Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we prepare to celebrate the season of Advent, I’m reminded of Jesus coming to the earth as a precious child, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Truly, how humble were Jesus’ beginnings!

We can read countless stories of the special affinity Jesus had for children. Mark 10:14 tells us, “He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them.”

This Scripture reminds me of the familiar song, “Jesus Loves the Little Children” by C.H. Woolston.

“Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.”

The love of Jesus knows no bounds. God loves and sees even the weakest and the smallest among us. And this song reminds us so aptly that they are precious in God’s sight. All children are made in God’s image and are worthy of God’s love and grace.

Each Sunday, Wesley UMC in Indianapolis utilizes their van and new booster seats to transport refugee families to and from church as part of their Refugee Faith Care Team. Donations like those of The Bishop’s Christmas Offering allows the church to be a good neighbor and safely transport both children and adults.
Will you help make a difference in the lives of children around the world this year? Each year, our Indiana Annual Conference supports The Bishop’s Christmas Offering for Children, which is divided to meet the needs of the following ministries:

- Impact 2818, the Indiana Conference camping ministry
- The 3 Indiana United Methodist-related children and youth homes
- Local outreach projects
- United Methodist advance projects (national and global)
- Bishop’s fund for emergency children’s projects and the promotion of this offering

Please join with me in giving whatever amount you may feel led to give toward this long-standing and life-changing ministry. May the words of “Jesus Loves the Little Children” be reflected through your continued and generous support as we work to provide spaces where children are valued, cherished, supported, and have the opportunity to experience the love of God.

Especially this Christmas season, I invite you, your family, and your community of faith to join me in praying for children in Indiana and around the world...because they truly are precious in God’s sight.

On behalf of the countless children whose lives will be changed as a result of this offering, I thank you.

Be encouraged,

Bishop Julius C. Trimble

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Make checks payable to Indiana Conference UMC with “Christmas Offering” marked in the memo. Mail the envelope to INUMC at Dept 6089, Carol Stream, IL 60122. Thank you!

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Send a text message to 855-389-1555 with the letters “BCO”