



Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church



October 9, 2019

Dr. Jewell Richardson Felder
c/o Toulminville-Warren Street UMC,
2271 St. Stephens Rd.,
Mobile, AL 36617.

Dear Dr. Jewell Felder:

On behalf of my colleagues in the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of the Rev. Dr. Cain Hope Felder.

We are praying that God's comforting arms will encompass you and the entire Felder family. We are praying that God's grace will provide you with the strength needed at this time of bereavement.

Even as we mourn, we thank God and the family for sharing Dr. Felder with millions of people in The United Methodist Church through his work as a pastor, scholar, professor and advocate.

We especially acknowledge the work he did as the first Executive Director of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR), working as God's servant for millions of marginalized people in the church and throughout the world. Through his work, Dr. Felder personified the call to serve all of God's people.

Yet we know that a life in Christ does not end when the earthly journey is over. We are reminded of Jesus' promise: "I am the resurrection and I am life; those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25).

We are asking God to sustain you with love and to offer you comfort as you remember our dear brother and colleague.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Kenneth H, Carter
President
Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church