C. ALPHABETICAL DIRECTORY

Discontinuation of the Alphabetical Directory

Beginning with this edition of the Pacific Northwest Conference Journal, the Alphabetical Directory of clergy and lay members will no longer be printed.

The decision reflects three considerations. First, protecting personal information: as fraud targeting clergy and lay leaders has grown more common, printing home addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses in a widely circulated document creates unnecessary risk. Second, cost and stewardship: the directory routinely ran more than 40 pages, adding significant printing expense for information used by a relatively small share of readers. Beyond financial cost, this is also an unnecessary use of paper. Third, the practical reality that contact information changes constantly. Appointments, phone numbers, and addresses shift throughout the year, so a printed directory is often outdated before it reaches readers.

Contact information for clergy and lay members remains available. Anyone needing to reach a specific person should contact the Conference office directly, and staff will help connect them with current information while honoring and safeguarding individuals' privacy.