Bridger Horse Camp. You may choose one or more of these options. Any gifts that are undesignated will be assumed to be for the Conference.

If your preference would be to give on line, you may click the on line giving link on the Conference web site (sodakucc.org) and give there.

Lenten Blessings,

Gordon Rankin

Yes (I/we) would like to make a special Lenten gift. (I/we) would like to designate this gift as follows:

\$ _____ South Dakota Conference
\$ _____ Placerville Camp
\$ _____ Dakota Association
\$ _____ Bridger Horse Camp

Signed

Please make ALL checks payable to the South Dakota Conference UCC and send them to the conference office:

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