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Hello from Sixth Street! This week is our denomination's General Assembly. It's a meeting that happens every other year in various places across the United States; this year it's in Indianapolis. I'm delighted that Jana Lovett and Robin Griggs decided to make the trek with me. All three of us are in a learning track that focuses on innovation and transformative leadership. One common theme is the idea that we need to become comfortable with being uncomfortable. When an issue crops up in the church, it may seem easier to ignore it than to bring it out into the open, but walking around the elephant in the room can cause problems. An elephant can make a huge mess, you know. Before long, we have to detour around certain smelly piles; then we're reduced to tiptoeing; and eventually we have to freeze in place for fear of messing up our church shoes. Listen to me, brothers and sisters, God does not want us to stop moving! We need to take the elephant out for a walk, get that guy out in the sunshine so he can do his business, and then go back in and clean the room. I'll go get the shovel.