



Dear Members and Friends of AUCE,

It has been quite a while since we've held a national meeting for the members of AUCE. You might think that holding a national gathering in the midst of a pandemic is a bad idea, but since travel expenses will not be an issue, and the cost to attend is minimal, we're hoping that most of you will be able to attend!

Here are some reasons that this is a perfect year for an annual meeting of the AUCE membership:

- ❖ 2021 marks **the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of AUCE's existence and we want to celebrate together!
- ❖ We need to update our **Articles of Organization**, which can only be done by a vote of our membership.
- ❖ We will be presenting **two awards** this year – one to a person who has spent their career in faith formation and another to a Christian Educator who is just starting out and shows great promise.
- ❖ This national gathering will provide opportunities for **networking and sharing resources**.
- ❖ We'll get to worship together and hear from our amazing **preacher, Rev. Molly Baskette, and special musical guests — Mark Miller and Walter & Kassie Runsabove**.
- ❖ Hear our **keynote speaker, Melvin Bray**, the Emmy award-winning storyteller and author of *BETTER: Waking Up to Who We Could Be*.

Melvin will also be available for a Q&A segment following his presentation.

All of this will be offered in a 3-hour window on **Saturday, February 13, 2020** from Noon-3:30 pm EST (11:00 am-2:30 pm CST, 10 am-1:30 pm MST, 9:00 am-12:30 pm PST). Please join us and invite your friends! You do not have to be a member of AUCE in order to attend (but only AUCE members will be allowed to vote on the Articles of Organization.)

Registration will open in January 2021. Hope to see you there!

*Julie Warborough,*  
AUCE Chairperson