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Dear friends,

As we shared with you at the beginning of 2025, changes in the life of the world, the Church, and the Gathering of Leaders led the GoL Board to declare a pause in our operations in order that we might discern what should be next for GoL. In June we celebrated our nearly 20 years of creative, groundbreaking ministry, and raised funds to allow the Board time to discern what form our work of mission and renewal could sustainably take. Over the course of this year, the Board explored multiple possibilities - seeking possible partnerships, and new ways of supporting, networking, and developing leaders in the changing church and world.

It has become clear to us that the work the Gathering of Leaders was originally called to do has already made a substantial impact on the ministry of our participants and on the wider Church. While there is always more work to do in the Church, the Board has made the difficult decision to dissolve the formal organization of The Gathering of Leaders, even while the work of renewal and mission goes on through the ministry of all those who have participated in our gatherings.

The Gathering of Leaders began with the vision of connecting, developing, and supporting leaders in mission-driven, creative, hope-filled ministry. The impact of that vision exists today in the nearly one thousand participants who have taken part in our gatherings. As people of the resurrection, we take comfort in the promise that God is making all things new. This transition is a renewal as the good work begun in those formal gatherings continues through the connections knit together across our network.

In addition to the creative ministry initiatives and relationships of mutual learning and support carried on by our participants, we hope to share some resources from our experience in developing peer learning and leadership through a presence on the website of The Episcopal Church, as that site is redeveloped.

We remain grateful for all staff members, gathering participants, board members, and contributors who through the years have made this ministry possible. We look forward to seeing what you will continue to do through your ministries in the church and beyond.

Should you have any questions, we and other members of the Board would be happy to hear from you. You can reach us at [boardchair@thegatheringofleaders.org](mailto:boardchair@thegatheringofleaders.org).

May God bless you.

The Rev. Emily Mellott and The Rev. Jemonde Taylor  
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