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Bishop  
Kammerer  
looks to  
the future

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# FROM THE EDITOR



Neill Caldwell  
Editor

Our  
bishop is  
a special  
person  
and  
pastor  
to the  
pastors.



**I first met Charlene and Leigh Kammerer** when she came to preach at the church I was attending not too many weeks after her historic election in 1996. My then-fiancée, Lynne, was a delegate to the Jurisdictional Conference and let me know that I needed to make sure I was in church that Sunday.

I was impressed with her preaching, but even more so by her ... presence. Our bishop is one of those rare people who stands out in a crowd simply because of her personality. I recall she and Leigh were running a little late that day, and she made a joke about Leigh getting a speeding ticket (or maybe deserving one) in their race to get to church on time. But she was unflappable, just like the time a couple of years later when she spent the night in our parsonage before preaching the next morning. She appeared at the kitchen door and announced "I have my sermon, my Bible, everything I need for worship... except my shoes." We looked down and realized that she was standing in her stocking feet. Fortunately our associate wore the same size, and a crisis was avoided. (Good thing we had two women pastors on staff!)

I have been with her in some very challenging moments, but I have never seen her lose her cool. Being a "non-anxious presence" – her words, which I always try to remember in tough situations – is just one of many gifts Bishop Kammerer possesses. Here are some others:


**Passion:** While she always seems to remain calm and focused, she also has great passion for many issues. From global mission to education to politics to her grandchildren to Duke basketball, Bishop K brings great energy and personal involvement.

**Sense of timing:** Our bishop seems to always know when it's appropriate to provide a personal note, or a call, or a small gift that will lift someone's spirits.

**Spiritual formation:** It's said that bishops become bureaucrats, but not Bishop Kammerer. She has always put God first. Even in the midst of Cabinet meetings, a reliable source tells me, she was always most concerned about the spiritual health of Cabinet members, their families and other clergy. Worship and prayer were the first order of the day.

**Empathy:** As Tom Joyce beautifully writes in his article (page 24), the bishop cares deeply and has great empathy for all people (as long as they are not wearing a University of North Carolina uniform).

**Ecumenism:** The recent award from the Virginia Council of Churches is well-deserved. Bishop has spent a lifetime understanding and helping others understand that we are all God's children and must work together to bring others to the faith. She has always done her part to support John Wesley's belief that the message of the gospel is not restricted to Christians (or even United Methodists).

**Great taste in husbands:** Leigh has such great insight, is a deep thinker with a strong sense of humor, and has always been so supportive of her ministry. His making their ministry a partnership has always been a model for me, a fellow robe-carrier. 

*Neill Caldwell*

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# LETTERS



## Rethinking church affiliation with Scouting

**T**hank you for your May issue focused on Scouting. Every church I have served has had an active Scouting ministry, which I have consistently and purposefully neglected. I've never seen a reason for the Church to support an organization which seems to put God on the same level as a nation ("God and Country"), or which substitutes good citizenship for Christian discipleship. But your issue educated me, and opened my eyes to not only the evangelistic opportunities in Scouting, but also to the discipleship opportunities Scouting affords. (I never knew that the "God and Country"

program was an optional activity, nor that it has been changed to PRAY [Programs of Religious Activities with Youth].) Reading the issue sorely chastised me for the years I have not supported my church's Scouting ministries, and convicted me to repent of my ways. It also reminded me of why I continue to subscribe to and read the *Advocate*! Thank you.

-Rev. Brad Dulaney, Pastor at Redwood UMC, Rocky Mount

## Conference was right on the mark for majority

**I** was disappointed in overall negative coverage presented by the June 2012 edition of the *Virginia United Methodist*

*Advocate*. The lead articles about the General Conference were very obviously written by people that disagree with the majority of United Methodists.

It seems to me that the proposals that were defeated or not voted at all give a very clear statement of how the vast majority of United Methodists feel about those issues. It is time that United Methodists stand up to those that approve of the Church accepting principles that are clearly counter to what we read in Holy Scripture.

Let's stand as United Methodists for those things that are blessed in Scripture and follow the principles as set forth by the General Conference.

-Jim Baker, Virginia Beach

## Reconnection with God's creation heals body and soul

Most of us spend most of our time in totally artificial worlds. We work in buildings of steel and glass where we spend much of our time staring at computer screens. When we come home we live in what I like to call "the electronic cottage" or "the electronic parsonage"! We constantly check our cell phones for text or voice mail messages. We even check the weather and the news on these devices. Some of us have become cyborgs with phone attachments on our ears. We check the Internet and Facebook for incoming blessings or cries for help. We watch television and DVDs. And when we go out for entertainment, we go to the mall or to the movies.

Small wonder we feel fragmented, alienated and disconnected from other people, from our roots in the natural world, and from God. Even pastors today live most of their lives in the artificial electronic world. They rely heavily on the Internet, computer programs, and



Commentary by  
DWIGHT ZAVITZ

cell phones for schedule organization, communication, and sermon research. We make visits in the sterile world of hospitals and nursing homes. And pastors never know when that phone is going to ring and (this actually happened to me once!) receive a call that grandpa dropped dead at the Thanksgiving feast table.

Since my retirement from full-time ministry in the Virginia Conference, I have thought a lot about what fragments us as persons and as pastors. I retired for health reasons with multiple breakdowns in my body and soul. My healing has come through biking and hiking in the outdoors. At first I tended to disregard the outdoors as part of my healing. Though a longtime lover of God's creation and something of a nature mystic, I had lost touch with the natural world as a healer during my many years in the work force, first as a journalist and later as a pastor. I felt that I was too busy for such recreation.

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# COMMENTARY

## Finding the modern church's identity through an old source

For many in The United Methodist Church, the “holy conferencing” of 2012 General Conference has become a cause for lament, frustration, pain and anger. There is a sense on all sides that the church is broken. We experience this brokenness in different ways depending upon what we understand the church to be or, more often, what it should be. Are we forsaking the gospel by refusing to condemn sin? Are we limiting the Kingdom by denying full access to all of God’s children? Are our declining numbers a judgment upon a bloated bureaucracy? Are we becoming irrelevant in a post-modern culture?



Commentary by  
ADAM PLOYD

In response to all of this, and as a suggestion for a way forward, I would like us to think a bit about what it means to approach the church theologically. Though John Wesley is our denominational forebear, I have found the theology of an earlier ancestor, St. Augustine of Hippo, to be a helpful source for thinking about the nature of the church. Augustine served as a bishop in North Africa in the late 4th and early 5th centuries. His immediate context was defined by the “Donatist schism,” a competing Christian church that claimed the Catholics had lost the Holy Spirit because of egregious sin. In the eyes of the Donatists, the Catholic church had also lost the ability to forgive sins, baptize and ordain. It had, in fact, ceased to be the church. The questions that shaped this dispute are similar to those addressed in Tampa: What are the boundaries of the church? Can the church be corrupted? At what point does the church stop being the church?


Part of the way Augustine argued against the Donatists was to highlight the theological nature of the church. Augustine preached that the church is not primarily the messy, broken, frail structure of human polity and politics. Rather, the church is primarily the Body of Christ enlivened by the Holy Spirit. The visible, earthly church participates in the invisible, heavenly church that is the eternal communion of saints. The nature of the church is not defined by our success or failure, but by the eternal and ongoing work of God. To begin thinking about what this means, we can follow Augustine and approach this idea of the church through the theological virtues of faith, hope and love.

**Faith:** In his work on the Trinity, Augustine suggests a relationship between “faith” and “sight.” In this life we do not have the vision of God that we will in heaven; rather, we live by faith in anticipation of the sight we are promised. But

this faith is not simply the absence of sight; the life of faith trains our hearts and minds to see properly. The church is both an object and a vehicle of this same faith. Though we have faith primarily in God and not the church, we also have faith that the church is, in some way, the Body of Christ. As with the Trinity, our faith in the church as the Body of Christ is anticipatory of what we will be when God is finished with us. And as with the Trinity, life in the church of today is a life in which our hearts and minds are slowly formed by the work of Christ whose Body we are. Faith in what the church will be is the vehicle that will allow us to see that true heavenly nature of the church.

**Hope:** For Augustine, hope and faith go hand in hand. Hope is what allows faith to persist when all evidence points to the contrary. Augustine’s Latin words are helpful here: he makes a distinction between *spes*, or hope, and *res*, or the reality of that which is hoped for. The Christian must always keep these two things separate. For our life in the church, this means that we cannot lose hope in God’s promise for the church even though the full realization of the promise is not yet accomplished, or is not yet visible in our part of the Body. Hope, like faith, is a spiritual discipline that trains our hearts and minds. A heart trained in hope grows in patience and perspective.

**Love:** The greatest example of love, for Augustine, is the incarnation. God takes on the humble human condition, including death on a cross, in order to bring about our salvation. Just as love is demonstrated in the humility of Christ’s physical body, so humility is the primary expression of love within the Body of Christ that is the church. Humility in the church is an ability to listen to and trust our brothers and sisters. It means imagining that our vision of the church might not be complete. It means making space for those who disagree with us. In a larger sense, it means not confusing our greatest ideals with the will of God. With faith and hope, the humility of love is a spiritual discipline cultivated by participation in this all-too-human church. Growth in love is growth in participation in the true Body of Christ.

Augustine’s theological response entails a reconsideration of the church’s identity. Similar concerns lie behind our denomination’s debates. We must, I think, begin by reevaluating what this thing called church is. If it is simply this historical body of good but frail humans and their institutional structures, then we will certainly crumble. If, however, we are part of something greater, founded not upon our own best efforts but upon the redemptive work of God, then even the most mundane work of the church ought to be approached through the virtues of faith, hope and love. 

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# COMMENTARY



## A General Conference postlude

BY TOM BERLIN

I am sitting in the National Cathedral in Washington, a good place to gain some perspective on the recent General Conference. I would like you to believe that I have come here on a spiritual pilgrimage, to purge myself of the spiritual maladies which cling to any soul that has recently attended the meeting of The United Methodist Church. The truth is that I have just attended the commencement ceremonies of Wesley Theological Seminary.

I like the cathedral. I always feel right-sized by her towering walls, flying buttresses and domed arches. Here God is so large and I am so small. Just by sitting quietly one can experience a certain sense of healing here. Last year's earthquake damage has required the National Cathedral to hang metal safety drapes across all the ceilings. Even this is a reminder of God's saving power: How easily one could be randomly crushed by falling debris. It is by grace that we survived the whole commencement. "Who am I that God is mindful of me?"

I have been looking at the faces of graduates, thinking of General Conference 2012 and the church in which the United

Methodists will now be appointed. General Conference produces a load of cynicism and even some hopelessness in many, but of course, such things are in style in everything from politics to professional sports. What are citizens of the U.S. not cynical about these days? As people have asked me how I am doing after General Conference, I find that I feel strangely renewed. Don't get me wrong. I am tired. Two weeks in a hotel room, sitting from 8 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. in a folding chair, meetings that sometimes

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warrant blowing the dust off words in your old SAT study manual, like pugnacious, or rancorous, and a head cold that became the metaphorical experience for the whole event, leave a man feeling bushed. But God can redeem even this: I have been renewed through weariness.

A few months ago I thought General Confer-

ence 2012 had great promise. There were petitions that could have advanced our life together and our mission in the world. I was encouraged that the church would be able to emerge with a modern structure that would enable it to more strategically and efficiently coordinate its ministries. I hoped we might acknowledge to each other that we disagree on issues of sexuality so that we could celebrate our unity in Christ amidst such divisive topics. I hoped we could bring term limits to the episcopacy along with the end of the guaranteed appointment to create some parity. I believed that there might be change in the air. As the months before General Conference turned to weeks and days, however, I could feel the breeze go still. In some legislative committees in Tampa, it was downright stale. Not much changed, and what the Judicial Council didn't declare DOA is still pending on their docket.

I am tired, but not dispirited, because my original high expectations had been tempered by the reality of conversations and correspondence that I received in the days leading up to General Conference. What we are attempting to do is very complicated. We have a recipe that has never come out all that well, and we have added more ingredients in recent years. In one bowl we unwrap blocks of liberals and conservatives. Then we add

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the spice of numerous cultures and languages from North and South America, Africa, Europe and Asia and the Pacific. (If I left a resident of Antarctica out, I do apologize.) We dump in a cup of moderates, two heaping tablespoons of financial anxiety and a dash of reality with figures of our decline. For two weeks we mix and stir before we bake the whole thing in plenary sessions where the oven door is repeatedly wrenched opened and slammed shut, and are then surprised when the soufflé falls. Let's just say I didn't think it would be pretty from the beginning. Beyond all that, we have the beloved Trust Clause, which means that we have no way for people who just plain disagree with everyone to gracefully exit the neighborhood. Since most of us love our buildings and capitalization, sometimes as much as the Lord Jesus himself, we are ever more polarized as the years go on.

I am fine because I am so aware that the greatest good that United Methodist pastors, members and churches do to make disciples for the transformation of the world requires absolutely no General Conference action. Faithful disciples who are United Methodists need no majority vote, no referral to a committee, no perfecting amendment and no affirmation from General Conference. There are so many ways we can


bless the world as United Methodists. And if you hear a speech for or against the calling you are currently pursuing from God in the church, it should neither make you feel too proud nor too humble. General Conference 2012 may be known for the opportunity lost in all that we were not able to do. But it does not greatly change the good to which God calls us. It will be in the intersections of our many callings that we shall find the most Spirit-infused ministry as a denomination. To the extent that is named in a General Conference petition, I celebrate. To the extent it is not, we are in no way hindered.

General Conference was neither a mountain top nor a death valley for me. But it was a time to receive the blessing of renewal of the truth that above all else, we must invoke the presence of the risen Christ and place ourselves humbly at his feet and hear his will for our lives and ministry. If disappointed, we might ask ourselves why we had any great expectations for it. Great expectations for a church meeting is just a form of soft idolatry. I enjoyed some of the worship at General Conference. I commend its leaders. Goodness knows how anyone leads rousing worship at 8:30 p.m. in such a non-sacred setting as a convention center. But I knew we had a problem when the song leader led United Methodists to sing, "If it's going to be, it's up to

me." Who knew the Pelagians were writing praise music? Such a statement, especially in the context of worship, helps us understand that our greatest problem is not parliamentary procedure. It is our operative theology. I am sure the song was meant as a call to action, but it demonstrates how confident we are in our abilities to bring the reign of God without first fully submitting to the Lord of Hosts. It would be far better for us to be humbled by the beauty of Christ, overwhelmed by the power of the Creator and overcome by the love of the Holy Spirit. Such an encounter with the Triune God, along with lowered expectations of the fully fallen human aspects of the church, would allow us to enter General Conference sessions with a spirit of meekness that would enable our conversations.

I find it so strange that I have come away from this experience with a deeper love of the church, given how little was accomplished compared to the time and money spent on our gathering. I love the church, and The United Methodist Church, not because it has met my expectations or is worthy of my adoration and praise. I love it because it has demonstrated its brokenness, its need for love, and how lost it would be if it were not for God's consistent grace. I love the church for one main reason this week after General Conference: Jesus

loves it, and laid down his life for the church, including a sinner like me. My love of the church is a Lordship issue. To do otherwise, even to give myself over to cynicism, would be to violate the command to "love each other the way I have loved you."

General Conference remains an important gathering that is a cornerstone of our polity. Future delegates should be discerned and discerning. But it is not a meeting in which we should entrust our deepest aspirations and hopes. For those, we should look to Jesus Christ, "the author and perfecter of our faith." This is not a rejection of The United Methodist Church or skepticism of General Conference. It is simply a right-sizing of its importance in the daily ministry of millions of laypersons and pastors around the globe whose current disappointment in their denomination is more than offset by the power of the love and the calling of Christ in their lives. 

*—The Rev. Tom Berlin is pastor at Floris UMC in Herndon and was head of the Virginia delegation at General Conference*



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"Reconnection")

Recently I have been reading a series of books on ecotherapy, on ecopsychology, and on God's creation as our original blessing. The most startling of these is a wonderful volume by Richard Louv titled *The Nature Principle*. In this book, Louv has gathered hundreds of research projects that demonstrate the healing power of what he calls "Nature," what I would call "God's Creation." He says that most of us are suffering from what he calls "nature deficit disorder." One of the most interesting of these studies compares the mental and physical health of mall walkers versus people who walk out of doors. Not surprisingly, the tonic of nature is much more healing than indoor exercise. The many studies Louv cites in his book indicate that exposure to nature can dramatically improve mental, physical and family healthfulness.

After reading this material I went to bed wondering what all of this meant for me and for the church and the pastors I love. That night I had a dream. In it a friend who has been in heaven for 10 years appeared to me. Ben Kent and I worked for 15 years as a newspaper reporter and editor before I entered the ministry. We worked long hours with four deadlines a day ... talk about stress!

Ben would periodically round us up and take us out on a wilderness experience.

## Here are some books which you may find helpful if you wish to explore this topic:

**Ecotherapy: Healing Ourselves, Healing the Earth,**  
by Howard Clinebell, Ph.D.

**The Voice of the Earth: An Exploration of Ecopsychology,**  
by Theodore Roszak

**Ecopsychology: Restoring the Earth, Healing the Mind,**  
edited by Theodore Roszak, et. al.

**The Nature Principle: Human Restoration and the End of Nature-Deficit Disorder,** by Richard Louv

**Last Child In the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder,** by Richard Louv

**Original Blessing,** by Matthew Fox

**The Coming of the Cosmic Christ,** by Matthew Fox

These included hiking in the mountains, hawk- and eagle-watching safaris, canoeing the Great Dismal Swamp, climbing Old Rag Mountain, etc. We always came back from these experiences renewed, refreshed and re-energized. We worked better and groused less. We called ourselves "Ben's Rangers" and none of us will ever forget his gifts of sanity and serenity to us. Ben (who incidentally was a trustee at Welbourne UMC in Richmond) appeared to me in the dream and said, "this is what you need – pastors and lay people alike. You need the healing tonic that only the wilderness can provide."

I awoke wondering what this might mean. I remembered that we have some wonderful camps in this conference and that conferences across the connection have such camps. Could we offer

individual retreat times at these camps for pastors and for lay people? (Some of our camps already offer these services.) Could group retreats on God's Creation and creative responses to God's presence in Creation be offered to weary pastors with episcopal blessing and permission for the time off needed for such events?

I know that it is vi-

tally important for our own healing and for the healing of the Earth that we reconnect with the regenerative powers of God's Creation. We are children of the earth as well as children of God. We and our planet are in peril. The more deeply we plunge into the artificial world, the more alienated we become from God, from God's Creation, from each other, and from the depths of our own souls. We need to meet the Lord in God's Creation. I know from personal experience that if we find the time, the wisdom and the resources to do this, the good shepherd will restore our souls. I also fear that if we continue to lead lives lost in the artificial electronic world dictated by the greed of our consumerist culture and our fascination with electronic gizmos, we may end up destroying our world and our very souls. ☞

–The Rev. Dwight Zavitz is retired and lives in Ashland.

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# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS



▲ **Persons UMC** in Drenoville is celebrating its 174th year this year during its annual reunion the third week of September. The church has supported a Haiti mission and is very involved in community events, including helping inner city kids hold a baseball clinic sharing the fundamentals of the game and of life.

**St. Paul UMC** in Staunton celebrated its 125th anniversary on May 20 with special events. The Rev. Dr. Michael Houff was the guest preacher.

**Market Street UMC** in Onancock, Eastern Shore District, has started a new ministry called "A Dash of Hope." Fridays at 5 p.m. there is a meal and fellowship time open to anyone in the community. The events have included live music and other entertainment. Call (757) 787-4873 to learn more.



▲ **Mount Elbert UMC** in Riner (Floyd County) makes blankets and hats for the

"Booster Box" project that provides baby supplies and informational materials to young mothers in the area. Pictured: Donna Sharp, Glenda Brouwer, Jean Peters, Sandy Kinney, Joyce Pugh, Elaine Handy and Carolyn Kirtner.

**Fork Union UMC**, Danville District, sent a mission team to Pulaski, Tenn., in April to help rebuild homes destroyed by tornadoes in April 2011.



▲ **Clarendon UMC** in Ashton Heights participated in the recent "Change the World Day" by doing a Stop Hunger Now packing event. Eighty adults, youths and children put on hairnets, sanitized hands and began assembling 10,000 meals for children in third world countries. Stop Hunger Now provides meals of rice, dehydrated veggies, soy and vitamins to be shipped overseas. Set up in the Social Hall, the group packaged, weighted, sealed, counted and boxed up meals with the help of Doug Spalding from the agency.

**Mount Bethel UMC**, Harrisonburg District, held a ground-breaking ceremony June 3 for the rebuilding of the church after the church burned to the ground on Sept. 30, 2011. Lantz

Construction will be doing the work with Thanksgiving as the goal to be finished. Bethel members have been worshipping in a strip mall in Crimora. The new building will have a large multipurpose room which will be both the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

On Mother's Day, **Calvary UMC**, Parksley, Eastern Shore District, donated 41 bed nets to "Imagine No Malaria" in honor of all the mothers in the congregation.



▲ On May 20, the congregations of the Edinburg Parish, Harrisonburg District, **St. John's UMC** and **Wesley Chapel UMC**, were honored at an award ceremony in Richmond. Edinburg Parish was presented a statue of a minuteman with a plaque which reads "In appreciation for your dedication and support to the men and women of the Army National Guard who serve to defend freedom." The parish was recognized for its efforts in support of the 2-224 AV Battalion of

the Virginia Army National Guard during its deployment to Iraq. They provided "Strength for Service" devotional books to be distributed by the battalion chaplain throughout the troops' deployment. The parish also initiated a "prayer hotline" so that the soldiers could e-mail prayer requests to **PrayforMe@EdinburgUM.org** and have their concerns lifted up before God. Throughout the 2-224th deployment the parish sent 15 large care boxes.



▲ **Farmville UMC** members turned out for the church's first-ever "Change the World" weekend, where participants could sign up for a variety of community service projects. Pictured: Farmville's Devin Rivers (left) and Sarah McBride help organize food at the FACES food pantry in Farmville.



▲ **Tabernacle UMC** of the Amelia Charge welcomed seven youths and three adults who made  
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their commitments to the church on April 29. The Rev. Michael Shirley's service was centered on "The Church," and Rev. Bob Parks, Farmville District Superintendent, shared a special message. The "laying on of hands" (pictured) for each confirmand was powerful as witnessed by family and friends. Confirmed were Baley Elliott, Tatum Elliott, Jason Fore, Alyssa Hensley, Jacquelyn Smith, Chad Shelton and Jessica Vincent. Cecil Shifflett was baptized and joined by profession of faith. Jessica Vincent was also baptized. Elaine and Randy Maxey were received by transfer.

Under the leadership of JoAnn Hall, **Trinity UMC** in Smithfield celebrated its 200th anniversary on May 20. Several visiting clergy spoke about their memories of Trinity. The Children's choir, the Praise Team and the Chancel choir sang special music. After worship there was a lunch in the Family Activity Center, where everyone was entertained by the Sweet Adelines, the Gospel Country Messengers and the Harmoniers.



▲ The Naomi Ruth Circle at **Herndon UMC** prepared 59 birthing kits to send to Annual Conference.

## CAMP RAINBOW CONNECTION

**July 8-13 and Aug. 12-17**

Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center

An annual camp for adults with intellectual disabilities who are able to independently complete activities of daily living. Contact the conference Office of Inclusivity and Lay Leadership Excellence for details: call 1-800-768-6040 or (804) 521-1100, ext. 153, or e-mail [marthastokes@vaumc.org](mailto:marthastokes@vaumc.org).

## FINDING YOUR OWN WAY

**July 12-15**

Eagle Eyrie, Lynchburg

Robert Davis, of Joplin, Mo., will be the leader of a new conference-sponsored retreat for youth pastors and youth workers. The retreat is limited to 40 people and the cost is \$300, which will cover food and lodging for four days and materials. Visit the conference webpage at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) under "Events" and the date. For more information, contact the Rev. Derrick Parson at [derrickparson@vaumc.org](mailto:derrickparson@vaumc.org) or Becky Tate at [beckytate@vaumc.org](mailto:beckytate@vaumc.org).

## CAMP LOUD AND CLEAR

**July 13-15**

Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center, Appomattox County

This is the second year for the camp which is specifically designed to meet the needs of children who are deaf and hard of hearing regardless of their degree of hearing loss or their chosen communication mode. The camp is supported by the Virginia Conference Commission on Disabilities. For information, contact Dr. Lissa Power-defur at [powerdefurea@longwood.edu](mailto:powerdefurea@longwood.edu) or (434) 395-2972; Jennifer Kingsley at [jkingsley@hotmail.com](mailto:jkingsley@hotmail.com) or (434) 391-3679; or go to [www.vaumc.org/loudandclear](http://www.vaumc.org/loudandclear).

## LEAD

**July 27-Aug. 5**

Salvation Army Roakoke

LEAD is a 10-day leadership training event for youth offered by the conference Council for Youth Ministry. The cost is \$300. For more information, e-mail [alisonmalloy@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmalloy@gmail.com).

## ALL GOD'S CHILDREN CAMP

**Aug. 5-10, Camp Highroad in Middleburg;**

**Aug. 5-10, Occohannock on the Bay in Belle Haven;**

**Aug. 12-17, Westview on the James in Goochland**

Children ages 7-12 who have an incarcerated mother or father spend a week at camp. Partner-

ing with Virginia United Methodist camps, the All God's Children Camp provides a week of sanctuary for children who face many challenges in their lives. Contact Casey Torrence at [casey-torrence@vaumc.org](mailto:casey-torrence@vaumc.org).

## TEE-OLLOGY

**Aug. 7-8**

Camp Overlook

Play golf at Packsaddle Ridge and share insights that use the joy and challenge of golf to help you better understand your faith. The Rev. Dr. Dan Garrett – pastor, seminary professor and golf enthusiast – will reflect on the book inspiring the retreat, *Tee-ology*, by John Freeman. Participants will stay and dine at Blessings Lodge. For information, visit [www.campoverlook.org](http://www.campoverlook.org). Cost is \$145, which includes two rounds of golf, cart fees, lodging, dinner and breakfast and fees. Discounts are available for groups of four registering together, and for day attendance only.

## Voices of Youth 2012: "Winds of Change Tour"

July 1-7	Joplin, Mo. Mission Trip
July 8	7 p.m. Thrasher UMC Roanoke District
July 9	7 p.m. Farmville UMC Farmville District
July 10	7 p.m. Verona UMC Harrisonburg District
July 11	7 p.m. Stephens City UMC Winchester District
July 12	7 p.m. Sterling UMC Arlington District
July 13	7 p.m. New Hope UMC Fredericksburg District
July 14	7 p.m. Chestnut Memorial UMC York River District
July 15	11:15 a.m. Courthouse Community UMC Elizabeth River District
July 15	7 p.m. Shady Grove UMC Mechanicsville Richmond District

# Appointments

## CLERGY

### KEY

Listings in *italics* are charge names with pastor and churches on the charge listed below the italicized listing. Designations in **bold print** indicate the first year of appointment. The number in parentheses ( ) indicates the year of current appointment. Ministers other than Elder in Full Connection (FE) in the Virginia Conference are indicated by the following symbols listed after years served:

<b>AF</b>	Affiliate Member
<b>AM</b>	Associate Member
<b>DM</b>	Diaconal Minister
<b>EP</b>	Minister Recog. from other Denom. Serving UM Probation
<b>FD</b>	Deacon in Full Connection
<b>FL</b>	Full-time Local Pastor
<b>LM</b>	Certified Lay Minister (Assigned by district superintendent)
<b>MOD</b>	Minister, Other Denom., Serving Ecumenical Parish
<b>OA</b>	Associate Member, Other Annual Conf.
<b>OD</b>	Deacon Member, Other Annual Conf. or Other Denomination
<b>OE</b>	Elder Member, Other Annual Conf. or Methodist Denom.
<b>OF</b>	Full Member, Other Denom.
<b>OP</b>	Provisional Member, On Loan
<b>PD</b>	Provisional Deacon
<b>PE</b>	Provisional Elder
<b>PL</b>	Part-time Local Pastor
<b>PM</b>	Probationary Member, '92 Disc.
<b>RA</b>	Retired Associate Member
<b>RAF</b>	Retired Affiliate Member
<b>RD</b>	Retired Deacon
<b>RDM</b>	Retired Diaconal Minister
<b>RE</b>	Retired Elder
<b>RL</b>	Retired Local Pastor
<b>ROC</b>	Retired FE, Other Conference
<b>ROF</b>	Retired, Other Denomination
<b>ROM</b>	Retired, Other Methodist
<b>RP</b>	Retired Probationary/Provisional Member
<b>SY</b>	Lay Supply (Assigned by dist. supt.)
<b>TBS</b>	To Be Supplied

### ROLL OF THE FIRST MILE

Church names in red represent congregations that have paid 100 percent of all their conference and district apportionments for 2011. Those underlined have paid 101 percent or more of World Service and Conference Benevolences. Green print = 10% Increase Apportionments Paid + 100% World Service and Conference Benevolences.

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Kenneth J. Jackson (3)

#### ALEXANDRIA

**Beverly Hills:** Sara L. Manner (19)

**Del Ray:** Mark A. Mrini (6)

**Fairlington:** Gregory L. Adkins (9)

Associate: Barbara J. Parnell (3) OE

Dir. of Christian Ed. and Youth: Christian S. White Jr. (2) FD

Roberts Memorial: **Janice Y. Prentace** (1)

Saint Andrew's: Kitan Petreski (7)

Saint James: James E. Henry (21)

**Trinity:** Phyllis R. Earley (3)

Associate: Matthew J. Benton (2) PE

**Washington Street:** Michael A. Lyle (8)

#### FAIRFAX

**Fairfax:** Timothy R. Gerde (3)

Associate: **Lindsey M. Baynham** (1) PE

#### FAIRFAX COUNTY

**Accotink:** Robin G. BeMiller (2) PL

Aldersgate: Dennis W. Perry (11)

Associate: Jason A. Micheli (8)

**Annandale:** Clarence R. Brown (5)

Associate: Eduardo A. Carrillo (3) FL

Associate: Cynthia D. Johnson-Oliver (5) OE

Associate: Paul Y. Shin (11) ROM

**Burke:** Lawrence W. Buxton (6)

Associate: Morgan A. Guyton (3) PE

Dir. Of Mission: Judith G. Fender (12) FD

**Cameron:** David L. Nesselrodt (8)

Cana: Joo Sup Park (5) OE

**Christ:** John C. Speight Jr. (21)

**Cranford:** Lorenzo D. Hill (8)

**Franconia:** **Catharine T. Guest** (1)

**Lincolnia:** **Vernell M. Carter** (1)

**Messiah:** Ralph W. Rowley (12)

Associate: **Meghan E. Roth** (1) PE

Associate: Jose W. Saldana (14) PL

**Mount Vernon:** H. Celeste Heath (9)

New Light: Hyeon Ho Lee (3)

**Rising Hope:** Keary C. Kincannon (18)

Coord. Children & Youth Ministries: Sula S. Tyler (2) LM

Saint George's: Denise M. Childers (6)

**Saint John's:** William F. Burroughs (8)

Saint Matthew's: J. Denise Honeycutt (3)

Associate: Brian W. Johnson (2) PE

**Saint Stephen's:** Jeffrey P. Mickle (6)

Associate: Melissa D. Porter-Miller (6)

**Silverbrook:** Kim Barker-Brugman (7)

**Springfield:** **Jeffrey J. Roberts** (1)

Associate: L. Elaine Hall (6) OE

**Sydenstricker:** James D. Thomas (2)

Associate: M. Garey Eakes (3)

**Washington Farm:** Moonsup "Paul" Song (7)

Wesley: Janet P. Salbert (3)

Woodlawn-Faith: Lyle E. Morton (4)

#### FAUQUIER COUNTY

**Bethel:** Julian H. Martin Jr. (13)

**Orlean:** James Leamon (9) PL

**Warrenton:** John Chadsey (19)

Associate: Sarah M. Harrison-McQueen (6)

**Wesley Chapel:** Barbara H. Jamieson (2) PL

#### MANASSAS CITY

**Grace:** Rudolph E. Tucker (12)

Associate: Meredith L. McNabb (6)

Min. of Music: C. Milton Rodgers III (12) FD

Saint Thomas: David T. Forrest (3)

Associate: Matthew G. Smith (6.5)

#### PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

**Asbury:** Martha A. Rose (2) PL

Bethel: John T. Martin Jr. (2) RE

Associate: Lemuel E. Pearsall Jr. (7)

Through July 2012

**Buckhall:** Linda H. Monroe (2)

**Cokesbury:** Russell T. Urban (10)

**Dumfries:** R. Douglas Geeting (6)

Gainesville: John E. Patterson (16)

**Good Shepherd:** R. Levi Stroud Jr. (10)

Associate: **Keiko T. Foster** (1) PE

Nokesville: Julie A. Larch (2)

**Old Bridge:** Burton C. Robinson (9)

Associate: Ronald T. Lanman (4) RL

**Prince of Peace:** Paula P. Werner (3)

Saint Mark's: James L. Johnson III (5)

Saint Paul: **Larry E. Craddock** (1)

Associate: Kurt Ludwig (9) PL

Spirit & Life: Matthew A. Meisenhelter (3)

**Sudley:** **Bass M. Mitchell** (1)

### ARLINGTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Young Jin Cho (8)

#### ARLINGTON

Arlington: Wesley E. Arthur Sr. (3) RE

Associate: Lydia E. Rodriguez Colon (7)

Associate: **TBS**

Arlington Forest: L. Michael Southall-Vess (6)

**Arlington Temple:** Catherine G. Abbott (7)

**Calloway:** Sonja Flye Oliver (2) FL

**Calvary:** Stephen B. Hassmer (12)

**Central:** Richard E. Cobb (15)

**Cherrydale:** Elizabeth A. Foss (2)

Clarendon: Eugene F. Thomas (7)

**Community:** R. Carl Ripley Jr. (21)

First Vietnamese-American of Gr. Wash.:

Tuyet Tran (2) FL



Ghana Wesley UM Mission: Emmanuel Nkrumah (3) FL  
**Mount Olivet:** Timothy P. Craig (5)  
 Associate: **Chenda I. Lee** (1) PE  
 Associate: **Jeffrey H. Goodman** (1) PL  
**Saint Mark's:** Stephen K. Lee (8)  
**Walker Chapel:** James N. Earley II (7)  
**FAIRFAX COUNTY**  
 Andrew Chapel: **Scott D. Hopkins** (1)  
 Bruen Chapel: Ruth M. Burgess (5)  
 Centreville: Alan R. Felumlee (7)  
 Associate: Marcia K. Huntsman (6) PE  
 Associate: Jennifer D. Coffey (3) PE  
 Associate: Thomas G. James (2) PE  
**Charles Wesley:** Candace L. Martin (6)  
 Chesterbrook: R. Eugene Larkin (2) RE  
 Church of the Good Shepherd: Mark A. Burgess (5)  
**Community of Faith:** Robert E. Vaughn Jr. (15)  
 Culmore: Jung Pyo Hong (7)  
 Associate: **TBS**  
 Dranesville: **William E. Heinzman** (1)  
 Epiphany: **Robert B. Lloyd Jr.** (1)  
 First Korean: Sung Ho Chung (9) OE  
 Associate: **TBS**  
**Floris:** Thomas M. Berlin (16)  
 Associate: Barbara Miner (7) FL  
 Associate: Timothy L. Ward (4) FL  
 Friendship: James D. Canody (8)  
**Graham Road:** Marable Southall-Vess (5)  
**Great Falls:** Nancy B. Childress (7)  
**Herndon:** Denise P. Bates (4)  
**Korean of Greater Washington:** Young Bong Kim (8)  
 Associate: Hyun Sik Kang (6) OE  
 Associate: Keon Huh (2) FL  
 Associate: Michelle M. Kim (5)  
 Associate: Ki Cheon Lee (4) PE  
 Associate: Young Sub Cha (4) OE  
 Associate: **David Ryu** (1) FL  
 Oakton: **Dawn-Marie Singleton** (1)  
**Pender:** Kenneth W. Newsome (12)  
 Associate: **Kevin D. Havens** (1) FL  
 Saint Luke's: **Deborah D. Porras** (1) PE  
 Sleepy Hollow: Pamela Clark Egan (10)  
 Associate: Jennifer L. Ailstock (8) PL  
 Smiths Chapel: David J. Zuchelli (18)  
**Trinity:** James C. Sprouse (16)  
 United Christian Parish: Joan L. Bell-Haynes (8) MOD  
**Vale:** Tracy McNeil Wines (18)  
 The Vine: D. Todd Schlechty (4)  
 Wesley: Ray S. Brill Jr. (8)  
**FALLS CHURCH**  
 Christ Crossman: M. Mochel Morris (12)  
**Dulin:** M. Davies Kirkland (13)  
 Galloway: Laurice F. Jones-Wilks (4) PE  
**LOUDOUN COUNTY**  
 Arcola: Christopher E. Riedel (18)  
 Crossroads: David A. Norman (24)  
 Associate: James H. Chandler (4)  
 Associate: Flor M. Norris (4) PL

Minister of Congregational Nurture: Jean M. Hankins (4) FD  
**Galilee:** M. Wayne Snead (17)  
 Associate: Matthew B. Sergeant (6) FL  
 Pleasant Valley: Justin S. White (4)  
**Sterling:** C. Randolph Duncan (9)  
 Minister of Music and Outreach: Joanna S. Dietz (6) FD  
 Associate: Luz M. Zuleta (3) PL

## CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Brenda J. Biler (8)  
**ALBEMARLE COUNTY**  
**Aldersgate:** Scott E. Davis (3)  
 Associate: Christopher S. Fuss (9) PL  
**Batesville:** **Elizabeth A. Buxton** (1) FL  
**Batesville, Bethel, Mount Olivet**  
**Binghams:** William R. Payne (10) PL  
**Crozet:** J. Douglas Forrester (8)  
 Youth Minister: Jessica L. Fuller (2.5) FD  
**Ivy Creek:** James W. Thornton Sr. (6)  
 Congregational Care and Ministry Development: Evelyn Y. Jones (2) LM  
**Mount Moriah:** Won Un (2)  
 Restoration: **Daniel E. Elmore** (1)  
**Southern Albemarle:** Bruce N. Lugn (2) PE  
**Mount Zion, Scottsville**  
**Trinity (N. Garden):** Norman G. Johnson (12) PL  
**West Albemarle:** Benjamin F. Houchens (13) PL  
**Browns Cove, Gentry**  
**AMHERST COUNTY**  
**Bethany-Sardis:** Shin Woo Hong (3) PE  
**Bethany, Sardis**  
**Mount Pleasant:** Judy G. Morris (4) FL  
**Mount Horeb, Mount Pleasant**  
**Poplar:** David P. Edinger (3) PL  
**Wesleyan:** David P. Edinger (3) PL

## CHARLOTTESVILLE

**First:** Alvin J. Horton (4)  
 Associate: Ashley Abarca-Mitchell (5)  
 Hinton Avenue: **Robert D. Lewis** (1) OE  
 Wesley Memorial: Edward P. Winkler (2)

## CULPEPER COUNTY

Culpeper: J. Randall Orndorff (9)  
 Associate: Norma Jean Fellows (4.5) ROC  
 Associate: Nancy A. Palmer (3) PL  
**East Culpeper:** Stanley H. Mulford III (4) PE  
**Hopewell, Richardsville**  
**Little Fork Circuit:** Sharon L. Forbes (5)  
**Jeffersonton, Oak Shade, Woodland**

## FLUVANNA COUNTY

**Byrd Chapel:** Vivian M. Utz (3) FL  
**Cunningham:** Thomas E. Frost (4)  
 Haden Chapel: Sandra Benton Plasters (2.5)  
**Palmyra:** Sandra Benton Plasters (7)  
**Salem:** Andrew B. Willson (2)  
**South Fluvanna:** **Gregory E. Miller** (1) PL  
**New Bethel, Seays Chapel, Wesley Chapel**

## GREENE COUNTY

**Greene:** **Gordon K. Meriwether III** (1) FL  
**Mount Vernon, South River**  
**Standardsville:** **Charles S. Winner** (1)  
**Westover:** Norma J. Dean (9) PL  
**LOUISA COUNTY**  
**Louisa:** **David R. Palmer** (1)  
**Macedonia:** Linda E.F. Crabbs (4) PE  
**Mineral-Mt. Pleasant:** Bryan K. Buckles (3)  
**Mineral, Mount Pleasant**  
**West Louisa:** William E. Hepler (3) RL  
**Ebenezer, Lasley, Mount Horeb**

**Zion:** Michael W. Plasters (7)

## MADISON COUNTY

**Bethel-Mountain View:** James F. Lacy (2) PL  
**Bethel, Mountain View**  
**Madison:** Stephen P. King (5)  
**Madison, Rose Park**  
**North Madison:** Theresa B. Hoffman (3) PE  
**Etlan, Mount Olivet, Oak Grove**  
**Rapidan:** Alan R. Follett (5) FL  
**Bethsaida, Mount Zion, Walkers**

## NELSON COUNTY

**Bethany (Norwood):** James D. Siddons (2) RE  
**Bethlehem:** **Edwin M. Childress** (1) FL  
**Nelson:** Debra A. Powell (7)  
 New Faith: Gregory Payne (7) SY  
**Rock Spring:** Pamela J. Baldwin (3) PE  
**Rodes:** J. Richard McDowell (14)

## ORANGE COUNTY

**Gordonsville:** Deborah A. Koontz (5)  
**Barboursville, Gordonsville**  
**Orange Circuit:** Jeffrey B. Smith (5)  
**Bethlehem, Salem**

**Trinity:** Thomas R. Barnard (6)

## RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

**Amissville:** Maxine C. Crenshaw (2) PE  
**Rappahannock:** Sara Porter Keeling (2)  
**Flint Hill, Sperryville, Willis Chapel**

## DANVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Janine W. Howard (2)  
**DANVILLE**

**Fairview:** Kathleen M.R. Monge (3)  
**Grace Design:** Kameron W. Wilds (2) PL  
**Moseley Memorial-Stokesland Cooperative Parish:** Timothy R. Earnhardt (3) PE  
**Moseley Memorial, Stokesland**  
**Mount Vernon:** Barry S. Foster (5)  
 St. Luke's: Paul L. Phillips (4)  
 Minister of Discipleship and Older Adult Ministries: Valerie White (3) PD  
**Trinity:** Charles W. Wickham (10)

## FLOYD COUNTY

**Harris Chapel:** Marcus Wood (6) PL

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

**Bethlehem:** D. Chris Bennett (4) FL  
**East Franklin:** Judith E. Short (12)  
**Crafts, Penhook**  
**Epworth:** Joshua Munnikhuysen (7) FL  
**Fork Mountain:** Bobby Shively (6) PL

Franklin: **Douglas R. Sasser Jr.** (1) PE  
 Burnt Chimney, Flint Hill  
 Gogginsville: Mark D. Richardson (4)  
 Callaway Cooperative Parish: **Jason L. Bryant** (1) FL  
 Highland, New Hope  
 Oylers Chapel- Rehoboth Cooperative Parish: Richard L. Barton (2) PE  
 Oylers Chapel, Rehoboth  
 Pleasant Hill: Elizabeth H. Lazenby (7) FL  
 Red Valley: Joshua S. King (2) FL  
 Redwood: Bradley S. Dulaney (4)  
 Rocky Mount: Bruce D. Tuttle (2) RE  
 St. James (Ferrum): Mary S. White (5) RE  
 West Franklin: Winston L. Crichlow (6) RE  
 Bethany, Maple Grove  
**HENRY COUNTY**  
 Axton: Anne M. Sisson (5) FL  
 Beckham, Carroll Memorial, Irisburg  
 Bassett Memorial: **E. Russell Gresham IV** (1)  
 Fieldale: Thomas E. Durrance (3) PE  
 Granbery: David E. Schill (5) RE  
 Mount Bethel: Stephen A. Garner (3) FL  
 Pleasant Grove: **Ian J. Hackmann** (1) PE  
 Ridgeway: **James H. Wilson** (1) ROC  
 Smith Memorial: Tilden W. Bridges (5)  
 Stanleytown: Kenneth E. Cleveland (5) FL  
**MARTINSVILLE**  
 Chatham Heights: Marshall L. Banks (2) PL  
 First: **Keith E. Ritchie** (1)  
 Wesley Memorial: Steven W. Greer (3)  
**PATRICK COUNTY**  
 Meadow: Mark R. Collins (3) PL  
 Mount Zion: Keith L. Vernon (2) PL  
 Mountain View: Terry F. Martin (8) PL  
 North Patrick: Sandra L. Wright (3) FL  
 Ross Harbour, Woolwine  
 Patrick:  
 Co-pastor: W. Mark Clayton (9) FL  
 Co-pastor: J. Michael Hundley (7) FL  
 Concord, Creasey's Chapel, Nettle Ridge, New Hope  
 Providence: David A. Westmoreland (11) FL  
 Salem: **John B. Franklin** (1) FL  
 Stuart: Thomas B. Shepherd (6)  
**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY**  
 Anderson Chapel: **Floyd A. Greenwood Jr.** (1) SY  
 Bethel/Cascade: Richard W. Hayward (4) LM  
 Bethel, Cascade  
 Brosville: Faith M. Weedling (2)  
 Concord: Robert W. Ford (2)  
 Floral Hills-Mount Pleasant: Christy T. Gresham (2) PL  
 Floral Hills, Mount Pleasant  
 Harmony: Robert F. Hardy IV (13) FL  
 Hopewell: **Michael A. Eisenman** (1) PE  
 Mount Olivet: James D. Stevens (3) OF  
 Oakland: Robert E. Green (2) FL  
 Swansonville: Linwood G. Cook (2) RE  
 Watson Memorial (Chatham): Kay Barstow Gentry (3)

East Danville Cooperative Parish:  
 Co-pastor: **Steven W. Weedling** (1) PE  
 Co-pastor: **Tim V. Satterfield** (1) SY  
 Rock Springs, Wesley Chapel, Calvary, Kerns Memorial  
 Whitmell-St. John's Cooperative Parish:  
 Susan M. Hannah (5)  
 Saint John's, Whitmell

## EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Tammy L. Estep (7)  
**ACCOMACK COUNTY**

Atlantic-New Church: Christy R. Spurlock (2) FL  
 Atlantic, Berea  
 Belle Haven-Bethel: Judith G. Worthington (5)  
 Belle Haven, Bethel  
 Bloxom Mission: Gregory L. Duncan (4) PL  
 Calvary: Elizabeth P. Freund (2) RE  
 Cashville: Jon M. Woodburn (6) FL  
 Andrew Chapel, Leatherbury, Riverview  
 Christ (Chincoteague): Travis L. DeLoach (12)  
 Craddockville: **Robert I. Kelly** (1) FL  
 Drummondtown: Betty D. Marshall (3) RL  
 Grace (Parksley): Donald A. Jamison (2)  
 Greenbackville: Derek E. Tomek (3) FL  
 Signpost, Union  
 Guilford: **Veronica G. Barrell** (1) PE  
 Guilford, St. Thomas  
 Hallwood: **David R. Chew Jr.** (1) SY  
 Horntown: **Barbara A. Cousar** (1) FL  
 Deas Chapel, Friendship, St. Mark's  
 Leemont: Carl E. Perez (3)  
 Adams, Metropolitan  
 Market Street: Robert M. Chapman (4)  
 Melfa: Glenda T. Turlington (2) PL  
 New Hope: Suzanne Schmid Spencer (3) FL  
 Evergreen, Harborton, Mears Memorial  
 Oak Grove: **TBS**  
 Oak Hall: Donald L. Blagg (3) FL  
 Assawoman, Downings  
 Ocean View: Sallye H. Bowen (8) RE  
 Onley: Charles W. Parks III (13) AM  
 Painter-Quinby: Rebecca W. McGee (3) OP  
 Painter-Garrisons, Smiths Chapel  
 Pittsville-Pocomoke-Wattsville: W. Maury Enright (29) SY  
 Pittsville, Pocomoke, Wattsville  
 Saint John's (Atlantic): Gary C. Miller (26) AM  
 Sanford-Saxis: William C. Jefferson (2) PL  
 Sanford, Saxis  
 Snead Memorial (Wachapreague): James S. Nock (7) PL  
 Swain Mem. (Tangier): Patricia J. Stover (4)  
 Woodberry: Albert L. Crockett (3) RA  
**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**  
 Cape Charles-Capeville: Elizabeth A. Lutz (4)  
 Capeville, Trinity  
 Cheriton: **Patricia S. Money** (1) PE  
 Cheriton, Travis Chapel  
 Epworth (Exmore): L. Raymond McGarr (5)

Franktown: Alexander B. Joyner (8)  
 Min. of Evangelism: **Peter Surran** (1) PD  
 Johnsons: Clarence W. Bowen Jr. (14) RE  
 New Mission: Harold E. White (8) FL

## ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Bradford L. Phillips (5)  
**CHESAPEAKE**  
 Chesapeake Avenue: Haden D. Conrad (2) FL  
 Covenant: Franklin T. Jennings (12)  
 Deep Creek: Jonathan L. Bennett (5)  
 Good Hope: Mark E. Christian (16)  
 Great Bridge: Danny J. Kesner (8)  
 Associate: Janet C.C. Allen (3) FL  
 Hickory: Thomas L. Mercer Sr. (24)  
 Indiana: Frances C. Craig (4) PL  
 Jolliff: Waverly C. Smith III (9) FL  
 Messiah: Ellen W. Comstock (3)  
 Mount Pleasant: Robert M. Pihlcrantz (7) FL  
 New Creation: David R. Drinkard (5)  
 Aldersgate Associate: Eric C. Song (2)  
 Grace Harbor Associate: Marc W. Rickabaugh (3)  
 Oak Grove: **H. Frank Holley** (1)  
 Oaklette: Timothy D. Hazlett (2)  
 Portlock: Robert G. Robinson (7)  
 Saint Paul's: **Forrest H. Teague Jr.** (1)  
**CURRITUCK COUNTY, NC**  
 Knotts Island: **Diana Johnson** (1) PL  
**NORFOLK**  
 Aldersgate: Walton C. Forstall II (3)  
 Christ: **Derrek P. Koolman** (1)  
 Epworth: Priscilla Gay Hall (2)  
 Fairmount Park: Linda S. Young (2) PL  
 First: John F. Shappell (6)  
 Ghent: William L. McClung Jr. (9)  
 Larchmont: Scott M. Rimer (6)  
 Associate: Sarah R. Wastella (3) PE  
 McKendree: Michelle D. Louk (8) FL  
 Miles Memorial: John B. Haynes Sr. (3)  
 Norfolk: Sherry L. Daniels (7)  
 Associate: Carolyn J. Graves (2) PL  
 Norview: W. Joseph Shepherd (10)  
 Park Place: Stephen B. Wall-Smith (2) OE  
 Saint John's: Brandon L. Gilmore (2) PE  
 Wesley Memorial-Zion-Grace: **Scott A. Beck** (1) PE  
 Wesley Memorial, Zion-Grace  
**PORTSMOUTH**  
 Asbury-Cradock: J. Karen Whitehurst (17) PL  
 Broad Street: Lisa R. Blackmonson (3)  
 Centenary: **L. Wayne Carter** (1)  
 Associate: Elizabeth A. Nordan (3) PL  
 Community: Michael J. Putnam (11) PL  
 Cottage Place: Lynne M. Hundley (13)  
 Monumental: Joseph J. Cailles (2)  
 TheBridge Associate: **Andrew H. Book** (1) PE  
 Park View: Raymond H. Edmonds Jr. (3.5) RE  
 Saint Andrew's: **Daniel P. Abbott** (1)  
 Saint Mark: R. Kirk Culpepper (11) PL

**West End:** **Lynda D. Moore** (1) PE

## **SUFFOLK**

**Beech Grove:** Keith D. Moore (3)

**Ebenezer:** Carl J. LeMon (20)

Associate: Brent M. Seusy (7)

Virginia Korean: Chul Ki Kim (8)

English Pastor: Lisa S. Meyers (2) PL

**Wesley Chapel:** Ileana R. Rosario (4)

## **VIRGINIA BEACH**

**Asbury:** John W. Haynes (23) RL

Baylake: James R. Driscoll (3)

Associate: Deborah S. Clark (6) FL

Bethel: Thomas L. Strohecker (10) PL

**Charity:** Robert J. Robertson III (3)

**Community:** H. Leroy Seibert (2)

Associate: Christa J. Mercer (2) FL

Courthouse Community: **J. Randall McMillen** (1)

Associate: Frederick C. Brockhausen III (9) FL

**Foundry:** Patricia A. Riggs (4)

**Francis Asbury:** Edward S. Martin Jr. (4)

**Haygood:** Charles A. Shumate (6)

Associate: Mary K. Dadisman (3) PE

Heritage: Kathleen W. Haynes (5)

**Lynnhaven:** Ralph G. Satter (6)

**Memorial:** John W. Cole II (12)

**Nimmo:** Clark D. Cundiff (6)

**Princess Anne Plaza-Resurrection:** Angelito G. Samson (13)

Princess Anne Plaza, **Resurrection**

**Saint Andrew's:** **Elizabeth Wright Taylor** (1)

Associate: Jonathan J. Page (2) PE

**Saint Luke's:** David L. Cunningham (3)

Salem: Penny D. Cory (5)

**Sandbridge Community Chapel:** **Clyde M. DeLoach** (1)

Scott Memorial: Vickie R. Seibert (2)

**Tabernacle:** Jack E. Davis (17)

Thalia: David A. Goodpasture (3)

Minister of Young Adults: Joan B.

Averette (5) LM

The Gathering: Rachel M. Gilmore (4)

**Virginia Beach:** Ted E. David (6)

Associate: Edward H. Johnson Jr. (6)

## **FARMVILLE DISTRICT**

District Superintendent: Robert J. Parks Jr. (2)

### **AMELIA COUNTY**

**Amelia:** Michael T. Shirley (2) ROC

**Tabernacle, Trinity**

Journey: Michael T. Davis (2) AM

**North Amelia:** June C. Carpenter (2) PE

**Epworth, Jetersville, Salem**

### **APPOMATTOX COUNTY**

**Memorial:** Russell M. Cheatham (3)

**Pamplin:** Herndon P. Jeffreys III (2)

Associate: **B. Adam Hall** (1) PL

**Centenary, Evergreen, Pamplin, Piney Rdg.**

### **BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

**Brodnax:** Bertram F. Duckwall (2) PL

**Bethany, Brodnax**

**Lawrenceville:** **John R. Jones Sr.** (1)

**North Brunswick:**

Co-pastor: **Alexis S. Fathbruckner** (1) RE

Co-pastor: **Benjamin H. Taylor III** (1) SY

**Antioch, Lebanon, Rocky Run**

**Prospect:** Kenneth L. Thrasher (6) FL

**South Brunswick:** **Jeffery P. Clemens** (1) FL

**Olive Branch, Rock**

**West Brunswick:** Carol P. Mann (6) RL

**Jennifer L. Fletcher** (1) FL (9-1-12)

**Bethel, Macedonia**

### **BUCKINGHAM COUNTY**

**Buckingham:** **Robert L. Jennings** (1) PL

**Browns Chapel, Hanes Chapel, Rocky Mt.**

**Dillwyn:** Billy E. Swan (6) FL

**Bethel, Salem, White Hall**

**James River:** Brant K. Hays (2)

**Arvonion, Centenary, Glenmore**

**West Buckingham:** Donald E. Moore (9) FL

**Mt. Tabor, Trinity, Woodland**

### **CHARLOTTE COUNTY**

**Charlotte:** **Jiyeon Kim** (1) FL

**Charlotte Court House, Hebron, Lebanon,**

**Mt. Calvary**

**Keysville:** **Loretta A. Benninghove** (1)

**Mt. Carmel-Phenix:** Michael W. Teixeira (10) FL

**Mt. Carmel, Phenix**

**New Hope-Southall Memorial:** Allan T.

Murphy (2) FL

**New Hope, Southall Memorial**

### **CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

**Cumberland:** **Todd W. Gess** (1) FL

Assistant: **Susan H. Ferguson** (1) SY

Assistant: **Rebecca Trovalli** (1) SY

**Antioch, Centenary, Hobsons Chapel,**

**Payne Memorial**

**Oakwood:** Kang UK Lee (2) PE

**Thomas Chapel:** Richard L. Bucher (7) PL

### **HALIFAX COUNTY**

**Cherry Hill:** Barbara L. Parker (5) PL

**East Halifax:** **Marsha L. Davis** (1) PL

**Clover, Scottsburg**

**Glenwood:** Robert H. Woodfin Sr. (8) RE

**Glenwood, Olive Branch**

**Halifax:** Randall S. Williams (10) FL

**Main Street:** Edward F. Rigg (7)

**McCanless Memorial:**

Co-pastor: **Elsie May Gladding** (1) ROC

Co-pastor: **Joe D. Trickey Jr.** (1) SY

**McKendree-Asbury:** Patricia L. Neilsen (2) FL

**Asbury, McKendree**

**Mount Cana:** A. Randolph Holmes (8) FL

**Mount Laurel:** Don R. Pizzeck (11)

**Shady Grove:** George E. Gorman (5) AM

**South Halifax:** Bonnie B. Pizzeck (2) PE

**Cedar Grove, Harmony**

**Union:** Mary V. Tharpe (2) PL

### **LUNENBURG COUNTY**

**Kenbridge:** Timothy A. Beck (5)

**Lunenburg:** **C. Alan Layman** (1) PL

**Antioch, Williams**

**Plantersville:** Ralph "Red" L. Moore (9) LM

**Victoria:** **Kyungsuk Cho** (1) PE

## **MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**Boydton:** Richard P. Grendahl (10) PE

**Boydton, Easters**

**Centenary (Chase City):** **Joellen M.**

**Simmons** (1) FL

**Jamieson Memorial:** Dale E. Gillis (3)

**LaCrosse-Sardis:** Giani Manieri (4) FL

**LaCrosse, Sardis**

**Lakeland:** Michael G. Day (4) FL

**Kingswood, Rehoboth**

**North Mecklenburg:** R. Kent Wise (6) PE

**Pleasant Grove, Salem, Shiloh, Zion**

**Providence-Trinity:** **Michael A. Johnson** (1) PL

**Providence, Trinity (South Hill)**

**Rehoboth-Union Chapel Cooperative Parish:**

**Jody R. Jessup** (1) ROC

**Rehoboth, Union Chapel**

**South Hill:** Laney S. Spigener Jr. (2)

**West Mecklenburg:** Randal L. Baisey (6) PL

**Ephesus, Fields, Friendship**

### **NOTTOWAY COUNTY**

**Burkeville:** James F. Brown (4) FL

**Bethel, Wards Chapel**

**Crenshaw:** **Stanley A. Thompson** (1)

**Crewe:** John S. Brenneke (7) AM

**East Nottoway:** Linda H. Lowe (4) PE

**Butterwood, Grace, Rocky Hill**

**Nottoway:** John B. Covington (17) PL

**Bethel, St. John's**

**Nottoway-Lunenburg:** Martha L. Spigener (2)

**Laurel Hill, St. Mark's, Thrifts Chapel**

### **PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY**

**Farmville:** Sylvia S. Meadows (6)

Min. of Discipleship (w/Youth Emphasis):

**Lyndsie N. K. Blakely** (1) PD

**Meherrin:** **Larry A. Lehman** (1) PL

**Prince Edward:** **Nona F. Allen** (1) FL

**Beulah, Mt. Harmony, Mt. Pleasant**

**Prospect:** John E. Flood Sr. (3) PL

**Olive Branch, Prospect, Smyrna**

## **FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT**

District Superintendent: Theodore Smith (2)

### **CAROLINE COUNTY**

**Bethel:** Ellen Heatwole (3) FL

**Bowling Green:** James A. Edwards (2.5) FL

**Bowling Green, Shiloh**

**Caroline:** Mark A. Lawrence (3) SY

**Mt. Vernon, St. Paul's**

**Hopewell:** Lou Woolner (5) PL

**Rehoboth:** Linda Driver Ray (3)

**Wright's Chapel:** Charles Tillapaugh (21)

### **ESSEX COUNTY**

**Essex-King & Queen:** **Wilhemina Sumpter** (1) PE

**Lebanon, Providence, Trinity**

**Tappahannock Memorial:** **Carla Stearns** (1)

### **FAUQUIER COUNTY**

**Cedar Run:** J. Stephen Little Jr. (2) FL

**Trinity, Wesleyan**



**Grace (Hartwood):** Brenda Lee Pusso (3)  
**Liberty:** **Charles M. Stribula** (1) PE  
**Midland:** Charles M. Stribula (5) PE  
 Morrisville: **Benjamin C. Lalka** (1) PL  
**Mount Horeb:** Gayle D. Porias (3) PE  
 Remington: **Walter W. Westbrook** (1)  
**FREDERICKSBURG**  
**Fredericksburg:** Larry E. Lenow (13)  
 Associate: **Won Gyu Lee** (1)  
 Minister of Congregational Care: Amy Lenow (13) FD  
**Hillcrest:** Justin L. Williams (3) FL  
**KING AND QUEEN COUNTY**  
 Mizpah: Betty Jo Sims (7) PL  
**Shepherds:** Robert L. Hauck (2) RE  
**KING GEORGE COUNTY**  
**Dahlgren:** Edward H. Johnson (7)  
**Fletchers Chapel:** **Michael B. Reaves** (1)  
 Trinity: **Susan M. Reaves** (1)  
**KING WILLIAM COUNTY**  
**Epworth:** **Jonathan B. Baker** (1) PL  
**McKendree:** James L. Porter (5) PL  
**LANCASTER COUNTY**  
**Asbury:** A. Ray Massie (5) PL  
**Bethel-Emmanuel:** **Hija L. Yu** (1)  
 Bethel, **Emmanuel**  
*Kilmarnock-Irvington Cooperative Parish:*  
**Deborah T. Marion** (1)  
 Associate: **Jarvis Bailey** (1) OF  
 Irvington, **Kilmarnock**  
 White Stone: L. Bryan McClain (5)  
**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY**  
**Bethany (Reedville):** Susan F. Brack (2)  
 Bluff Point: A. Ray Massie (5) PL  
**Galilee:** Charles F. Bates (7)  
**Heathsville:** Rebecca L. Minor (2)  
 Henderson: Lou Ann Frederick (3)  
 Melrose: Janet F. Grissett (3)  
**Mila-Wicomico:** Donna M. Blythe (5) PL  
 Mila, **Wicomico**  
**Northumberland:** **Seonyoung Kim** (1)  
 Afton, **Fairfields**  
**Rehoboth:** **Donna M. Blythe** (1) PL  
**RICHMOND COUNTY**  
**Richmond:** **Fred G. Marvel** (1)  
 Calvary, **Hopewell, Oakland**  
 Warsaw: Jeane D. Dunkum (2)  
**SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY**  
**Eastland:** Craig A. Muffley (2)  
 Peace: W. David Erickson Jr. (8)  
**Shady Grove-Olivet:** **Hae Rin Lawson** (1)  
 Olivet, **Shady Grove**  
**Tabernacle:** Stephen D. Hay (13)  
**Wilderness Community:** Keith D. Boyette (15)  
**Zion:** Barbara Jacobs (11)  
**STAFFORD COUNTY**  
**Andrew Chapel:** ReNe'e Teague (7)  
**Antioch:** Christopher Fair (8) PL  
**Ebenezer:** Mark A. Miller (18)  
 Associate: Christopher M. Bennett (4)  
 Associate: Elizabeth S. Glass (3) OE  
**Falmouth:** Gail L. Dietze (4) PL

**New Hope:** Teresa S. Smith (3)  
 Regester Chapel: Robert A. Almy (2)  
**Saint Matthias:** **Patsy B. Tony** (1)  
**Salem:** Gail L. Dietze (6) PL  
**WESTMORELAND COUNTY**  
*Andrew Chapel-Edgewater:* Shayne V. Estes (2) PE  
**Andrew Chapel, Edgewater**  
*Carmel-Coles Point:* Reginald G. Rumburg (5) AM  
**Carmel, Coles Point**  
 Colonial Beach: Yunho Eo (2)  
**Ebenezer:** DeWayne A. Duncan (4)  
**Grace (Oak Grove):** Thomas E. Jennings (2) RE  
**Montross:** John C. Ward Jr. (5) FL  
**Grant, Lebanon, Providence**

## HARRISONBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Ernest T. 'Tommy' Herndon Jr. (3)

### AUGUSTA COUNTY

**Annex:** **Debra C. Copeland** (1) PE  
**Bethany:** Bradley A. McMullen (4)  
**Crimora:** Gayle Thornberry (9) FL  
**Harrison:** I. Cameron Carte (6) PL  
**Mount Bethel:** Neil W. McLaughlin (3) PL  
**Mount Pisgah:** John Crawford III (8.5) RE  
 Congregational Care & Visitation:  
 P. Mardy Marston (2) LM  
**New Hope:** R. Douglas Gunsalus (12)  
 Dir. of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation:  
 A. Alan Tuten (3) LM  
 Min. of Music: Courtney C. Joyner (3) PD  
**Parnassus:** **Victoria L. Barb** (1) PL  
**Sangersville:** Gary M. Monroe (2) PL  
**Verona:** Robert J. Weeks (2)  
**Weyers Cave:** Margaret M. Packard (3) PE

### HARRISONBURG

**Asbury:** Kathleen Overby Webster (3)  
 Associate: Robert E. Talbott (4) FL  
 Min. of Music: Laura B. Douglass (13) FD  
**Cedar Grove:** Don L. Shull (9) RA  
**John Wesley:** Wilma H. White (5) PL  
 Otterbein: **C. Edward Pruitt** (1) RE  
 RISE: Amanda Miller Garber (3)

### PAGE COUNTY

Luray: Erich D. Bennett (2)  
**Page:** Sarah L.K. Calvert (3)  
**Shenandoah:** Stephen R. Creech (16)  
**Christ, Fields**  
**Shenandoah Circuit:** Ellen H. Martin (4) PL  
**Grove Hill, Oak Grove**

### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

**Blue Ridge:** **Kevin C. Poeckert** (1) FL  
 Assistant: **Richard R. Robertson** (1) SY  
**Furnace, Hensley, Jolletts, Mt. Pleasant**  
**Bridgewater:** James M. Tongue (2)  
 Associate: James A. Harris (3) RE  
**Clover Hill:** Robert N. Hoskins Jr. (11.25)  
**Dayton:** Steven L. Bird (10)  
**Elkton:** David T. Reynolds (21)

**Evangelical:** Robert W. Smith Jr. (4)  
**Fellowship-Linville-Edom:** Brian E. Posey (4) FL  
**Edom, Fellowship, Linville**  
**First (Broadway):** David R. Burrough (7)  
**Fulks Run:** **J. Randall Kiel** (1) FL  
**Caplingers, Mount Carmel, Riverside**  
**Grottoes:** Barbara J. Gross (4) AM  
**Keezletown:** **T. Joel Robinette** (1)  
**Massanutten:** Carrie Talbott (7) FL  
 East Point, Mount Zion, **St. Peter's, Trinity**  
**McGaheysville:** David C. Lagerveld (7)  
**Mount Clinton:** James W. Joyner (3)  
**Mount Crawford:** **Russell L. Heinrich** (1) PE  
**Mount Crawford, Mount Sidney**  
**Mount Horeb:** Isaac E. Harper (8) PL  
**Mount Tabor:** Michael T. Frank (5)  
**Mountain Valley:** Valerie W. Ritter (2)  
**Ottobine:** **Karen L. Kiel** (1) SY  
**Port Republic:** **E. Thomas Murphy Jr.** (1) RE  
 Associate: Marlene A. Chandler (3) PL  
**St. James (Pleasant Valley):** Charlene Landes Mears (5) FL  
**St. Paul:** June K. Clark (4) OE  
**Singers Glen:** James O. Radford (4)  
**Cherry Grove, Donovan Memorial**  
**Sunset Dr. (Broadway):** **H. Donald Hawks Jr.** (1)

**Vision of Hope:** David M. Burch (7)

### SHENANDOAH COUNTY

**Christian Newcomer:** Luther Edwin "Nip" Crites Jr. (4) OE  
 Christian Newcomer, **Mount Hebron**  
**Columbia Furnace-Union Forge:** J. Robert Berghuis (6)  
**Columbia Furnace, Union Forge**  
**Edinburg:** **Robert O. Jones Jr.** (1)  
**St. John's, Wesley Chapel**  
**Fort Valley:** Sherry L. Waddell (9) PL  
**Oak Level, White Chapel**  
**Manor Memorial (New Market):** R. Bruce Johnson (3)  
**Mount Jackson:** Michael A. Dettmer (2) PE  
**Mount Jackson, Quicksburg**  
**Mount Olive-Shiloh:** Edward F. Wilkins (2)  
 Mount Olive, **Shiloh**  
**Mount Pleasant:** W. Glen Early (7) FL  
 Associate: **F. Darlene Wilkins** (1) PL  
**Hawkinstown, Mt. Clifton, Mt. Hermon,**  
 Otterbein Chapel  
**Shenandoah Valley:** Terry L. Hendricks (2) PL  
**Mt. Zion (Strasburg), Mt. Zion (Woodstock)**  
**Strasburg:** P. Douglas Martin (2)  
**Toms Brook:** Robert M. Throckmorton (2)  
**Woodstock:** David A. Rash (4)

## JAMES RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: John N. Vest (8)

### BRUNSWICK COUNTY

**Brunswick:** **Ruth A. Collins-Dinger** (1) FL  
**Edgerton, Pelhams, Pleasant Grove**  
**Philadelphia:** **Elizabeth W. McLemore** (1)  
**Ebenezer, Matthews Chapel, Philadelphia**

## CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Bermuda Hundred: **Elizabeth S. Anderson** (1)  
Bethia: James H. Carey Jr. (15)

Associate: R. Jason Elmore (5) PL

**Centenary**: Linwood E. Daniel (2) RE

Chester: Margaret T. Kutz (10)

**Ettrick**: Bobby H. Lamb (3) RA

**Hopewell**: J. Christopher Andress (5)

Ivey Memorial: Richard J. Geoghegan Jr. (3)

**Matoaca**: Richard S. Gordon (2)

**Trinity**: Teresa M. Keezel (2)

**Wesley Chapel**: Michelle E. Lindsey (3)

Woods: Joseph T. Carson III (3)

## COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Highland: **Dorothy McNeer O'Quinn** (1)

Associate: Michael Tolbert (2) FL

**Wesley**: Deborah R.B. Fair (3)

## DINWIDDIE COUNTY

Carson: Joseph E. Hammond Jr. (3) AM

**Crawford**: Thomas F. Lester (9) PL

**Dinwiddie**: **John A. Fair** (1)

Lebanon, Mt. Olivet

**Kenwood**: Pamela Rae Seeley (3)

**McKenney**: Karen Workman (6) FL

Asbury, Mansons, Rocky Run

**Oak Grove**: David A. Holbert (6) RE

**Ocran**: R. Lawrence House (4)

**Smiths Grove**: David B. Lewis (8) RE

**West Dinwiddie**: Gene C. Tatum (3) RA

Assistant to the Pastor: Norma Jean

Townsley (2) LM

Corinth, Trinity, White Oak

## EMPORIA

Main Street: **A. Bruce Carper** (1)

**Monumental**: Gerald L. Wicker (3) FL

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

**High Street**: **John W. Ashley** (1)

## GREENSVILLE COUNTY

**Greensville**: Michael S.B. Robbins (3)

Centenary (Jarratt), Independence, Mt.

Pleasant

## HOPEWELL

**First**: Michael H. Browder (5)

**Wesley**: S. Wayne Rickman (8)

## PETERSBURG

**Saint Mark's**: Gretchen O.S. Nelson (4)

**Trinity**: Gerald M. Miller (7) RE

**Washington Street**: **Donna L. Mott** (1) RE

## PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY

**Blandford**: Jacob Sahms (5)

**Garys**: Henry D. Butler (8) RE

**Prince George**: **Kevin A. Anderson** (1) PE

Newville, Salem

**Salem**: **Robin C.M. Jones** (1) PL

**Sycamore**: Bert L. Cloud (3)

The Stand: Regina Anderson-Cloud (3)

**Trinity (Disputanta)**: Robert C. Blinn (3)

## SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

**Boykins**: Michael Baugham (6) PL

Boykins, Branchville, Persons

**Capron**: Steven Vornov (4)

Capron, Drewryville, Joyner, Vincents Grove

**Courtland**: Brandon P. Robbins (2)

**Newsoms**: Darwin G. Edwards (6) PE

Barnes, Newsoms

**Trinity Circuit**: Rita A. Kanten (3) FL

Grace Memorial, Sebrell

## SUFFOLK

**Magnolia**: Doris V. Byrd-Madison (5)

**Main Street**: Myrtle F. Hatcher (2)

Oxford: Kenneth E. Hanson (3) PL

Providence: Garland K. Hines (3) RE

**Somerton**: **Grover C. Branton III** (1) RA

Whaleyville: Walter H. Ihlefield III (3) PL

## SUSSEX COUNTY

**Rocky Hock-Ivor**: Clifton D. Fritzinger (3) PL

Ivor, Rocky Hock

**South Sussex**: Nathan A. Decker (4)

Concord, Lebanon

**Sussex**: Daniel J. Armstrong (10) FL

Fort Grove, Sharon

Wakefield: Willie B. Guill Jr. (3)

**Waverly**: Donna B. Smith (2) FL

## SURRY COUNTY

**Claremont**: V. Kaye Seay (3) PL

**Surry**: Raymond G. Rowland (23)

Carsley, Dendron, Oak Grove, Surry

## LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Larry E. Davies (5)

## AMHERST COUNTY

Amelon: Paulo Cesar Da Silva (4)

**Emmanuel**: Lisa A. Barbary (2)

Monroe: George S. Riggins III (6)

**Mt. Tabor-Smyrna**: Joyce Austin (5) LM

Mt. Tabor, Smyrna

**St. James-Beulah Retreat Center**: **Nancy C.**

Johnson (1) PL

## APPOMATTOX COUNTY

**Appomattox Circuit**: Larry F. Mann (2) AM

Mt. Comfort, Trinity:

Bethel: **Janet C. Burton** (1) SY

## BEDFORD

Main Street: J. Barton Weakley (2)

## BEDFORD COUNTY

**Bellevue**: H.O. "Tom" Thomas Jr. (6)

Bethany, Oakland

**Bethesda**: Susan W. Keen (2) PL

**Bethlehem (Moneta)**: David W. Lord (6)

**Big Island-Cove**:

Big Island: **TBS**

Cove: Ronald A. Litten (2)

**Center Point-Salem**: **William R. Clark** (1) PL

Center Point, Salem

**Ebenezer-Otterville**: Mark A. Wilkerson (8) LM

Ebenezer, Otterville

**Emmaus**: William P. Greer (8) FL

**Epworth (Thaxton)**: Joseph A. Shoop (6)

**Forest**: William Turner Burleigh (5) FL

**Kelly Circuit**:

Hales Ford, New Hope: **Kelvin A.**

Edwards (1) PL

Mt. Zion: Mark W. Tucker (3) SY

Mountain View: Steven L. Propst (4)

**Otter**: Michael L. Casey (4) PL

Ephesus, Nicopolis

**Patmos**: Riley R. Smith Jr. (2) RE

**Peaksview**: **George Jackson Davis** (1) FL

Hickory Grove, Mount Olivet, Wilsons

**Shiloh**: **Charles E. Johnson** (1) PL

Union: **Edward F. Sheehan** (1) SY

## CAMPBELL COUNTY

**Bethany**: Steven D. Barbary (2) PE

Bethany, Earlys Chapel, Indian Hill

**Bethlehem (Concord)**: Daniel R. Dibble (3) PL

**Brookneal**: Brian J. Simmons (2) FL

**Calvary**: Michael W. Miller (4) PL

**Lane Memorial**: Alan T. Combs (2)

**Lebanon**: Steven D. Parker (3) RA

Mead Memorial: George D. Hatmaker (10) FL

Mount Hermon: William A. Greer (2) FL

**Mount Zion**: James E. Galford (5) PL

New Bethel: Roger T. Powell (4) PL

**New Hope-Sharon**: Charlie S. Haley (12) PL

New Hope, Sharon

**Providence-Whites**: Paul F. Gillespie (9) FL

Providence, Whites

**Rustburg**: **Sung Woon Yoo** (1) PE

**Salem**: Charles E. Schooler (15) FL

**Timberlake**: Robin L. Colwell (5)

Associate: **Willie E. Butler** (1) RE

Minister to Children: Dawn Compton (2) OD

**Trinity (Altavista)**: **TBS**

**Twin Lakes**: **J. Steve Turner** (1) FL

Huddleston, Mount Horeb, Leesville

**Wesleybury**: **William A. Smith** (1) SY

**West Campbell**: **Daniel A. Wray** (1) PE

Evington, Lambs

## LYNCHBURG

Boonsboro: Ronald A. Litten (2)

**Centenary**: Richard H. Ecklund (7)

Chestnut Hill: Becky J. Cloud (4)

Christ's Community Fellowship: Phillip C.

Showers (6) FL

**Court Street**: C. Douglas Pillow (3) RE

**Fairview**: Reason A. Chandler (3) FL

Forest Road: John H. Kinnard (7) ROF

**Fort Hill**: Philip M. Waltz (4)

Minister of Music and Congregational

Care: Janet D. Hawkins (13) FD

**Heritage**: William B. Montgomery (2)

Associate: Megan J. Saucier (2) PE

**Jackson Street**: Alexander Duncan (3) FL

**Marsh Memorial**: **Elizabeth W. Ecklund** (1)

**Peakland**: A.J. Edwin Clever (3)

Minister of Youth and Education: **Jason**

**C. Stanley** (1) PD

**Tyreeanna-Salem**: James E. Martin (13) RL

Salem, Tyreeanna

## PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

**Anderson Mem. (Gretna)**: John B. Snyder (7)

**Fowler Memorial**: Patricia Figueroa (8) OE

Bethany-Ebenezer, Mount Airy

**Hurt**: **Robert J. Thorne** (1) RA

**Mount Airy**: **TBS**

Providence, Republican Grove, St. Andrew

*New Bethel-Motley:* Mary M. Jones (4) FL  
**Motley**, New Bethel  
*Payneton-Siloam:* George K. Schaefer (5) PL  
 Payneton, Siloam  
*Smith Mountain:* **Dorian Powell** (1) FL  
 Mount Zion, New Ridgeway  
**Zion:** Harold E. Thornton (12) RE

## RICHMOND DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Steven R. Jones (5)

### CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Asbury Memorial: **Benjamin E. Horrocks** (1) PE

Beulah: Keith A. Mottley (3)

Associate: **William J. Waller** (1) FL

Bon Air: William A. Davis Jr. (7)

Associate: Lauren E. Lobenhofer (4)

Min. of Christian Ed. and Spiritual

Formation: **Kelley Lane** (1) PD

**Brandermill:** N. Burton Brooks Jr. (3)

Associate: **TBS**

**Mount Pisgah:** **Robert E. Cooper** (1)

Associate: Lorena E. Beach (4) FL

New Life: Michael T. Maxwell (5)

**Providence:** Mary Beth Blinn (6)

Saint Luke's: Lisa K. Sykes (2)

**Saint Mark's:** David J. Bonney (7)

Associate: Karen B. Hittel (5)

Sherbourne: Pamela H. Culler (7) PL

Woodlake: Peter M. Moon (11)

Associate: **Paul S. Baker** (1) PE

Associate: Erin M. Reibel (4) PL

### GOOCHLAND COUNTY

**Bethel:** John R. Hall Sr. (15.5) AM

**Corinth:** **Richard W. Coffey** (1) PL

St. Matthew's: Gordon K. Pruitt (8)

### HANOVER COUNTY

**Duncan Memorial:** David M. Hindman (3)

Associate: **Kendra G. Swager** (1)

Dunns Chapel: Charles R. Scott (7) RE

Enon: Jeffrey Y. Harlow (2)

**Forest Grove:** Susan T. Lynch (3) PL

**Kenwood:** **Amy E. Pannell** (1)

**Lebanon:** R. Spencer Broce (8)

Mechanicsville: Kerry D. Boggs (13)

Mount Hermon: Keith A. Lauer (4) PL

Mount Hope: **Mark A. Roscoe** (1) PL

**New Song:** Chad M. Herndon (5)

Prospect: **Denise L. Janssen** (1) OF

Saint Peter's: Debra Ruth Lucas (4)

**Shady Grove:** John J. Kelchner Jr. (3)

Associate: C. Bradley Robins (4) FL

Min. of Discipleship: Cynthia A. Lee (8) FD

**Shiloh:** Lawrence A. Erbin (5)

**West Hanover:** Claudia H. Stallings (10)

**Beaverdam, Rouzies Chapel**

### HENRICO COUNTY

**Brookland:** Lynne B. Caldwell (5) OE

**Chamberlayne Heights:** Livingstone S. Dore (6)

Christ: Sarah G. Sealand (4) PE

**Corinth:** Steven J. Summers (6)

Discovery: James E. Lavender Jr. (30)

*East Henrico Cooperative Parish:* Gilbert Elder (4) FL

**Bishop Memorial, Fairmount**

**Good Shepherd:** Edward R. Walker (9)

Min. of Discipleship & Communications:

Lisa M. McGehee (3) PD

*Greenwood-Laurel Park:* **Barbara D. Lewis** (1) PE

Greenwood, Laurel Park

Highland Springs: Douglas E. Crockett (2) OE

**Lakeside:** Rita A. Callis (2)

Laurel Hill: Norman L. Ramsey III (2)

**River Road:** **Frances T. Cooper** (1)

Associate: Emily A. Moore (3) FL

Saint Andrew's: Albert C. Lynch (8)

Shady Grove: David L. Adkins (8)

Associate: **Teresa K. McRoberts** (1)

Skipwith: William A. James (6) AM

**Trinity:** John B. Peters (16)

Associate: **M. Thomas Lott** (1) FL

Minister of Discipleship: Judith Clegg

Oguich (13) FD

Welborne: **F. Elizabeth Givens** (1)

**Willis:** Mark V. Rooks (3) PE

Worship and Praise: Timothy J. Kirven (2) FL

### LOUISA COUNTY

**Gum Spring:** Jeffrey J. Haugh (9)

### NEW KENT COUNTY

**Providence:** J. Brooke Willson (3)

### POWHATAN COUNTY

**Powhatan:** **John T. Hemming** (1)

### RICHMOND

Asbury (Church Hill): Marilyn A. Heckstall (8)

Belmont: Larry J. Cochran (2) PE

Boulevard: **Rachel G. May** (1) PE

Calvary: Amy Beth Hougland (3)

**Centenary:** Matthew D. Bates Jr. (2)

Central: Thomas W. Sweat (5)

**Emmaus at Stratford Hills:** Sung Il Yoo (2.5)

Ginter Park: **Sandra C. Bottoms** (1)

Huguenot: Richard H. Davis (6)

Ramsey Memorial: W. Joseph Winfree (14)

Associate: Norma E. Aguilar (6) PL

**Reveille:** James R. Noland (7)

Associate: **Katherine B. Anthony** (1) PE

Associate: Stephen A. Coleman (3) FL

Min. for Discipleship: Carol T. Uzzle (14) FD

Walmsley Boulevard: John A. Bright (6)

Wesley Memorial: Rodney M. Hunter (27)

Westhampton: Christina Haga Turner (4)

Westover Hills: Donna C. Holder (3)

## ROANOKE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Stephen C. Hundley (8)

### BEDFORD COUNTY

*Mountain View:* Troy M. White (9) RL

**Mays Memorial, Parrish Chapel**

**Three Oaks Fellowship:** Tina Cox (2.5) PL

### BOTETOURT COUNTY

**Andrew Chapel:** Morris A. Bennett (6.5) RE

**Buchanan:** G. Michael Huffman (10) FL

**Lithia, Trinity**

*Eagle Rock:* W. Raysor Sandifer (10) PL  
 Associate: Jessie A. Howard (10) LM

**Bethel, Eagle Rock, Glen Wilton, Shiloh**

**Ebenezer:** John Preer (2) ROC

**Fincastle:** Sandra A. McMillen (2)

**Saint Mark's:** David J. Rochford III (8)

### CRAIG COUNTY

*Foothills:* Danny L. Kesler (5) FL

**Hebron, Mount Pleasant, Pierce Chapel**

*New Castle:* Penny L. Wilson (5)

**Bethel, New Castle**

### FLOYD COUNTY

*Floyd Parish:* Darren E. Landon (5) FL

**Copper Hill, Havens Chapel, Huffville, Stonewall**

### FRANKLIN COUNTY

**Boones Mill:** Robert H. Garner (6) RE

**Mount Olivet:** Connie Ray Lee Sr. (30) RL

### GILES COUNTY

**Newport-Mt. Olivet:** Morris V. Fleischer (5) FL

**Pembroke:** Robert D. Lough (4) PE

**First, Mount Lebanon**

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

**Asbury (Christiansburg):** George M. Warner Sr. (2)

**Belview:** **Bobbie Jo Henley** (1) PE

**Blacksburg:** Reginald D. (Reggie) Tuck (11)

Associate: Christina R. McLain (2)

Min. of Music: Leigh Anne Taylor (12) FD

**Calvary (Christiansburg):** Sebert W. Rorrer (11) RE

**Crockett Springs:** Warren Carswell (2.5)

**Fieldstone:** T. Bryson Smith (5)

**Goodwin Memorial:** James S. Angle (18) RA

Halls: Bryan D. Oldham (2)

**Lafayette:** Elwood E. Carwile (4) RL

**Mount Elbert:** Emory N. Tarpley Sr. (2) RA

**Mount Tabor:** Kenneth D. Farrar (3) PL

**Park:** J. Michael Sanborn (3) PL

*Prices Fork-Wesley Memorial:* **Gustavo A. Segovia** (1) OE

**Prices Fork, Wesley Memorial**

**Saint Paul (Christiansburg):** Michael D. Copeland (3)

**Trinity (Christiansburg):** **Russell Shepherd** (1) PL

**White Memorial:** Herbert C. Williams Jr. (5)

### ROANOKE

**Fairview:** Donald W. Baldwin (4) FL

**Grace:** E. Eugene Jones (8) RE

**Greene Memorial:** Gary L. Robbins (6)

**Huntington Court:** Jeffrey D. Wilson (3) PE

**Raleigh Court:** Milton E. Marks (2)

**Saint Paul:** Carroll C. Carter (2)

**South Roanoke:** L. Stanley Wright Jr. (4)

**Southview:** Larry J. Edmonds (3)

**Trinity:** William C. Logan (9) RE

**West End:** Jan C. Nicholson (2) OE

**Windsor Hills:** Thomas G. Lee (8)

Woodlawn: Louis M. Strickler (7)

### ROANOKE COUNTY

**Bonsack:** Timothy F. Tate (5)

**Catawba Circuit:** Melanie D. Franklin (5) PL

**Catawba, McDonalds Mill, Shiloh**



**Cave Spring:** Ronald K. Morris (6)  
 Associate: **Joanna M. Paysour** (1) PE  
**Lawrence Memorial:** Terry A. Ross (2.5) PL  
**Locust Grove:** Benjamin F. Lockhart Jr. (4) PL  
**Mount Pleasant:** Elizabeth E. Mortlock (5) OE  
**Northview:** Joseph H. Klotz Jr. (2)  
**Rockingham Court:** Craig C. Newman (3)  
**Thrasher Memorial:** Walter B. Failes Jr. (2)  
 Associate: David F. Vaughan (4)  
**SALEM**  
**Calvary (Salem):** Timothy W. Gearheart (5) FL  
**Central:** Kristin M. Holbrook (3)  
**First:** Stephen G. Bray (3)  
 Associate: Jeffrey L. Dorsey (16)

## STAUNTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent: D. Michael Houff (3)

### ALLEGHANY COUNTY

**Alleghany:** James A. Salmon (2) RL  
**Callaghan:** James R. Rodden (4)  
 Fletchers Chapel, **Hoke Chapel**  
**Epworth:** Thomas W. Reynolds (2) FL  
**Iron Gate:** Lester W. Kennedy III (3) FL  
 Iron Gate, Longdale, **Walton Mem.**  
**Mountain Valley:** **W. Pembroke Hall** (1) RL  
**Mount Pleasant-South Covington:** Charles H. Cole Jr. (2) PE

**Mount Pleasant, South Covington**  
**Potts Valley:** David C. Brown (11) FL  
 Humphrey's, Persinger Mem, **Pinnell**

### AUGUSTA COUNTY

**Augusta Springs-Craigsville-Goshen:** Ryan Schaeffer (3) PL  
 Augusta Springs, **Goshen**, St. Paul's  
**Bethlehem-Jollivue:** Janet C. Knott (2) AM  
**Bethlehem, Jollivue**  
**Calvary:** Douglas B. Paysour (2)  
 Associate: Sarah Locke (3) PE  
**Fishersville:** Larry Jent (4)  
 Associate: Ryan Oswald (2) FL  
**Glossbrenner:** Adam Blagg (6) FL  
**Greenville:** Kevin W. Haynes (9)  
**Lyndhurst-Oak Hill:** Michael W. Pettry (2) FL

**Lyndhurst, Oak Hill**  
**McKinley:** Donald L. Long (13) RE  
**Mint Spring:** Terry L. Clark (4)  
**Mount Zion:** Joshua Davis (2) PL  
**Rankin:** Charles E. Carroll (5) ROM  
 Associate: John C. Phillips (5) SY  
**Saint James:** Rebecca L. Rumburg (3)  
**Sherando:** **Clayton Payne** (1) FL  
**Stonewall-West View:** **Peter Geoffrion** (1) SY

**Stonewall, West View**  
**West Augusta:** Deborah Washer (2) PL  
**West Staunton:** Mary Pysell (2) SY  
**Asbury, Community, Lawson**

### BATH COUNTY

**Bath:** **Lorrie Aikens** (1) FL  
**Burnsville, Eden, Starr-Bolar, Va. Chapel**  
**Hot Springs:** J. Lynn Wright (6) FL  
**Ashwood, Emory**

## BOTETOURT COUNTY

**Mount Olivet:** **Doris T. Hedrick** (1) PL  
**BUENA VISTA**  
**Saint John's:** Ji Hoon Choi (5)  
**CLIFTON FORGE**  
**Central:** Tommy A. Thompson (2)  
**COVINGTON**  
**Christ:** Michael L. Snider (8) RE  
**Granbery Mem.:** Barry R. Throckmorton (6)  
**Mt. Carmel:** Douglas E. Hollenbeck (11) FL  
**Parrish Court:** Sue Ann Salmon (3)  
**HIGHLAND COUNTY**  
**Blue Grass:** W. Andre Crummett (13) FL  
**Blue Grass-Central, Hightown**  
**McDowell:** David R. Boger (12) RE  
**Doe Hill, McDowell, McKendree, Totten**  
**Monterey:** **Erin Geoffrion** (1) FL  
**Asbury, Green Hill, Monterey**

### LEXINGTON

**Randolph Street:** James A. Bollinger (6) PL  
**Trinity:** Norman Tippens (3)

### ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

**Beth Horon:** Kenneth T. Decker Jr. (2) FL  
**Colliertown:** Douglas Mitchell (3.5) FL  
**Colliertown, Mount Horeb**  
**Ebenezer:** Howard Ray Tucker (1.5) RL  
**Fairfield:** **Elizabeth von Trapp Walker** (1)  
**Emory, Fairfield**  
**Marvin:** Dale Crosby (3) SY  
**Rockbridge:** Sarah Payne (2) SY  
**Elliott's Hill, Mount Zion, Wesley Chapel**

### STAUNTON

**Central:** **Steven E. McMillion** (1)  
**Cherryvale:** DeBorah F. Barnwell (3) PE  
**Christ:** Robert A. Edwards (5)  
**Marquis Memorial:** Robert W. Sharp (3)  
**Saint John's:** Patricia M. Meadows (5)  
**Saint Paul's:** **Robert H. Woodfin II** (1)  
**Staunton-Grottoes:** **Daniel K. Purdom Jr.** (1) SY

**Augusta Street, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Tabor**

### WAYNESBORO

**Basic:** Donald Gibson (9) PE  
**Glovier Memorial:** Charles N. Wiest (5) AM  
**Main Street:** Neil R. Hough (4)  
 Certified Lay Minister: Harold E. Baldwin Jr. (8) LM  
**Pleasant View:** Kotosha D. Seals (2) PE  
**Saint Mark's-Wayne Hills:** William D. Bearden (5) FL  
**St Mark's, Wayne Hills**

## WINCHESTER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Lawrence R. Thompson Jr. (3)

### CLARKE COUNTY

**Boyce-White Post-Millwood:** Sandra A. Nottingham (2) RE  
**Boyce, Millwood, White Post**  
**Crums:** Hyo J. Lee (7)  
**Duncan Memorial (Berryville):** William K. Dawson (13)  
**Marvin Chapel:** Kenneth K. Patrick (10)

**Paris Mountain:** Karen D. M. Adams (8) PL  
**Mount Carmel, Providence Chapel**

### FAUQUIER COUNTY

**Cool Spring:** Janet L. Martin (4) PL  
**Linden-Markham:** Ralph H. Crabill (3) RE  
**Linden, Markham**

**Marshall-Middleburg:** **Edna F. Moore** (1)  
**Marshall, Middleburg**

**Rectortown:** J. Adam Sowder (2) PE

**St. Mark's:** Jan V. Sickel (2) PL

### FREDERICK COUNTY

**Brucetown:** Yun Chol Kim (2) FL  
**Burnt Factory:** C. Steven Melester (7) FL  
**Cedar Grove:** **Thomas W. Crosby** (1) PE  
**Little Mountain, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Vly.**  
**Emmanuel:** James Michael Smith (4)  
**Fairview-Refuge:** John E. Lock (7)  
**Fairview, Refuge**

**Francis Asbury:** **Matthew R. Knonenborg** (1) SY

**Chestnut Grove, Howard Chapel**  
**Gainesboro:** William R. Withers (17) RE  
**Grace (Middletown):** Thomas H. Keithley (4)  
**Greenwood:** Andy L. Brock (2) PE  
**Kernstown:** W. Clay Knick (8)  
**Macedonia:** Jason B. Duley (12)  
**Mount Bethelview:** Victor R. Gomez (2)  
**Mount Olive, Old Bethel**  
**North Frederick:** Charles W. Townsend (4)  
**Rest, White Hall**

**Pleasant View:** Hung Su Lim (4)  
**Mount Pleasant-Lamps, Mountain View**  
**Redland:** Michael P. Kendall (7)  
**Relief-Hites:** Aaron W. Fitch (3)  
**Hites Chapel, Relief**

**Round Hill:** Steven B. Wells (3)  
**Shockeysville:** **TBS**  
**Stephens City:** J. Jeffrey Butcher (5)  
**Welltown:** C. Marc Roberson (5)  
**Wesley Chapel-Pine Grove:** James R. Markle (8) PL

**Pine Grove, Wesley Chapel**

### LOUDOUN COUNTY

**Bethany (Purcellville):** **Michael D. Finn-McKenzie** (1)  
**Evergreen:** F.W. Giessler II (14)  
**Harmony (Hamilton):** Stephen T. Vineyard (4)  
**Leesburg:** James N. Wishmyer (6)  
 Minister of Administration: Wayne R. Reynolds (6) LM  
**Loudoun:** J. Robert Schoeman (2) FL  
**Aldie, Unison, Upperville**  
**Lovettsville:** **Eugenie Finn-McKenzie** (1)  
**Bethel, Mount Pleasant**  
**Mount Olivet:** Lee J. Crosby (5) FL  
**Mount Zion (Leesburg):** Melbourne H. Bailey (4) RE  
**Purcellville Circuit:** Alphonso L. Irving (6) FL  
**Austin Grove, Grace Annex, Powells Grove**  
**Rehoboth:** **Carl M. Chapman** (1) PL  
**Round Hill:** Jeffrey A. Witt (12)  
**Short Hill:** Philip H. Brumback (5) PL

*West Loudoun:* Wesley S. Corber (2) PL  
**Bluemont, Roszell Chapel**  
*Willisville-Hamilton Cooperative Parish:*  
 Reginald A. Early (8) FL  
 Mt. Zion (Hamilton), **Willisville Chapel**

#### WARREN COUNTY

**Bethel:** Robert Moore (8) RE  
**Front Royal:** Gary E. Heaton (12)  
**Howellsville:** **Francis P. Bertrand** (1) PL  
**John Wesley:** Kent L. Jeter (5) RL  
*Reliance-Ridings Chapel:* Timothy E. Teates (5)  
**Reliance, Ridings Chapel**  
*Riverton:* J. Michael Derflinger (5)  
*Warren:* **Leah A. DeLong** (1)  
**Asbury, Bennetts Chapel, Limeton**

#### WINCHESTER

*Amor Y Paz, Iglesia Metodista Unidas:*  
 Martha de la Rosa (12) PL  
**Braddock Street:** **G. Kirk Nave** (1)  
 Associate: Sara E. Pugh (4)  
 Contemporary Worship Leader:  
 Bryan Biddle (2) LM  
 First: William M. White (4)  
**John Mann:** James E. Page Jr. (5) PL  
**Market Street:** Clyde T. Nelson (5)  
**Montague Avenue:** Anthony A. Wadsworth  
 (10) RE  
**Wesley:** Michel Q. Mayton (6)

### YORK RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Joseph D. Carson (6)

#### CHARLES CITY COUNTY

**Memorial:** Darcey G. Johnson (4)

#### GLOUCESTER COUNTY

**Bellamy:** Kenneth Stephen Waclo (4)  
**Bethany (Gloucester Pt.):** Arthur L. Wolz Jr. (3)  
**Bethlehem:** Stephen A. Sales III (2) SY  
*Gloucester-Mathews:* Donald M. Warrick  
 Jr. (3)

**Locust Grove, Mount Zion**

**New Hope:** Brian D. Siegle (4)  
**Salem-Olive Branch:** Rita L. Staul (10)

**Olive Branch, Salem**

**Singleton:** Calvin J. Griffin (3.5)  
**Susanna Wesley:** J. Garrett Livermon (4) PE

#### HAMPTON

**Aldersgate:** David C. Cook (6) ROC  
**Bethany:** Arthur Rajanayakam (9)  
**Central (Hampton):** Cheryl Harrison-Davidson (4)  
**East Hampton:** Edward Merry (9) PL  
 First (Fox Hill): Brian Sixbey (3)  
**First (Hampton):** Michael L. Nelson (3)  
**Fox Hill Central:** Wayne C. Moore (6)  
**Phoebus:** Robert E. Rough (2) PL  
**Saint James:** Dwight Hughes (3)  
**Saint Mark's:** Roy P. White (2)

**Wallace Memorial:** **Kevin C. Stefano** (1) FL

**Wesley:** **Jason W. Snow** (1)

#### ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY

**Benns:** Orville H. Burton (5)  
**Bethany:** Lowell D. Petry (4) FL

*Oak Grove/Riverview:* Leon C. Basham Jr. (12) PL  
**Oak Grove, Riverview**

**Trinity:** Jeffery Lee Cannon (2)

**Uzzells:** **Rebecca W. Gwaltney** (1) PL

**Woodland:** Michael W. Harrington Sr. (8) FL

#### JAMES CITY COUNTY

**Mount Vernon:** David E. Craig (9) AM

**New Town:** David V. Ford (14)

**Wellspring:** Edward A. Hopkins (3)

#### KING & QUEEN COUNTY

**Shackelfords Chapel:** Charles J. McHose (3) RE

#### KING WILLIAM COUNTY

**West Point:** **Melody P. Tanner** (1)

#### MATHEWS COUNTY

**Bethel-St. Matthew:** **Robert A. Ulmer** (1) FL

**Bethel, St. Matthew**

**Beulah-St. Paul:** Delia M. Parrish (2)

**Beulah, St. Paul**

**Central:** Suzanne D. Gibson (4)

**Mathews Chapel:** Harry R. Loyd (6) FL

**Salem:** William H. John Jr. (8)

**West Mathews:** David C. Magruder (3) PE

**Emmanuel, Grace-Providence**

#### MIDDLESEX COUNTY

**Clarksbury:** Eric J. Vaudt (5) PE

**Lower Church:** Barry L. Burkholder (2)

**Middlesex:** Geraldine R. Burkholder (2) FL

**Forest Chapel, Old Church**

**Urbanna:** Hyung Il Moon (2)

#### NEW KENT COUNTY

**New Kent:** **Lawrence S. Brayton** (1) FL

**Pamunkey, Tabernacle**

#### NEWPORT NEWS

**Asbury:** Myles Pierson (5) RE

**Chestnut Memorial:** Robert W. Gochenour (3)

**Christ:** **Thomas G. Tipton** (1)

**First:** **Robert L. Haley** (1)

**Grace:** Helen Casey-Rutland (7)

**Noland-Trinity:** Jennifer L. Day (2)

**Noland Memorial, Trinity**

**Open Door:** Yoon Seok Choi (3) OE

**Parkview:** **Timothy M. Porter** (1) PL

**Warwick Memorial:** William G. Davidson (4)

Associate: Jessica D. Squires (4) PE

#### POQUOSON

**Tabernacle:** Willard D. Wash (7)

**Trinity:** **Charles R. Stacy** (1)

#### WILLIAMSBURG

**Williamsburg:** Matthew W. Jones (3)

Associate: Alison Rosner (3) PE

Dir. of Youth Min.: Todd J. Query (7) OD

#### YORK COUNTY

**Crooks Memorial:** Charles N. Moore (4)

**Providence:** C. Douglas Akers (3)

**Saint Luke's:** Douglas D. Gestwick (7)

Associate: Clara P. Gestwick (7)

Min. of Discipleship: James A. Pace (7) PD

**Zion:** Kathy B. Gochenour (3)

## EXTENSION MINISTRIES AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS

### ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Herbert Brynildsen (FD)—Program Coordinator, Alexandria District (Secondary appointment: St. Matthew's)

Timothy M. Farabaugh—COO, Vinson Hall Retirement Community (Fairlington)

Judith T. Hall (FD)—Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling of Northern VA (Secondary appointment: St. Matthew's)

Lucretia Hurley-Browning—Director, Juniper Tree Pastoral Counseling Center, and On loan: Associate Pastor, First UMC, Susquehanna Conference (Aldersgate)

Karla M. Kincannon—Dir. of Field Education and of Vocational Formation and Church Leadership, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Rising Hope)

David F. McAllister-Wilson—President, Wesley Seminary (St. Matthew's)

Drema McAllister-Wilson—On loan: Minister of Congregational Care, Metropolitan Memorial UMC, Baltimore-Washington Conference (St. Matthew's)

Pamela G. Meeuwissen (PL)—Chaplain/Spiritual Counselor, Mary Washington Hospice (Christ)

Marianne K. Nassef—Reserve Chaplain, US Air Force (Fairlington)

James A. Noseworthy—Vice President for Administration and External Programs, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Rising Hope)

Ann On-Lin Tang—Chaplain, US Army (Messiah)

J. Pat Watkins—GBGM Church and Community Ministries/Ex. Dir., Caretakers of God's Creation (St. Matthew's)

Dana R. Wellman—Dir., Administrator & Clinician, North Range Behavioral Health, Greeley, CO (Annandale)

Susan E. Willhauck (FL)—Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, Atlantic School of Theology (St. Matthew's)

### ARLINGTON DISTRICT

Sandra L. Boone—On loan: New Faith Community, Baltimore-Washington Conference (Pender)

Kathleene M.B. Card—On loan: Associate Pastor, A & M UMC, College Station, TX, Texas Conference (Chesterbrook)

Elizabeth Gray Caudill—Program Coordinator, Arlington District (Clarendon)  
 Tammie E. Crews—Brigade Chaplain, US Army (The Vine)  
 Richard B. Dawson (FL)—Director, Camp High Road (Arcola)  
 Paul A. Hanak—International Dir., Ambassadors for Christ International (Pender)  
 Gary L. Hulme—President/CEO and Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling of Northern VA (Mount Olivet)  
 Seungsoo Jun—On loan: Associate Pastor, Holy Flames Methodist Church, Bundang District, Joongang Annual Conference, Korean Methodist Church (Korean UMC of Greater Washington)  
 Sangkeun Kim—Professor of Mission Studies, The Divinity School at Yonsei University, Korea (Korean UMC of Greater Washington)  
 James M. Melson—Director, The Cornelius Corps (Crossroads)  
 Edgar Miranda—Elementary Principal, Anglo-American School of Sofia, Bulgaria (St. Luke's)  
 Paul A. Nixon—New Church Development Strategist, Path I Division, GBOD and President, Epicenter Group (Arlington Temple)  
 Martha M. Real (FD)—Executive Director, GRACE Ministries of The UMC (Floris)  
 R. Kendall Soulen—Professor of Systematic Theology, Wesley Seminary (Culmore)  
 Charles K. Tran—GBGM Missionary, Ministry with Vietnamese Migrants, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (First Vietnamese)  
 James M. Truxell—Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling of Northern VA (United Christian Par.)

## CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT

Christopher R. Donald—Project Director at the Compassionate Care Initiative at the UVA School of Nursing (Greene)  
 Barry Penn Hollar—Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Shenandoah U. (Madison)  
 David Allen LeFon—Chaplain, United States Navy (Madison)  
 Deborah E. Lewis—Campus Minister/Director, Wesley Foundation, UVA (Wesley Memorial)  
 Janice M. Rivero—Director for University Programs, Stop Hunger Now (Wesley Memorial)  
 Thomas W. Sherrod—Director of Pastoral Care, Iredell Hospital, Statesville, N.C. (Mt. View)

Rochelle A. Shoemaker—Pastoral Counselor, Rochelle, Inc. (Wesley Memorial)  
 Adam James White—College Chaplain Sweet Briar College (Wesley Memorial)

## DANVILLE DISTRICT

C. Wesley Astin Jr.—Dean of the Chapel and Religious Life, Ferrum College (Redwood)  
 Brenda L. Rose—Pastoral Counselor, Chrysalis Counseling and Consultation Center, Inc. (Smith Memorial)

## EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT

Brenda Lee Laws (FD)—Program Coordinator, Eastern Shore Community Services Board (Secondary appointment: Horntown)

## ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT

Frank P. Decker—Vice-President, Member Care and Development, Mission Society for UMs (Community, Portsmouth)  
 Joseph T. Eldridge—University Chaplain, American University (Epworth)  
 Pamela J. Gable—On loan: Pastor, Lisbon UMC, E. Ohio Conference (Great Bridge)  
 William T. Greer Jr.—President, Virginia Wesleyan College (Larchmont)  
 John B. Haynes Jr.—Dir./Campus Minister, Tidewater Wesley Foundation, ODU (Heritage)  
 Amy Dawn Johnson—Staff Chaplain, Sentara Norfolk General Hosp. (Va. Beach)  
 Evelyn G. Keever—Dir. Of Chaplain Services/Bioethics, Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters (Haygood)  
 Charles H. Leavitt Jr.—Chaplain, Bon Secours Healthcare Systems, Inc., Suffolk (Community, VA Beach)  
 Joel M. LeMon—Assistant Prof. of Old Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (Ebenezer)  
 Charles E. Rowley—Chaplain, U.S. Navy (Courthouse Community)  
 Gregory B. West—Chaplain, Virginia Wesleyan College (Monumental)

## FARMVILLE DISTRICT

Charles F. Baber Jr. (PD)—On loan: Minister to Youth and Families, Highland UMC, Raleigh, NC Conference (Oakwood)  
 George H. Donigian—On loan: Pastor, Monaghan UMC, Greenville, SC, SC Conference (Jamieson Memorial)  
 Richard L. Meiser Jr.—Campus Minister/Director, Wesley Foundation, Longwood and Hampden-Sydney (Farmville)

T. McKennon Shea—Director of Admissions, Duke Divinity School (Farmville)

## FREDERICKSBURG DISTRICT

Oliver Box—On loan: Pastor in Charge, Sylvan Abbey UMC, Gulf Central District, FL Conference (Liberty)  
 Teresa Signer Smith—Director, New Pathways Ministries (New Hope)

## HARRISONBURG DISTRICT

Benjamin D. Burks—Vice President: Life Enrichment & Spiritual Care, VA Mennonite Retirement Community (Asbury)  
 Julie Ann Haushalter—Director, Lavender Center for Education and Retreats (Vision of Hope)  
 Charles F. Reynolds—Exec. Dir., Virginia Conference Wellness Ministries, Ltd. (Verona)  
 Paul Ritter (PL)—Chaplain, Chaplain Services of VA, Augusta Correctional Center (Mountain Valley)

## JAMES RIVER DISTRICT

Dwala J. Ferrell—Executive Director, Pathways-VA, Inc. (Oak Grove)  
 J. Stanley Hargraves—Registrar, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Chester)  
 Robin C.M. Jones (FL)—Chaplain, Jackson-Feild Homes (Concord)  
 James G. O'Quinn—Pastoral Counselor, Lifeline Counseling Associates, Inc. (Highland)  
 P. Michael Watts—Dir., Shalom Homes, Pathways-VA, Inc. (Oak Grove)  
 John D. White (FD)—Special Education Teacher, Matoaca High School (Secondary appointment: Trinity/Chesterfield)

## LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

Dori Baker—Scholar-in-Residence, The Fund for Theological Education (Lane Mem.)  
 Ray A. Buchanan—Founder and President, Stop Hunger Now, Inc. (Bedford Circuit)  
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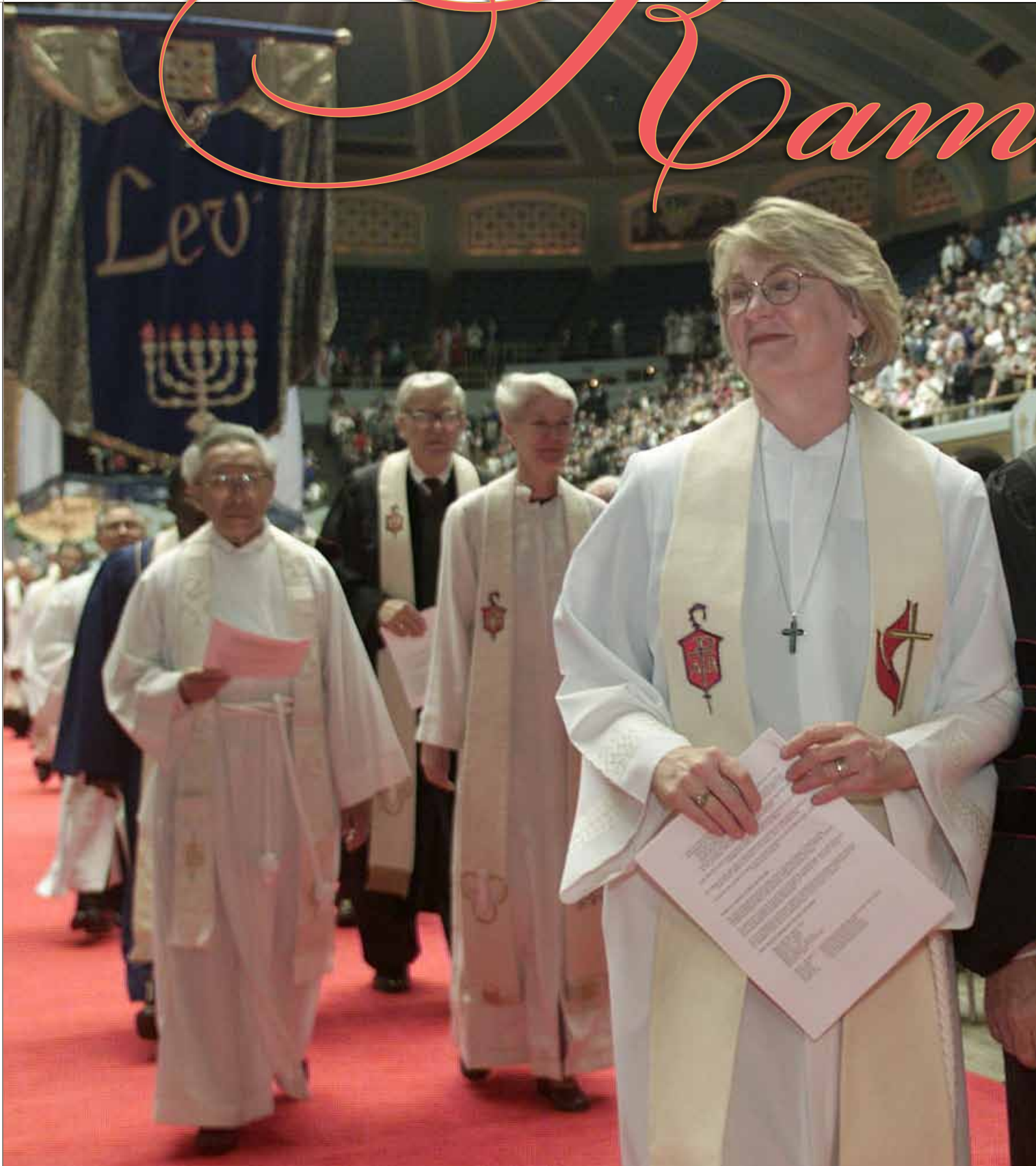
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# FAREWELL TO VIRGINIA



A woman full of grace has enriched the Virginia Conference by her time here.

BY TAMMY ESTEP

**O**n May 1, in the midst of General Conference legislation and debate, the Virginia Delegation paused for a moment to break bread together, to laugh and to honor Bishop Kammerer who will be retiring in August. Bishop Kammerer had just finished presiding, so we were all ready to relax a bit with good ol' homefolk. I was asked to share a few words about Bishop Kammerer's leadership on the Cabinet.

Bishop Kammerer leads with an incredible gift of hospitality. She and her husband, Leigh, have not only welcomed each district superintendent into their lives, but they have welcomed our families as well. When each district superintendent came onto the Cabinet, Bishop Kammerer placed her stole around our necks, laid hands on each of us and said, "I choose you to be the superintendent of the \_\_\_\_\_ District" and then she prayed for each of us.

Bishop Kammerer has always led us with a sense of humor. She has such a great laugh and loves to have fun with us and to lighten up the Cabinet work. Who will ever forget when the bishop turned Annual Conference into a bidding war for a basketball to raise money for Nothing But Nets. She was the head auctioneer and what fun we had in order to stop children from dying of malaria.

Each of us on the Cabinet has watched Bishop Kammerer lead us and our conference with grace upon grace. As the first woman bishop in the Southeast, Bishop Kammerer has often stood alone, had to knock down walls, and to endure negative e-mails, phone calls and harassment from laity, clergy and bishops alike. But she has always offered grace and the love of Jesus Christ in return. She has made a way for women, lay and clergy alike, to stand boldly and to live faithfully in their call to serve Jesus Christ and the church universal.

Many of you will recall that during Bishop Kammerer's first week in her office, downtown Richmond suffered a severe flood. The bishop found her way downtown and offered prayer, bottles of water and hope for those who lost their livelihood in the storm. She has been on the General Assembly floor speaking on behalf of the least, the last and the lost in our Commonwealth. The Virginia Council of Churches just honored her as the first woman to receive the Lifetime Ecumenist Award, the highest honor given to one who has lived their life working for justice and

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inclusion of all people of faith. When the shootings occurred at Virginia Tech, we were in Cabinet meeting making appointments. Immediately, she and the Roanoke DS made plans to travel to Blacksburg to be a pastoral presence with the Virginia Tech community.

We, the Virginia Conference appointive and extended Cabinet, are grateful to have served with this hospitable, humorous, grace-filled and just woman. We pray for God’s continued blessings on her, Leigh and their family as they transition to Lake Junaluska and Candler School of Theology.

Grace upon grace to you Bishop Kammerer, and Thank you! 🍷

—The Rev. Tammy L. Estep is superintendent of the Eastern Shore District

Bishop Kammerer participates (below) in the consecration of Bishop Paul Leeland at Jurisdictional Conference in 2008.



## Bishop Kammerer is ‘very unique’

By Tom Joyce

Several years ago, a parishioner approached me following our Sunday morning worship and suggested that my use of the term “very unique” in my sermon was inappropriate. “Either someone or something is unique or not,” he said. “Very unique is a redundant expression, and, therefore, should never be used.”

While this was helpful advice, and I have attempted to follow it, when I think of Bishop Kammerer, I am sorely tempted to regress.

Because to me, the word “unique” just doesn’t go far enough in describing who she is and what her ministry as episcopal leader has meant to our conference.

What a privilege it has been for me to work closely with Bishop Kammerer during each of her eight years with us in Virginia. During this time, I have had the opportunity to observe her “up close and personal” in a great variety of ministry settings, most positive and joyous, others somewhat challenging. But the amazing thing to me is that in whatever setting, even in the most challenging, somehow Bishop Kammerer has been able to conduct herself, both personally and professionally, in ways that have not only been helpful and appropriate to the situation but also inspiring to persons like myself who were working alongside her.

We all know what a good preacher Bishop Kammerer is. We all know how beautiful and meaningful are her prayers; how efficiently and with what grace she conducts the sessions of our annual conference; how effectively she speaks “off the cuff” and always seems to know exactly what to say and when is the right time to say it. We all know how we have been graced by Bishop Kammerer in these and in so many other ways during her time with us. But I want to take this opportunity to affirm what many of you may not have had the opportunity to experience first hand: how prayerfully, carefully, and with what great compassion Bishop Kammerer has reached out to persons in our conference, clergy and laity alike, and encouraged and supported them when what they needed most was a personal word of hope, encouragement and support from their bishop.

Just this morning, a lay person came into my office. We were talking about our next bishop and who he or she may be. Of course, neither of us has a clue. But this person went on to say, “I just hope whoever comes as our new bishop will not only possess strong leadership skills, but he or she will also possess great empathy.



Bishop Kammerer celebrates her 60th birthday with a reception at the United Methodist Center.



If I had to lift up one word that characterizes the quality of life and ministry that I have observed over and over again in Bishop Kammerer during her years with us in Virginia, it would be that word “empathy.” Somehow, she has always been able to identify with the other, to innately feel what others feel, to appreciate what their problems and joys are and where they are coming from. This doesn’t mean she has always agreed with them or has not stood against them, if she felt it necessary. But, even in those situations when she believed standing against someone or some group was important, she always demonstrated the God-given ability to still care for them and their plight and was resolved to reach out to them in love in the name of Christ.

To me, Bishop Kammerer can be most appropriately described as “very unique.” I recognize this is bad English, but I also recognize it is true. And I know you will join me in affirming that we are going to miss her and the extraordinarily broad and diverse set of gifts and graces she has shared with us. 🍷

—The Rev. Tom Joyce serves as assistant to the bishop.



# The time has come to say thank you and farewell

By Leigh Kammerer

**E**ight years ago we began our season here in Virginia and now we are fast coming to the time to part. And in between?

When we came to Virginia to live and work and be part of this state and of United Methodism here, I have to admit that I knew very little about this beautiful place. The typical high school American History textbook might have summed up the extent of my knowledge, along with some newspaper and TV headlines. I knew the usual about Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Henry, etc. I had an interest in the Civil War when I was younger so I had read a lot about the many battles here, Lee and Jackson, etc. We had traveled through Virginia on our way to other places and had once visited Williamsburg, but that was about it. I did not know of the rich diversity of this state from the Tidewater to Shenandoah to northern Virginia and west to Big Stone Gap. I did not know the Virginia Conference other than that it was, at the time, the largest conference in the connection. I did not know the depth of your commitment to Jesus Christ, to missions around the world and to Methodism.



I could go on and on about what I did not know, but have since come to glimpse and appreciate in our time here. In these eight years you have embraced us and shared your generous hospitality wherever we have traveled across the state. I have learned from you and come to have a deep appreciation for Virginia and this conference. I am grateful daily for the prayerful support of clergy spouses who have always made me feel welcome in whatever setting we have come together.

I am especially grateful for the support and care of the extended Cabinet spouses who took us in and have always been there for us as we have journeyed together these past eight years.

I have come to appreciate your regard for tradition and your powerful sense of place and history. I have grown in my knowledge and understanding of this place, but more importantly, I have grown in my own faith journey in part due to the faithful witness so many of you have lived out over these eight years.

Yes, there is a season to everything and every purpose in God’s Kingdom, and now a new season is coming for us and for this conference. And there is also a time to say thank you, for who you are, who you have been for us, and who you will be, through the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit. This is that season of change. 🍷

—Leigh Kammerer is a substance abuse and addictions counselor and directs the Intake Program for Health Professional Intervention Program, part of VCU Health Systems in Richmond. Leigh and Charlene were married in 1970. They have one son, Chris, and three grandchildren, Christopher, Noel and Elton.

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.”

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# BISHOP



Bishop K leads Holy Communion with Cuba's Bishop Ricardo Pereira above; confers with State Senator Henry Marsh at right; and holds her first grandchild, Christopher, below.



Bishop Kammerer is not so sure about the camel ride in Jericho on a 2000 visit to the Holy Land, top; the bishop distributes breakfast to day workers in Northern Virginia; Bishop Kammerer sits with children in Brazil during a mission trip, left; and happily illustrates her hobby of reading to fellow women bishops at a conference, below.





# BISHOP



"THERE IS AN ELECTION!" The historic moment (above) when Charlene Kammerer's name is announced as elected in July 1996. At right, Bishops Hasbrook Hughes (left) and Bob Fannin escort the new bishop to the stage at Lake Junaluska. At top, Bishop Kammerer laughs at a joke by Denny White of Western North Carolina during a group photo.



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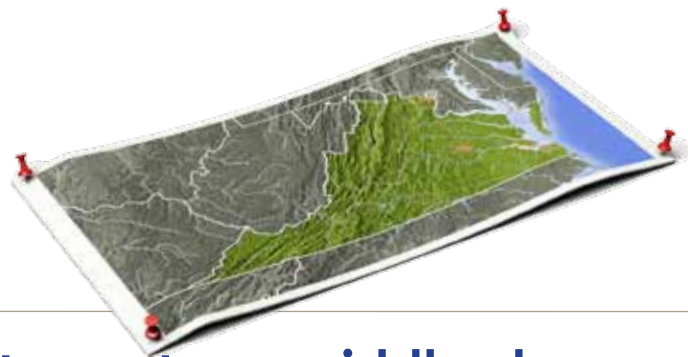
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# The United Methodist connection in VIRGINIA



## "I'm not called to pastor a middle class church"

By Rachel Leonard



The Rev. Keary Kincannon leads worship at Rising Hope UMC. Photos by Rachel Leonard

It's noon on a Thursday, and the Rev. Keary Kincannon lights a candle in the sanctuary of Rising Hope United Methodist Church in Alexandria. He fiddles with some electronics, and a video pops onto an overhead TV screen. A man in a shiny purple suit is leading a spirited worship service, in the African-American tradition, to clapping and singing from the audience. The sounds of gospel fill the small room as people begin to filter in.

"Hallelujah!" the man on the television cries. A man with developmental disabilities sitting in the rows of chairs answers back: "Hallelujah!" he yells.

Today's sermon is on radical hospitality. The congregation is enthralled.

"That's right!" one says. "Go on preacher, preach!" cries another.

Kincannon is in his element.

Rising Hope UMC is more than a church. It's a food pantry, a soup kitchen, a clothing closet. Its staff offers job counseling, an addiction recovery program, English language classes and a children's ministry. It houses the Ventures in Community Hypothermia Outreach Program, or VIC-HOP. Services are held Tuesday through Friday at noon, and on Sundays.

Kincannon likes to say he brings the power of Christ to "the least, the lost, the lonely and the left-out."

"We make no bones about being a church – that's who we are and that's our purpose," he said. "And we believe that lives can be transformed when a relationship with God is developed. But we also realize that that relationship calls all of us to serve one another and to care for one another."

Rising Hope has been in its current location for about six years. The ministry started with Kincannon and his car.

Kincannon attended Wesley Theological Seminary, where he is working on a doctorate on John Wesley and the poor. He

realized upon graduation that he wanted to go into mission work. He loves his home church, Aldersgate UMC, but adds, "I'm not called to pastor a middle-class church."

After graduating from seminary, Kincannon worked with a ministry in Washington as a community organizer, helping low-income renters establish tenant co-operatives. Still, he felt called to be a minister. He talked with his bishop, who encouraged him to start his own church.

"The only thing I had was my salary, my wife, my daughter and my car," Kincannon said. "And in those early days I would just drive to the places on Route 1 where I knew there was some need and there might be an interest in doing something."

Kincannon talked to people in homeless shelters, in fast-food restaurants, at homeless camps in the woods, at laundromats and at low-income housing projects. He started his first worship service in a community room at Pinewood South Condominiums.

He later moved worship services to a public housing project, where the church was chartered, and after that to several different locations, including at what is now Mount Vernon





Plaza Shopping Center. “We started to really put our roots down there, but when the landlord saw the kind of people that was coming into the shopping center, he wouldn’t renew our lease,” Kincannon explained.

The church’s next location was in an office park. Then, in the mid-2000s, the church received \$500,000 from a benefactor and opened shop in the church’s current location, formerly a psychiatric services building.

**Kincannon likes to say he brings the power of Christ to “the least, the lost, the lonely and the left-out.”**

“I try to help people see that Rising Hope isn’t about just a hand-out – giving things away – it’s not about entitlements,” Kincannon said. “But it’s about what we’re trying to build here, and what we’re trying to build is a place where we work together in the community to address the community’s problems, try to bring solutions to those problems.

“In religious language I would say we’re trying to bring the values of God’s

kingdom here into what we do, so we understand we’re about loving and caring for one another.”

A paper-and-pencil sketch of Jesus hangs on the wall near the entrance to the Rising Hope’s administrative offices. It was drawn, Kincannon said, by a woman he served who died a year ago. The woman struggled with bouts of binge drinking – even resorting to drinking Listerine – and was known to pass out at various locations along Route 1. The last time she fell, she suffered a fatal head injury.

Kincannon deeply involves himself in the lives of the people his ministry serves. He calls himself a non-judgmental person, except when he’s judgmental about people who are being judgmental.

“I just have a real passion for including everyone in God’s love,” he said. “And no one is to be excluded from God’s love. I have just a real passion that every person has been uniquely made, has got a unique purpose, has got something good about them.

“They may not see it yet themselves. They may not know what it is inside of them. And people that don’t see that are some of the people that are spiraling down into drug addictions, and making wrong choices, and that sort of thing. But that doesn’t mean that they’re any less loved by God.”

—Rachel Leonard is the editor of FortHunt.Patch.com

Enrique Regalado (left) and Fabian Zurita sit in the cardboard box as part of ‘A Night in the Box’ event at Basic UMC in Waynesboro last summer.



## Volunteers to sleep in boxes to call attention to the homeless

by Steve Jennings

On Friday night, Aug. 10, individuals, families and groups of all ages will spend the night in cardboard box “homes” on the football field at Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School near Winchester.

The event, called “Night in a Box,” will raise awareness of the challenges homeless people face every day and is a fundraiser for Teens Opposing Poverty (TOP), an Advance Special of the Virginia Conference.

In addition to sleeping in boxes, participants will hear stories of life on the streets from current and former homeless people and will experience a “homeless awareness meal” like those served by mobile soup kitchens. There will also be fun activities including a “build-a-box” contest, a Kid Zone, scavenger hunt and street fair featuring local performers.

Those who would rather not spend the night in a box can attend for the evening activities only.

A special feature of Night in a Box is the “Wall of Light for the Poor,” a luminaria display designed to serve as a visual testimony that there are people who care and support TOP in its efforts to provide high-impact assistance to “the least of these.”

TOP, a Christian-based nonprofit organization, trains youth and other groups how to reach out with the love of Christ to homeless and other low-income people. In 2011, 1,800 volunteers served over 3,000 clients in Washington, D.C., and eight towns and cities throughout Virginia, providing more than 11,000 meals and offering friendship, hope and encouragement.

Call (866) 955-6260 or go to [www.NightinaBox.org](http://www.NightinaBox.org) for details on registration, fundraising and activities.

—Steve Jennings is director of TOP



# The United Methodist connection in VIRGINIA

## Hearts and hammers

By Claire Mills

On a beautiful Saturday morning in April, members of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Glen Allen picked up their hammers and headed to the build site in Ashland for (Hanover County) Habitat for Humanity's 40th house. That's where they worked alongside other volunteers to cut and hang trim and to caulk and paint on the inside. It even started raining in the afternoon, but no one complained.

Sharon Walker, who is the wife of Good Shepherd's pastor, the Rev. Ed Walker, sees this experience as part of the church's outreach.

"This gives members the opportunity to give their time and talents to make a difference in other people's lives. It's a nice way to see results of hands-on work in the community," she said.

The 1,600 square foot house is already under roof. The three bedroom, 2½ bath home is the first two-story structure for Hanover Habitat. Good Shepherd's five volunteers put in a full day's work, no doubt mindful of the family who will soon live there.

Once construction on the house is finished in June, it will be the end of a long journey for a hard working single mother and her four children. She will be able to live in a safe, stable home with her family.

Several of the volunteers

from Good Shepherd clearly had experience in doing this kind of work. Rick Rice measured and operated the table saw to cut trim for the new living room. "I enjoy helping people in need. Working with Hanover Habitat for Humanity is good for our church," he said.

Dave Bennett has been remodeling houses for years. He was busy installing cement board for the new tile floor in the laundry room. "This is part of our ministry and mission to help provide a home for a family."

Though skilled at measuring and nailing trim, it was more than his talent for building that brought Charles Maranda out on a spring morning.

"I really like the openness of our church. I have two kids and everyone knows and loves them. My son is the one who asked me to volunteer today. Good Shepherd teaches our kids about the importance of volunteering to help others in need."

There's another woman and her children who understand the value of volunteering. Wendy Morgan has logged in many hours to help build this house. The home she is working on will be for her and her children. Once it's ready, the close-knit Morgan family will be able to move out of a cramped, overcrowded apartment. Building a house is certainly a challenge, but Morgan's life has been full of challenges.



A longtime member of Good Shepherd, Margo Olsen was doing her part to bring the Morgans one step closer to this life-changing reality. She carefully taped along the fresh trim in preparation for painting. "We are doing God's work! We are providing a service for a deserving family."

An affordable home of their own is still a distant reality for many hard-working families in Central Virginia. For these families, a home provides a sense of stability and a foundation from which to build the rest of their lives.

More than 40 congregations in Hanover County have participated in Habitat for Humanity's mission to provide low-income families with decent, affordable homes. It also has given congregations a chance to develop a strong, lasting partnership with Hanover Habitat, allowing church members to express faith through practical "hands on" service.

To volunteer, donate, or learn more, call (804) 569-6108, e-mail [smidkiff@hanoverhfh.org](mailto:smidkiff@hanoverhfh.org), or visit [www.hanoverhfh.org](http://www.hanoverhfh.org).

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Charles Maranda and Sharon Walker were part of the work crew from Good Shepherd UMC.



Students at Spl@Sh paint signs of home on an old door.

## University SpL@Sh: Reflect, dream, transform

In May, 120 young people gathered on the campus of Shenandoah University for University SpL@Sh, where they were invited to dream about the future direction of the church.

Throughout the history of the church we have seen major changes occur approximately every 500 years. The good news is that it is time for another seismic shift in our church and there are young people who are motivated and ready to create the church of their dreams.


The Rev. Dr. Justin Allen, the Dean of Spiritual Life at Shenandoah, began the day by highlighting the revolutionary change that has come regularly in the history of the church. The Rev. Derrick Parson, Virginia Conference director of Ministries with Young People, then challenged everyone to dream big, because this is their time to step up and challenge the norms as we work to make changes for the future.

When participants entered the worship space, they were confronted with an old door that was painted with



words reflecting the current state of the Body of Christ. Words like "locked doors," "homophobic" and "empty promises" filled the door. At the offering, the door was turned around, revealing a blank slate. Participants were invited to come forward and begin the process of "re-naming" the church based on how they believe the church should be known. Words like "love," "justice" and "witness" filled the clean slate. The church that the young people envision embodies those words as it seeks to be the representative of the risen Christ in the world today.

Throughout the day the young people were challenged to embrace their creativity as they thought abstractly about the church expressing those dreams by utilizing building materials, art supplies, items from area thrift stores and architectural drafting paper.

During University SpL@Sh, participants were encouraged throughout the day by Spiritual Life Leaders and Rev. Parson to "take their place" as they transform the church of today into the body of their dreams.  -By Amy Howard

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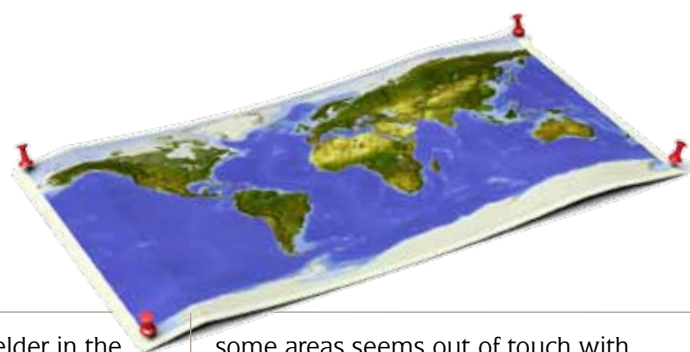


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# Religious news from around the NATION & WORLD



## Young adults + social media = the future of the UMC?

In the twittersphere, young adults are holy conferencing and dreaming of a better church in the aftermath of The United Methodist 2012 General Conference – all in 140 characters or less.

A tweetup to chat about the worldwide assembly happened two weeks after the close of General Conference. More than 150 people came up with more than a thousand dreams for the future of the denomination.

Two young pastors under 35 organized the social media chat. They were Rev. Becca Clark, elder in the New England Conference and pastor of Trinity UMC in Montpelier, Vt.; and

the Rev. Jeremy Smith, elder in the Oklahoma Conference and associate pastor of First UMC in Checotah, Okla.

Both Smith and Clark attended General Conference, and both had some positive and negative experiences.

Smith said #DreamUMC is a grassroots effort to engage young adults and others who felt disenfranchised by the actions/inaction of General Conference.

"We heard a lot of doom and gloom at General Conference, and in the world at large, about the decline of the UMC and mainline Christianity in general, and how the church is no longer relevant to a 'new generation' of young people," Clark said. "DreamUMC proves that this is simply untrue."

Smith said he was surprised by the raw nature of the comments.

"There's still a lot of pain, confusion and dissonance even 10 days after General Conference. But there is also a lot of resilient hope that refuses to stop loving a church that in

some areas seems out of touch with reality. This interplay of fidelity with accountability will be a dynamic part of young people's experience in the coming four years," he said.

Participants at the tweetup were asked three questions:

- ❖ **What did you learn/take away from GC2012?**
- ❖ **How has this new knowledge changed your Dream (vision or hope) for the UMC?**
- ❖ **What's one achievable change that would make the UMC a bit closer to the church you dream about?**

A compilation of responses are posted on DreamUMC's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/dreamumc](http://www.facebook.com/dreamumc).

The answers ranged from optimism to disappointment to love for the church.

### Question #1: What did you learn?

- ❖ That we aren't as divided as we think (or even previous GCs), I was amazed at how many great people there were! : )
- ❖ I learned that code words and Christianese (holy conferencing, etc.) mask some pretty horrifying ideas.
- ❖ I learned that even if the UMC never changes, I will be completely content spending my life fighting for it to do so.

### Question #2: How or have your dreams for the church changed because of GC2012?

- ❖ I dream of a church that is not a

Young clergy members take part in a question-and-answer session with the Rev. Adam Hamilton to express their concerns over being excluded from discussions about proposed church restructuring during 2012 General Conference. UMNS photo/Mike DuBose





# Religious news from around the NATION & WORLD

## Summit to Focus on Young Clergy Initiative Priorities

Encouraging young adults to respond to God's call to ordained ministry and helping them overcome roadblocks to accepting that call will be the focus of a Young Clergy Summit on Aug. 20-21 in Nashville.

The gathering, sponsored and convened by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM), will include agency and annual conference staff, pastors and young clergy. It will begin the work of the Young Clergy Initiative approved by General Conference 2012, said the Rev. Kim Cape, GBHEM's general secretary. General Conference created the \$7 million initiative.

Participants will include the Rev. Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas; the Rev. April Casperson, director of Internal Operations for Spark12 and director of admissions for Methodist Theological School in Ohio; the Rev. DJ del Rosario, executive director of Spark12 and senior pastor of Bothell United Methodist Church in Seattle,

Wash.; Cape; the Rev. Gwen Purushotham, associate general secretary of GBHEM's Division of Ordained Ministry; and the Rev. Lisa Garvin, director of Ministerial Services for the Mississippi Annual Conference; and more.

Cape said General Conference made a momentous decision in creating the Young Clergy Initiative.

"We know that vital congregations require vital clergy leaders. Investing in young clergy, understanding their challenges, and addressing those challenges can encourage talented young people to see a clear way forward in living into their God-given call to ministry," Cape said. "We need to listen closely to these young people, understand the roadblocks in their path, ask ourselves if we are complicit in those roadblocks, and problem-solve with them."

She said those who work with young people must also encourage local churches, our families of faith, to exert their spiritual leadership and discernment.

"We need to look and see what


God is already doing in our young people, and align our efforts with the Holy Spirit's call," she said.

Hamilton said the initiative is focused on raising up a new generation of leaders for the UMC.



Adam Hamilton

"Only 950 of our 16,000 active clergy are under age 35. In the next 10 years, we'll have a wave of retirements among our pastors."

"This initiative is aimed at helping young adults to hear God's call and assist them in pursuing ordination. Raising up gifted young leaders is essential to reaching a new generation for Christ and for our churches to have a future," said Hamilton. 

-Vicky Brown, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

lie: truly open doors, open minds, open hearts.

- ❖ I also learned in order to move forward we have to be able to discuss w/o feeling the need to "change" the other person.
- ❖ Motivated me to work harder, be involved, get off the sidelines, stand up with all of my brothers and sisters.

### Question #3: What can the church do to be your "dream church?"

- ❖ Launch hundreds of progressive new churches and change UMC demographics (OK, may take more like 8 years).
- ❖ Serve cookies during plenary.




- ❖ GC2016 via Twitter!
- ❖ We need to sadly acknowledge our differences, part amicably.

"I was pleasantly surprised that many of the comments were not just generally passionate, but some pointedly prophetic, and many practical and doable as action moving forward

(looking toward networking, deepening connections, or drafting proposals and perhaps future legislative actions)," Clark said.

Clark and Smith said they hope for more ethnic and geographic diversity in the May 28 and following tweetups.

"Expansion of outreach to young adults in the central conferences is a high priority, and we are committed to involving the worldwide UMC from the beginning, not just tagged onto the end," Smith said.

"Staying connected and focused keeps us practical and attentive to what can be done. I don't want to just talk about changing the church; I intend to do it!" Clark said. 

-Kathy Gilbert, United Methodist News Service

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**“The Book of Discipline 2012 does not eliminate security of appointment for elders.”**

—From the message sent by Gere Reist to the Council of Bishops

## New twist for security of appointment issue

Supporters of guaranteed appointments for United Methodist clergy have a new reason for hope.

The Rev. Fitzgerald “Gere” Reist, secretary of the General Conference, informed the Council of Bishops late June 11 that the language in the 2012 *Book of Discipline* “does not eliminate the security of appointment for elders.”

But, other denominational leaders question Reist’s interpretation of what the 2012 General Conference, the denomination’s top lawmaking body, accomplished when it met April 24-May 4 in Tampa, Fla.

At issue are two potentially contradictory sections of the *Book of Discipline*, The United Methodist Church’s law book.

The 2012 General Conference deleted in the book’s Paragraph 337 the required security of appointment for elders in good standing. The changes allow a bishop to recommend an elder be put on transitional leave. However, the assembly left Paragraph 334.1 intact.

The latter paragraph says: “Every effective elder in full connection who is in good standing shall be continued under appointment by the bishop ...”

Some bishops contend that General Conference did not so much eliminate security of appointment as modify it.

“Someone having an appointment is

not the same thing as them being appointed to serve a church,” Indiana Bishop Michael Coyner said in an e-mail. “Transitional leave is an appointment and so is a part-time appointment.”

Ultimately, Reist and Coyner agree the Judicial Council must decide the matter. The Judicial Council is the top authority on interpreting church law. Questions regarding the elimination of security of appointment will go before the Judicial Council at its next meeting in October.

“My statement to the Council of Bishops was not a statement of law but a statement of the fact of the language remaining in the BOD,” Reist said.

The Higher Education and Ministry legislative committee – the first stop at General Conference for appointment-related petitions – voted 68-7 in favor of changes to Paragraph 337.

Those changes include:

- ❖ **Removing the requirement that elders “be continued under appointment”**
- ❖ **Allowing a bishop to recommend to the annual conference’s board of ordained ministry that an elder be placed on transitional leave if “a missional appointment is not available”**
- ❖ **Requiring a bishop to initiate the complaint process if an elder is found ineffective**
- ❖ **Mandating each annual conference name a task force to develop a list of criteria to guide bishops and cabinets as they make “missional appointments”**
- ❖ **Requiring cabinets to report to the board of ordained ministry executive committee the reasons clergy have not received full-time appointments as well as the age, ethnicity and gender of elders who have not received full-time appointments.**

“The intent of the (Higher Education and Ministry) legislative committee was clear, even if our action was not as clear as



The Rev. Gere Reist addresses General Conference in Tampa. Reist informed the Council of Bishops that the language in the 2012 *Book of Discipline* “does not eliminate the security of appointment for elders.” UMNS photo/Mike DuBose

our intent, and the intent was the elimination of the language of security of appointment," said the Rev. David Alan Bard, the committee's chair. He is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Duluth, Minn.

He also echoed Coyner's statement that appointment to transitional leave "still constitutes an appointment."

Because of the legislative committee's overwhelming support for the changes, the petition went on the General Conference consent calendar.

The consent calendar is a tool used by General Conference to expedite legislation wherein recommendations from legislative committees with no more than 10 votes in opposition are grouped and approved together. A motion to reconsider the item on May 1 failed by a vote of 564 to 373. ☞

-Heather Hahn,  
United Methodist News Service

## Cokesbury announces new children's curriculum for the fall

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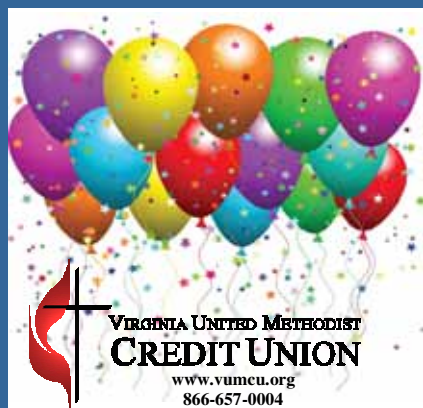
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## North Texas bishop's retirement reversal charts new course

**T**he North Texas Conference has entered untested waters, and decisions made in the coming months around Bishop Earl Bledsoe could have a ripple effect on The United Methodist Church.



Bishop Earl Bledsoe

The bishop announced in a video June 1 that he was retiring voluntarily. But, late on the afternoon of June 5, just before he concluded the North Texas

Annual Conference session, Bledsoe declared he was changing his mind. He was being forced out, he told the conference, and he was not going to take it. "With your help, we're going to fight like the devil to claim the ministry that is here in North Texas,"

he said. "And we ain't going nowhere unless somebody forces us to go."

He later said his much-quoted statement was "a bad use of phrase."

"What I meant was to fight the devil to claim the ministry that is alive and vibrant here in North Texas," he said. "We have worked hard over the last four years, and I believe that work is just beginning to bear fruit. To give up the fight and quit in the midst of this is not who I am as a Christian."

Bledsoe's reversal and public defiance of his episcopacy committee is extraordinary in the 44-year history of the denomination, and if the matter makes its way to the Judicial Council, it could set a legal precedent.


It's a move many longtime church observers say they don't remember happening before.

"We are in uncharted territory here," said the Rev. Don Underwood, senior pastor of Christ UMC in Plano.

He is the North Texas clergy member on the South Central Jurisdictional episcopacy committee.

Bledsoe, 61, in just his fourth year as bishop, told conference members that the South Central Jurisdiction episcopacy committee had recently "summoned" him to a meeting. There, he said, he was told that the North Texas Conference did not want him back and that his leadership was "so bad" that no other conference in the jurisdiction would have him.

Under the *Book of Discipline*, jurisdictional and central conference committees can place a bishop in involuntary retirement by a two-thirds vote. The jurisdictional committees assign and evaluate U.S. bishops, and the central conference bodies do the same with bishops in Africa, Asia and Europe. Each U.S. jurisdictional committee on the episcopacy includes a clergy delegate and a lay delegate from each of that jurisdiction's annual (regional) conferences.

The *Discipline* says a bishop can appeal involuntary retirement to the Judicial Council. 

-United Methodist News Service



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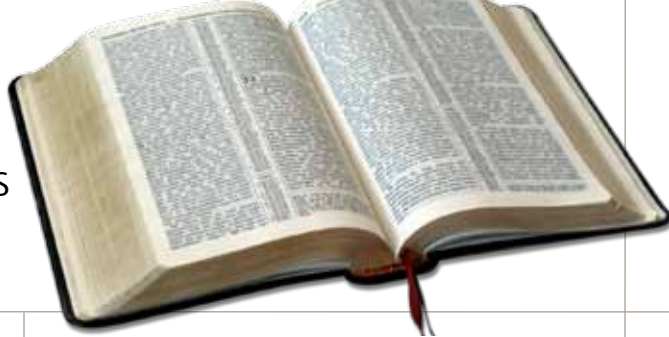
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR: The Rev.

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### July 1, 2012 "Conflicting Priorities" 1 Samuel 7:3-11, 15-17

As we read the passage for today, we see Samuel in a real battle, not with the Philistine army, but with who and what the people were worshipping. It is a battle with which we in the church are well familiar. So many different activities, material possessions and organizations claim our attentions. We are bombarded with self-help books, support groups, television shows and other ways of making our lives perfect and secure, if we are just willing to follow this new leader, buy this material, or register with this group. All of our needs can be met if we sign up for the right social network, play the right social game, surround ourselves with the right contacts, or make the best connections.

In Samuel's day, people were turning away from God and turning to the "baals" and "astartes" for security and relief from their fears and anxiety. Where do you turn?

1 Samuel 7:3 tells us to "direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only and he will deliver you" (NRSV). How often do we turn to the one true God? Each week I am bombarded in my e-mail accounts with advertisements of books to read, folks with whom I can link and products to buy. No "friend" I have never met will rescue me when I am stranded. But God is present in good times and bad. God intervenes in amazing ways to heal us, guide us, comfort us and rejoice with us.

Beginning the day with a time of prayer and focus on God changes the whole tenor of the day. Reading the scriptures daily provides a lens through which to view the daily events of the world, sometimes helping us to see the miracles happening all around us. Spending time listening for God's word for us challenges us even as God provides for us.

A few years ago, I attended a youth parents' meeting in one of their homes. The parents had been complaining that attendance at youth events was dwindling. Parents were providing less support as chaperones. The program was falling apart. Sunday school classes were often combined on Sunday morning due to the few children present.

As the parents and I were discussing their

frustrations and I was trying to figure out what I must be doing wrong as the youth leader, my eye fell upon a calendar posted on the refrigerator. On it were activities written in each block in a rainbow of colorful inks. The mother explained that each activity had its own color and each child had their own color for special events or appointments. I asked what color the church activities were. She informed me that they weren't written in on the calendar, that they only participated when nothing else on the calendar conflicted and they remembered what was happening at church. The daughter's cheerleader practice and competition was scheduled for 9:30 a.m. for every Sunday that month and ballgames for the son took precedence over evening youth group meeting.

Is time with God written in on your calendar? Or do you tend to fit in God when you remember as long as it won't conflict with anything else?

### July 8, 2012 "Who's in Charge?" 2 Samuel 23:1-7; 1 Chronicles 18:14

I am a news junkie. I read online reports, a printed newspaper, the *Virginia United Methodist Advocate* and watch multiple news shows many days on television. I even use the DVR to record the news I miss to watch when I am home.

What's been in the news recently? Questions about people's rights and issues of justice... We hear about youths being killed by hit and run drivers. Young men are killed just for walking down the street. Vigils are held for people who are missing, injured as results of violence, or killed by others' irresponsible acts. We hear about people without jobs. Health care, either inadequate or out of financial reach, is a topic of political debate. We see signs of unbelievable poverty around this world. Political uprisings tell of struggles for basic human rights, the ability to choose one's own future, the lack of education and great gaps between the rich and the poor. The list goes on...

In the midst of this dire news, I watched the hoopla of the Queen of England's Diamond Jubilee celebration, a major contrast to what is happening in Syria, Greece and other countries.

1 Chronicles 18:14: "So David reigned over all

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Israel; and he administered justice and equity to all his people.” (NRSV)

Throughout 2 Samuel, we learn about David as a leader and as a human being. We learn about the stability that comes to the land under his rule. David ruled drawing his strength from God. The news showed the black and white images of the Queen at her coronation. Part of the ceremony was not filmed at her request due to its sacred meaning for her. During the coronation, Queen Elizabeth II was anointed with oil. The Queen believes that her right to rule is God-given and God-guided. As I watched that old clip, I thought of how our pastors are ordained given authority by God to speak prophetic words and guide others toward God.

Like David, her rule is currently drawing lots of attention. David was known for his humanness. David was also known for listening to God while trying to be a just ruler. David serves God by serving others. He knew how to trust in God's strength, God's power, God's salvation.

What stands out and stays with you in the news: the many injustices reported daily or the rare story of one who is able to right injustices?

I recently heard a colleague talking about the little bits that make a big difference. He was talking about the many people in the church who had helped guide him during a turbulent social time toward God's call in his life. With the help of the many saints who wove in and out of his life, he learned God's voice. He learned to trust in God's authority in his life enabling him to be what God created him to be.

One way we can fight against injustice is by trusting in God's authority in our lives, trusting God to enable each of us to do our little bit.

**July 15, 2012**

**“Who Did You Meet Today?”**

**1 Kings 3:16-18; 2 Chronicles 9:8**

**D**o you remember the story of the feud between the Hatfield and the McCoy families? It began with an argument over a pig. As the two families left court, neither seemed to feel that they had received justice and so they took “justice” into their own hands. Over the next five decades or so, dozens of family members died in battle between the two families, even after they grew tired of fighting each other. And even when two of the younger generation fell in love with one another, the parent's generation kept battling, pulling the young couples apart and causing much more pain.

Is this justice or retribution? It seems sometimes we mix up the two.

When we want to cause pain, want someone else to suffer; that is retribution. While that makes the first victim feel better for a few seconds, it does nothing to improve the overall situation. But justice is not about equal opportunity pain. Justice is about lifting up the least of these to be treated as if they truly are God's children.

1 Kings 3 shares the story of the reign of Solomon and talks about wisdom. In 1 Kings 3:9, we have Solomon asking for the ability to understand between good and evil. He wants the ability to not just listen to the words of an individual but also to understand what they really want, then guide them to accept what they need.

The story climaxes just before the key verse, 1 Kings 3:28. In the preceding verse, Solomon determines which of the two women who have come to him demanding justice is the baby boy's mother. It is the one who shows unconditional love toward the child. She puts the child's welfare before her own desires. And then all of Israel

heard about the case and how Solomon ruled and they were awed by his ability to execute justice.

The difference here is one woman was willing to hurt the child, the other to do all to protect the child. Too often when we talk about justice for one group of people, it is at the expense of another group of people.

Justice requires careful consideration of the problem and the various solutions. More than just the intellect is required to truly enact justice; we have to think with our hearts as well.

Jesus showed the disciples by example how to bring about justice as they travelled together. It often began by his truly listening to the people he encountered. Listening not just with our ears, but with our whole being.

The mother who lost her baby and took her roommate's baby was depriving the other mother of her child to fulfill her own want. She did not have the child's welfare at heart. When we fight for our rights, our possessions, our time, our wants too hard, it creates an injustice for someone else. We can begin fighting injustice by being willing to share what we have, including our rights, and by giving up what we don't need.

We can start by making the effort to get to know the needs of others.

**July 22, 2012**

**“Homecoming”**

**2 Kings 8:1-6**

**I**grew up in a parsonage (actually six parsonages). My Dad served churches around Virginia, so I used to be so confused when church members asked me where home was. I thought the parsonage was home. I was not sure where this “home” place they refer to was.

Home has never been so much a place for me, but a feeling and a group of people. I think about going home to Grandma's, or going home when I visit my parents, but I also



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refer to going home at the end of the day so that I can care for my cats.

Few of the churches I attended had regular homecoming celebrations. So I was quite confused, a bit intimidated and somewhat clueless when I arrived in my first appointment to find out I was expected to not only attend, but also preach at three homecoming services within a seven-week time period. First, I couldn't figure out what I was to do to make the service "homecoming;" second, I had no idea what the message should be; and third, three?

In my defense, the conference gives all transitioning churches and pastors guidelines suggesting that to help the new pastor and congregation bond, the outgoing pastor should refrain from returning to the church she has left and should not initiate contact with those church members. My family lived this as if it were chiseled in stone.

The woman Elisha sent away to avoid the famine returned and met up with Gehazi, Elisha's servant. And in meeting again they both had a chance to remember.

I remember being in Hebrew class at Union Theological Seminary and my professor, Dr. Carson Brisson, explained the Hebrew concept of remembering. It is not just a thought. It is a mental and sometimes physical reenactment of the event that allows for a sensual recall of sights, smells, textures, sounds and tastes. It is almost a complete reliving of the event in the remembering.

Gehazi is remembering for the King the things that Elisha had done and in walks the woman, adding to the retelling. The King welcomes her and restores her property, her ability to support her family and her dignity.

Those church homecomings were filled with people sharing stories, memories, favorite foods, love, connections, grounding and sometimes more. It restored the people. It was about relationship. It was about dignity as

the older members were honored and their wisdom shared. It was about helping those who needed a helping hand to move forward.

In the 1980s, the day before homecoming, a thunderstorm rolled through as preparations were completed and folks returned to their homes. Lightning struck the building which burned faster than the volunteer fire firefighters could drive. The next morning, church members gathered for worship with a piano on the bed of a pick-up, hymnals from another church on the charge, tables and chairs from someone in the community and people who had come home and were just learning what home was as they gathered to praise God and break bread among the ashes.

Home is where God provides and gladdens the heart.

## July 29, 2012 "The Power of Fire" 2 Chronicles 19:4-11

My father's idea of an exciting Sunday afternoon in the 1970s was to pile the family in the car and go for a drive. We would travel roads just to see where they went and what was along the way. No destination, we were just enjoying the scenery.

This was not the idea of excitement for the car-sick child in the backseat who wanted to know where we were going and when would we get there!


I remember one such ride when my uncle came to visit. We all climbed in the car (with me on "the hump," the best place for a car-sick 5-year-old). As we were travelling down one of those narrow, twisty, rough and bumpy country roads, suddenly our afternoon plan changed. No longer was it just to see the countryside and have family time. My uncle had spotted smoke, then flame, coming out of a house beside the road. We stopped. And the

men went running. Children were in the house. A hot iron had fallen over on an ironing board while the mother ran next door on a quick errand. And suddenly the whole wooden-frame house was aflame. Flame came out of the roof, smoke and flame poured from the windows and door. The children were rescued, the mother ran out crying, the neighbors called the fire department, the adults tried valiantly to try to rescue furnishings (something we are now warned NOT to do). The house was lost. The family was not.

Our direction changed. Our mission did not. We were on an outing to be together to appreciate family and to see the world around us that God had made. We were doing it a little differently after being reminded of just how precious and precarious life can be. Instead of admiring the landscape, enjoying the architecture of houses and the beauty of fallow fields, we were impressed with the power of flame, the speed with which the landscape can change and the amazing way God directs our paths.

That day on the road, I forgot all about my upset stomach. I forgot how unhappy I was with yet another roadtrip. What I knew was that I had something to do. I remember going through toys and clothes with my Mom and sister as we talked about those little children and their needs. We collected items for the family and took them to them. We prayed for them. Things were not the same after that. I was reminded several times of that family and all they lost that day and all that they gained as the community gathered for support.

How often at your church do you hear the phrase: "But we've never done it that way?" Does that way focus on God and God's will? Does that way glorify God? Is that way leading you to introduce new people to Jesus?

If not, then be ready, there might just be fire alongside the road. 

# CLERGY & DIACONAL

## Deaths



**The Rev. Thomas W. "Tommy" Oder**, 93, of Reedville, died May 24, 2012. Rev. Oder served in the Virginia Conference from 1961-2007,

at Mount Moriah UMC, White Hall; Bethany UMC, Reedville; Hinton Avenue UMC, Charlottesville; and Asbury UMC, Foxwell. He is survived

by his wife of 70 years, Joy McNeil Oder; sons, Kenneth W. Oder and his wife, Cindy, of California, Larry E. Oder and his wife, Debby, of Troy, Robert H. Oder, and his wife, Debbie, of Reedville; a brother, Harry A. Oder Jr. of North Carolina; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Bethany UMC.

**The Rev. Wayne Hamilton Wiley**, 73, of Lynchburg, died May 31, 2012. Wiley grew up in Richmond



and received his BA in Philosophy from Randolph Macon College. He earned a Master in Divinity from Duke, and a Master in Theology from Union

Seminary in Richmond. At the University of Virginia, he earned a Doctor of Philosophy in History and Philosophy of Education. Wiley did post-graduate research at the University of Glasgow and served as associate pastor at St Michael's Parrish, Dumfries, Scotland. Wiley's professional career included: Assistant Professor of Education and Philosophy, James Madison University; Dean of College and Professor of Humanities, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N.C.; Central Virginia Community College, Lynchburg, where he served as chair of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Philosophy and History. He was awarded the Fulbright Scholarship, allowing study and travel throughout India in the summer of 1985. Wiley was a member of the Virginia Annual Conference, serving as pastor at Shiloh UMC, Bethany UMC, the Bedford Springs/Campbell County Charge, and as Minister of Education, First UMC, Charlottesville. Funeral services were at Fort Hill UMC.

**Esther Willis Jubilee**, the mother of the Rev. Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell, died May 13. A celebration of life service was held at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Orange. Dr. Hardman-Cromwell serves as an assistant dean at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and is a member at Trinity UMC, Alexandria District.

**Hester Kubat**, mother of the Rev. Joseph Kubat, Charlottesville District, died in Fort Worth, Texas, May 11. She was a long-time member of Mount Olivet UMC in Arlington.

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# CLERGY & DIACONAL

**Dorothy Reed "Dottie" McNeil**, of Springfield, died on May 20. She was the mother of the Rev. Tracy McNeil Wines, who serves at Vale UMC in Oakton. A memorial service was held June 5 at Springfield UMC.

**Ann Crenshaw Fox**, mother of Caitlyn Fox Bailey, died June 1, 2012. Bailey is a third-year student at Union Presbyterian Seminary and a certified candidate for ordination in the Richmond District.

## Historical marker

A newly placed Virginia Department of Transportation road sign explains the Brunswick Circuit, the oldest continuous preaching circuit in Methodism, which in the days of Bishop Asbury included many preaching sites in Virginia and North Carolina. It is located on Route 46, near Valentines, and within a half-mile of the Edward Dromgoole home, one of the sites being preserved and cared for by the Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was able to place the sign through the efforts and a generous gift from Dr. William A. Olson, a member of the Board, active preservationist and a member of Grace UMC in Manassas.



## Births

**Rev. Erich and Candice Bennett**, big sister Berkley, and big brother Jeremiah celebrate the birth of Elijah (Eli) Jon Bennett. Eli was born on April 30. Bennett is the pastor of Luray UMC.

## Weddings

**The Rev. Charlene Landes and William Mears** were married on May 30. The bride is the pastor of St. James UMC, Harrisonburg District.



**IN GOD'S CREATION:** Clergy in the Roanoke District recently held their monthly clergy meeting at the top of Cascade Falls, where they hiked up for worship.



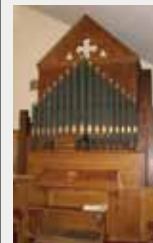
**LICENSING SCHOOL CLASS OF 2012:** The Rev. Chuck Shumate completed his fourth and final year as the dean of the annual Virginia Conference Licensing School, which is sponsored by the Board of Ordained Ministry. Forty students from Virginia and one from the Florida Conference attended, plus Issac Geoffrion, infant son of Erin, one of the students. Licensing School was held on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk and included a field trip to Camp Occahannock-on-the-Bay, Eastern Shore District, above.

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# GRACE NOTES



**Charlene Payne Kammerer**  
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## Dear Friends in Christ,

**A**fter serving 37 years as an ordained minister, it is time to embrace the retired relationship. I have found myself looking back over the years and also looking forward, all at the same time. My heart is full of gratitude for those who have accompanied me on this journey. My family, my friends, my conference relationships have all sustained me with support, love and encouragement. Most of all, God has been faithful in equipping me for each chapter of ministry service.

Memories of preaching, teaching, witnessing, baptisms, funerals, weddings, ordinations and consecrations flood my soul. The privilege of representing Christ in local churches, districts, a university campus, and three annual conferences has been a holy enterprise. None of it has been easy. Personal and family sacrifices along the way have been part of the fabric of trying faithfully to follow Christ.

The enormous blessings of gaining a new family of brothers and sisters in Christ has been a source of unending joy.

Leigh and I never wanted to move from where we had been appointed. But in each new place, we found God's gracious Spirit had gone before us, preparing the way for a new ministry and new relationships. Had we not gone, we would have refused a blessing we could not have imagined waiting for us.

When a United Methodist pastor leaves a congregation, a superintendent leaves a district, or a bishop leaves a conference, it is important to "leave well." I am doing my best to leave an office and conference in very good shape for my successor. I am grieving the impending loss of daily working relationships with people who have become my friends as well as colleagues. I am engaging intentionally in the rituals of saying "goodbye" to individuals and groups within the conference. This is what we are called to do as United Methodist pastors when we transition to a new place. I believe this present work will prepare the way for our conference to truly welcome a newly assigned bishop. I am committed to doing everything possible to help the new bishop succeed and be welcomed to a strong and vital annual conference.

"The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I  
have a goodly heritage.

You show me the path of life. In your presence there is  
fullness of joy; In your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

PSALM 16: 5,6; 11

Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

*Charlene Kammerer*

# ONE LAST WORD



I was a reserve delegate to General Conference, so I was not allowed within the bar. Unlike our Annual Conference, the bar is physically set apart by a barrier, and there are guards at every entrance to make sure that no one besides the official delegates get inside. It was an interesting feeling, being so separated for two weeks. I was one of the outsiders. The bar was enforced even during worship. Rev. Alan Combs wrote a great article about this, the travesty of separation during worship, especially since the main communion table was inside the bar, inaccessible to those of us who were outside. On the night of the Act of Repentance, after a powerful sermon, we were each invited to journey to the center of the room and pick up a stone from the ground. The act of kneeling was a sign of repentance and the stone was a physical symbol to take home as a reminder of our commitment. The stones were arranged like a river down the center of the room, both inside the bar and outside of the bar. As I approached the stone

river outside of the bar, it was already becoming clear that there were not enough stones outside of the bar. The delegates had all picked up their stones, but there were not enough for the outsiders. As I drew closer, the person guarding the bar looked at me and invited me in to pick up a stone. I stared back at him, not understanding. Didn't he know that I was an outsider? That I'm not allowed in that space? He beckoned me in. I cautiously walked inside of the bar, feeling the entire time like I was breaking the rules, intruding into a space where I was unwelcomed. A few moments after I entered the bar, the worship leader invited all of the outsiders to come inside and pick up a stone. I was the first of many. I thought it was ironic the next day when there was a photo of me in the *Daily Christian Advocate*, kneeling down to pick up a stone (above). I'm sure that the photographer got a clear shot of me because I was the first outsider allowed in. 📸

*The Rev. Kristin M. Holbrook  
is the pastor at Central UMC, Salem*



## Tweets heard 'round the conference

**Alan Combs** @thricemantis

Just found out #sisterwives is back on. This is the most I've missed cable since we got rid of it. #dont-judge

**Thomas G. James** @ThomasGJames

Red velvet cupcakes to celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the Ch[urch] @ Centreville United Methodist Church

**Bert** @bertcloud

One joy I can look forward to at licensing school is the morning worship. Nothing like Methodist clergy singing. #vaumc

**sarah sealand** @sarahsealand

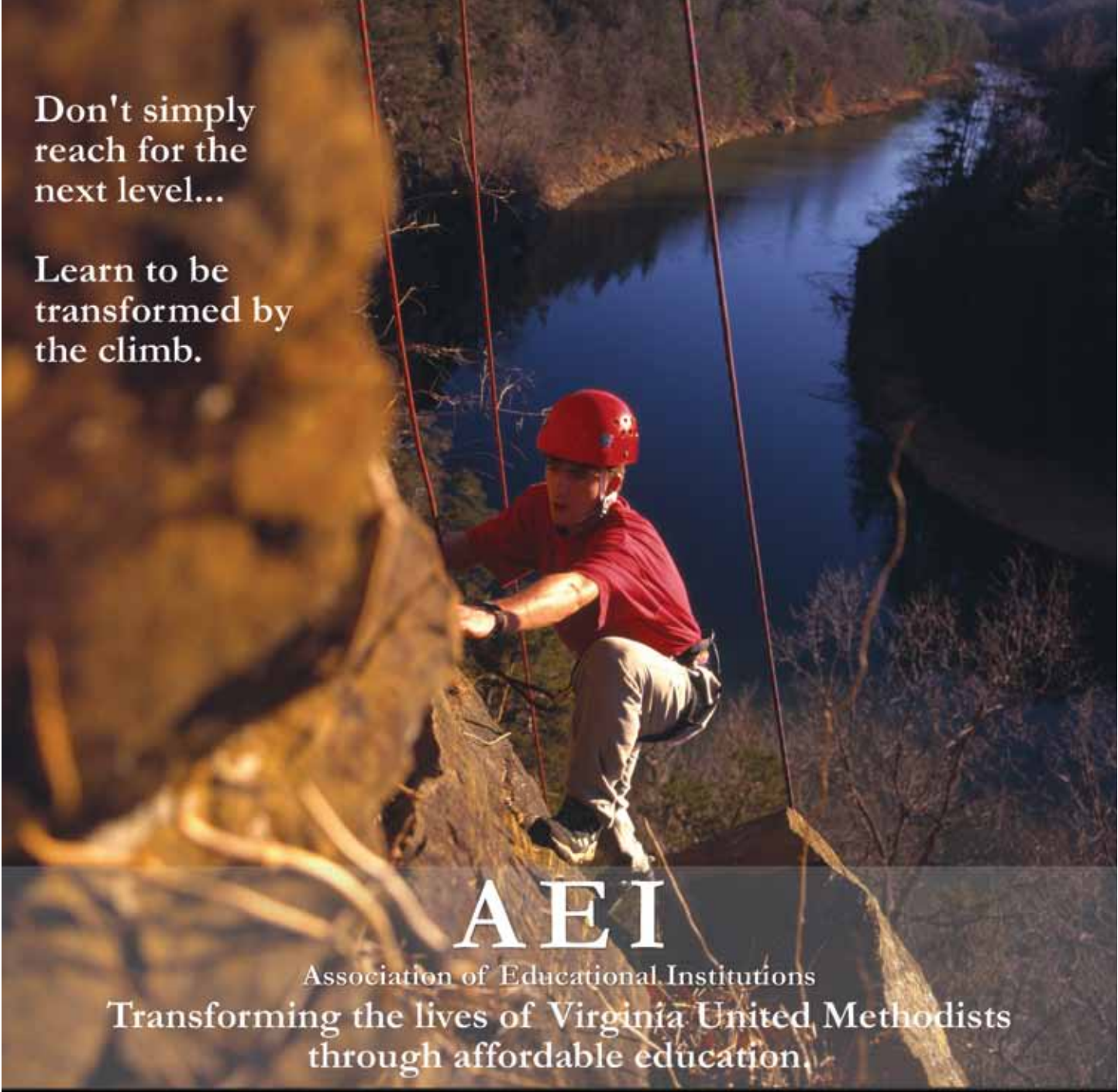
Funny, nothing in my ministry seems to have changed today even though guaranteed appts r gone it's not about the job, it's about the Kingdom

**bethgivens5** @bethgivens5

Always a good day when the sermon writing can take place on the deck.

**Kristin Holbrook** @HolbrookRev

#gc2012 I think only people named Methodists would get this worked up over structure of agencies



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