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PILLOW TALK



Madeline Pillow Fditor

Love

Yes, I was up early to watch the recent royal wedding in May. With fond memories of awakening before the birds for William and Kate's wedding, I groggily woke on May 19 to see Harry and Meghan do the same.

Excited to see who was wearing what, giggling at the farout-there hats and checking to see if Harry's exes would be in attendance, I was not expecting a prophetic voice to come from the pulpit.

Bishop Michael Curry is the first African-American presiding bishop of the American Episcopal Church, and the royal family was obviously not ready for his style of preaching.

Admittedly, I was worried about the candlesticks in front of him and how they would fare against his arm movements.

The message he shared stuck with me because it is a reminder that though a wedding, this ceremony sets a tone for the rest of the marriage. The message is not just for the couple; it is also for those in attendance in support for the couple. Marriage is also not a one-day thing. It is a union that requires work every day.

Curry's message about love was especially topical for all present at the ceremony as well as those of us who were watching.

In his sermon, he named the reality of what we all could do if love was the path we led from:

"When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mightu stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.

When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary.

When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside, to study war no more.

When love is the way, there's plenty good room – plenty good room - for all of God's children."

There is power in the simple. There is power in going back to the basics of what we say we believe. Love.

What could we do if we always acted from a place of love? We might find that those persons that we consider "difficult" could use our love more than anything else. \(\)

Madeline C. Fellow

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DISCIPLES HELPING TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD



High Street UMC, Courtland, sponsored "Ride against the Wind" on May 19, 2018. It was a wet ride, but as organizer Richard Walker said at the beginning, "It is poetic that we are riding in the rain to help those whose lives were devastated by the storms." They raised awareness and funds for UMCOR to help Puerto Rico. The UM-Men fed organizers and participants.

Mrs. Mable King, oldest living member of **Olive Branch UMC**, **Gasburg**, celebrated her 102nd birthday with other women from OBUMC on April 18, 2018.

UMFS Welcomes Gov. Northam & Del. Reid

As a child living at United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) in the 1970s, David Reid's weekly chores included pushing a lawn mower. Now, the former foster child-turned Loudoun County representative is pushing for change.

UMFS was honored to be joined in May by both Del. Reid and Gov. Ralph Northam for the signing of HB1219. Del. Reid championed the bill, which allows foster children 14 years old and up to request that their birth par-



ents regain custody.

"This is really somewhat surreal to be back here," Del. Reid said to a crowd of UMFS staff, leadership and board members. He later joked about the very dining hall in which he was speaking. "I can't tell you how many times I had to strip and wax this floor."

Del. Reid said much of his focus stems from his humble beginnings and time spent at UMFS. He said he simply wants to give back and help others reach their goals.



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"It's about making sure that other people have the same opportunities to succeed that I had," he said.

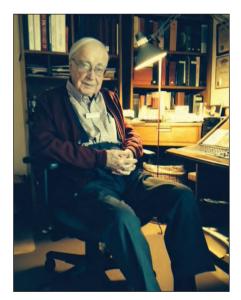
Gov. Northam commended Del. Reid for his leadership and passion, noting that his piece of legislation had passed the House and Senate unanimously.

"Having dealt with a lot of foster children, they long to know who their biological parents were and to be with them," Gov. Northam said.

Just moments before signing Del. Reid's legislation into law, Gov. Northam glanced up from the document and out into the crowd.

"I couldn't be prouder of David and to put my signature on this," the Governor said.

– Nate Madden, Communications Specialist UMFS



Happy 100th Birthday, Raymond Fitzhugh Wrenn!

Raymond Fitzhugh Wrenn, the firstborn of Raymond and Winnie Wrenn's three sons, arrived in this world on June 25, 1918. The Virginia Conference has never been the same.

Wrenn grew up and was educated in Herndon, Va., graduating valedic-

torian of his class at age 15. He won a Washington Post essay contest entitling him to a full scholarship at American University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

He was raised in Herndon Congregational Church, but in his teens became increasingly involved in Methodist church activities. He officially became a Methodist at Woolf Memorial Methodist Church on Christmas Day, 1938.

Wrenn studied to be a teacher but heard a call to the ministry. The Washington District of the Baltimore Conference licensed him to preach in 1939. He graduated from Candler School of Theology in 1942 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree (later upgraded to Master of Divinity); Randolph-Macon College awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1980. Ordained deacon in 1942 and elder in 1944, Wrenn served five pastorates: Fauquier Charge (Catlett), Christ Church (Norfolk), Wesley Memorial (Richmond), Crozet Church (Crozet) and Bethany Church (Purcellville).

From 1953 to 1968, Wrenn was executive secretary of the Northern Virginia Methodist Board of Missions, providing the leadership for building 34 churches. He then served as Conference Director of Planning for the Council on Ministries until he retired in 1982. In "retirement," Wrenn was an Adjunct Professor of Field Education at Wesley Theological Seminary for 13 years, serving two years as Director of Field Education.

Wrenn married Rena DeShazo Lynch in 1949; they were married almost 60 years upon Rena's passing in 2009. The Wrenns had three children – Richard, Elizabeth and Katharine.

Wrenn is the senior member of the Virginia Conference, and has led the

opening prayer at Annual Conference since 2009. He lives in Winchester, Va. Happy Birthday, Raymond Wrenn!



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what if...

...in response to the 2018 Annual Conference...

...our churches could end the emergency of foster youth in Virginia?

IN 2014, MORE YOUTH AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE IN VIRGINIA THAN IN ANY STATE IN THE NATION.

This is the highest risk population for poverty, unemployment, incarceration, and homelessness.

United Methodist churches are answering the call to move from transactional to transformational relationships. They are launching small groups of 6-8 people called Tables to wrap foster youth in relationship and support. Now, 32 Virginia Conference churches are invited to join this movement spreading throughout Virginia and around the country.







Tables at a Virginia United Methodist Church

The Open Table is a gospel, relational, and evidence-based model with sophisticated online training and implementation support. It has been trained in 28 states, implemented by a diversity of faith communities, and is working in partnership with counties, state, and the federal government.

Are you interested in learning how your congregation can join this Missional Movement?

Visit our website for more details and to hear stories from VA churches theopentable.org/locations/us/virginia/
Contact Angie Williams at angiewilliams@theopentable.org



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AppointmentsCLERGY

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:

AF Affiliate Member
 AM Associate Member
 DM Diaconal Minister
 DR Retired Diaconal Minister

EP Minister Recog. from other Denom. Serving UM Probation

FD Deacon in Full Connection
FL Full-time Local Pastor

LM Certified Lay Minister (Assigned by

district superintendent)

MOD Minister, Other Denom.,

Serving Ecumenical Parish

OA Associate Member, Other Annual Conf.

OD Deacon Member, Other Annual Conf.

or Other Denomination

OE Elder Member, Other Annual Conf. or

Methodist Denom.

OF Full Member, Other Denom. Provisional Member, On Loan

OR Retired FE, Other ConferencePD Provisional Deacon

PE Provisional Elder
PL Part-time Local Pastor

PM Probationary Member, '92 Disc.RA Retired Associate Member

RAF Retired Affiliate Member

RD Retired Deacon
RE Retired Elder
RL Retired Local Pastor
ROF Retired, Other Denomination

ROM Retired, Other Methodist
RP Retired Probationary/Provisional

Member

SY Lay Supply (Assigned by dist. supt.)

TBS To Be Supplied

ROLL OF THE FIRST MILE

Church names in red represent congregations that paid 100 percent of their conference and district apportionments last year. Churches in blue paid 101 percent or more. Those in green represent a 10% increase in apportionments paid from the prior year.

† - Denotes increase in Profession of Faith

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Jeffrey P. Mickle (5)

ALEXANDRIA

Beverley Hills: Deborah D. Porras (3) †Del Ray: David R. McWilliams (3) PE †Fairlington: Mary Beth Blinn (4) Associate: Devon M. Earle (4) Min. of Congregational Family Life: Christian S. White Jr. (8) FD

†Roberts Memorial: James G. Daniely (4) Saint Andrew's: James L. Johnson III (2)

Saint James: James E. Henry (27) †Trinity: Grace S. Han (1)

+Washington Street: Thomas G. James (4)

FAIRFAX

†Fairfax: David J. Bonney (4) Associate: Amy E. Grant (4)

Fairfax Second Site: Minoo W. Kim (1) PE

FAIRFAX COUNTY

†Accotink-Cana UM Mission: Joo Sup Park (11) OE

†Aldersgate: Dennis W. Perry (17)

Associate: **Emily A. Moore-Diamond** (1) PE Aldersgate Kingstowne Communion:

Michelle L. Matthews (4) PE Annandale: **Iason A. Micheli** (1)

Associate: Peter B. Kwon (2) FL Associate for Adult Discipleship:

Chenda I. Lee (2) †Burke: Jason W. Snow (3)

Associate: Katherine C. Webster (2) PE

Cameron: Oliver J. Box (6)

†Christ: John C. Speight Jr. (27) Associate: Ryan S. LaRock (3) PE Christ Online: Anthony J. Arnold (2) FL

†Cranford: Lorenzo D. Hill (14) Franconia: Melissa D. Porter-Miller (2)

†Lincolnia: Raymond A. Max-Jones (5) OE Messiah: Reginald D. Tuck (5)

Associate: **Pia L. Diggs** (1) OF

Associate: Hyun Bum "Tommy" Suh (1)FL

Associate for Welcoming: Lauren L. Geraghty (2) PL

Mount Vernon: Jay L. Campbell (1) PE †New Light: Samuel Eunkwan Kim (4) OE Rising Hope UM Mission: Keary C. Kincannon (24)

Saint George's: Steven B. Wells (6) Saint John's: Jae Woo Park (1)

†Saint Matthew's: Neil R. Hough (5)

Associate: **Nickie Moreno Howard** (1) FL Associate of Senior Adults Min. & Visitation: William E. Moberly (6) PL +Saint Stephen's: A. Mark Mrini (4) Associate: Drew VanDyke Colby (6) Associate: **Jiyeon Kim** (1) PE

Silverbrook: M. Garey Eakes (5)
Springfield: Jeffry J. Roberts (7)

†Sydenstricker: Donald A. Jamison (3) Washington Farm:

Christina M. Hart-Perkins (1) †Wesley: Lydia E. Rodriguez Colon (5) Woodlawn-Faith: Brian K. Brown (3)

FAUQUIER COUNTY

†Bethel: Faith M. Weedling (3) Orlean: James A. Leamon (15) PL Warrenton: Timothy F. Tate (3)

Associate: Monica T. Reynolds (2) PE †Wesley Chapel: Jose W. Saldana (6) PL

MANASSAS CITY

†Grace: Rudolph E. Tucker (18) Associate: Janet P. Salbert (5)

Min. of Music: C. Milton Rodgers III (18) FD

Saint Thomas: Abigail E. Foerster (1) Saint Thomas Haymarket:

Brian W. Johnson (4)

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

†Asbury: Claire B. Miller (3) PL Bethel: Joseph A. Shoop (6) Buckhall: Linda H. Monroe (8) Cokesbury: Taylor C. Mertins (2) †Dumfries: Dale E. Gillis (6) †Gainesville: John E. Patterson (22)

Associate: Sean D. Gundry (4) FL
Gainesville Bristow: J. Benson McGlone (2)

Ghana Wesley UM Mission: Emmanuel Nkrumah (9)

New Life International: John Obeng (2) PE †Good Shepherd: Sara Porter Keeling (1)

Associate: Wm. R. "Mac" McKenney (1) FL

Nokesville: Young Min Kim (2) FL
Old Bridge: Burton C. Robinson (15)
Associate: Ronald T. Lanman (10) RL
Associate: Charles M. Stribula (2) PL

†Prince of Peace: **Genevieve M. Bowles** (1) PE

†Saint Mark's: Kurt D. Ludwig (6) PL †Saint Paul: **Scott A. Beck** (1)

†Spirit & Life: Matthew J. Benton (4)

Associate for Bilingual Ministries: Peter Berberena (2) SY

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Associate for Bilingual Ministries:

Michael Finegan (2) SY

Associate for Bilingual Ministries: Mario Velez Lopez (2) SY

Sudley: Hyo Joong Lee (4)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Kim Barker-Brugman (FE)—"Soul Story Ministry"

Tonya Douce—Student, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program, University of North Florida (Fairlington)

Andrew S. Ensz—Minister Director of Arise. United College Ministries in Northern Virginia (Messiah)

Morgan Guyton—On Loan: Director, NOLA Wesley Foundation, Tulane and Loyola Universities (Burke)

I. Denise Honevcutt—On Loan: Merritt's Chapel UMC, North Carolina Conference Lucretia Hurley-Browning—Chaplain/Counselor. Abramson Cancer Center at Pennsylvania Hospital (Aldersgate)

David F. McAllister-Wilson—President, Wesley Seminary (Fairlington)

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

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

Lemuel E. Pearsall Ir.—Chaplain, US Army (Good Shepherd)

R. Kendall Soulen—Professor of Systematic Theology, Candler (Annandale)

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

ARLINGTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Catherine G. Abbott (6)

ARLINGTON

Arlington Commons: Kate H. Floyd (2) OE Arlington Forest: Alexander Duncan Jr. (3) FL Arlington Korean: Young Sung Ryu (2) PE Arlington Temple: Alison Rosner Bass (6) +Calloway: DeLishia A. Davis (2) OE

Calvary: Matthew G. Smith (5)

†Central: Sarah Harrison-McQueen (5) Minister of Health and Visitation: John H. Conway (3) PD

Cherrydale: Elizabeth A. Foss (8) Clarendon: Tracy McNeil Wines (5) Community: R. Carl Ripley Jr. (27)

+First Vietnamese-American of Greater

Wash.:Hieu D. Phan (6) Mount Olivet: Edward R. Walker (6) Associate: Teer Hardy (2) FL

Associate: leffrey H. Goodman (7) PL †Walker Chapel: Mark A. Burgess (4)

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Andrew Chapel: Matthew B. Sergent (1) Bruen Chapel: Ruth M. Burgess (11) †Centreville: William B. Montgomery II (3) Associate: Ellen LaCroix Fillette (3) PE Associate: Michelle Holmes Chaney 3) OE Charles Wesley: Martha C. Ringenbach (1) PE +Chesterbrook: Daniel D. Park (3)

*Church of the Good Shepherd:

Eric Chang-Gyoon Song (3)

†Community of Faith: Robert E. Vaughn Jr. (21)

+Culmore: Nelson J. Neil (3) PL

Associate: Elizabeth H. Neil (3) PL †Dranesville: William E. Heinzman (7) *Epiphany: Brett D. Isernhagen (3) PE

+First Korean: Sung Ho Chung (15) OE

Floris: Thomas M. Berlin (22)

Associate: Barbara Miner (13) FL Associate: Timothy L. Ward (10)

Associate: Ashley B. Allen (6) PE

Associate: John J. McGlothin (1) FL Associate: Robert N. Riggles (1) FL

†Friendship: M. Thomas Lott (3)

Associate: James E. Harrington (2) PL

Graham Road: Arum Kim (1) PE Minister of Health and Visitation:

John H. Conway (3) PD

Great Falls: Livingstone S. Dore (3)

†Herndon: Jonathan J. Page (1)

Korean of Greater Washington:

Han Sung Kim (3)

Associate: Daniel J. Cho (1) OE

Associate: Heewon Cho (2) PE

Associate: U. Tarah Lee (1) FL

†Korean of Koinonia: Young Bong Kim (3) Associate: In Yong Chung (2) PE Associate: Sunghyun Ryu (1) OE

Oakton: Dawn-Marie Singleton (7)

Pender: Catharine T. Guest (1)

Saint Luke's: Aslam Barkat (5) OR

†Sleepy Hollow: Pamela Clark Egan (16) Associate: Jennifer L. Ailstock (14) PL

†Smith Chapel: Ho Kang (1) PL †Trinity: James C. Sprouse (22)

Associate: Eileen F. Gilmer (6) FL Associate: Ki C. Lee (4)

United Christian Parish: Beth Williams (2)

Vale: Jeffrey J. Haugh (5)

Vine: D. Todd Schlechtv (10)

Associate: Melissa R. Dunlap (2) Associate: Kristen A. Beckert (3.5) OE Generational Ministries Director:

Eoi Kyung Hwang (2) FD

†Wesley: Kyungsuk Cho (3)

FALLS CHURCH

†Christ Crossman: Jung Pyo Hong (1) +Dulin: M. Davies Kirkland (19)

Galloway: James E. Page Jr. (5) FL

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Aldie-Arcola Cooperative Parish: Christopher E. Riedel (3)

Associate: Richard B. Dawson (3) RL †Aldie, †Arcola

Ashburn Korean: Hyunsik Kang (6) OE Crossroads: David A. Norman (30)

Associate: Flor Norris-Hoydilla (2) PL

Galilee: Jason B. Duley (5)

Associate: Geitra J. Mickelson (2) PL

Pleasant Valley: Eugene Kim (2) Sterling: Stephen T. Vineyard (4) Associate: Marcela M. Jarman (5) PL

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Sarah L.K. Calvert—Bi-District Coordinator for Church Revitalization and Leadership Development (Floris)

Michelle Holmes Chaney (OE)—Arlington District Coordinator for Church Development (Centreville)

Tammie E. Crews—Brigade Chaplain, US Army (Vine)

Kotosha Seals Griffin—On Loan: Pastor, St. Matthews UMC, Metairie, Louisiana Conference (Galloway)

Gary L. Hulme—President/CEO and Pastoral Counselor, Pastoral Counseling of Northern VA (Mount Olivet)

Sangkeun Kim—Professor of Mission Studies. Theology Department, Yonsei University, Korea (Korean UMC Greater Washington)

Katherine A. Malloy (PD)—Executive Assistant to the Dean and President, VA Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA (Floris)

Paul A. Nixon—New Church Development Strategist, GBOD and CEO, Epicenter Group (Arlington Temple)

Charles K. Tran—On loan: Pastor, Vietnamese Fellowship, San Jose, CA, Cal-Nev Conference (First Vietnamese)

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Danny J. Kesner (6)

ALBEMARLE COUNTY

Aldersgate: Robert J. Robertson III (3) Associate: Julie A. Nitzsche (1) PL

Batesville: Elizabeth A. Buxton (7) FL Batesville, Bethel, Mt. Olivet

Binghams: William R. Payne (16) PL

†Crozet: Sarah R. Evancho (3) Ivy Creek: Edward F. Rigg (3)

†Mount Moriah: Alan R. Follett (2) FL

†Restoration: Gregory E. Miller (2) PL

Southern Albemarle: Brian C. Lamb (1) FL

Mt. Zion. Scottsville

Trinity (N. Garden): Timothy L. Worley (4) PL West Albemarle: Benjamin F. Houchens (19) PL Browns Cove, Gentry

AMHERST COUNTY

Bethany-Sardis: Roger T. Powell (3) PL Bethany, Sardis

Mount Pleasant: Judy G. Morris (10) FL Mt. Horeb, Mt. Pleasant, Poplar

Wesleyan: Royce E. "Chip" Jones Jr. (1) SY

CHARLOTTESVILLE

First: Garv E. Heaton (1)

Associate: John Phillip Woodson (3) FL Hinton Avenue: Robert D. Lewis (7) Wesley Memorial: T. Isaac Collins (1) OP

CULPEPER COUNTY

Culpeper: I. Randall Orndorff (15) Associate: Lauren E. Wright (1) FL East Culpeper: William Michael Evans (2) FL +Hopewell, Richardsville Little Fork Circuit: Kang Uk Lee (5) leffersonton. Oak Shade. Woodland

FLUVANNA COUNTY

Byrd Chapel: Neil W. McLaughlin (5) FL Cunningham: Thomas E. Frost (10) Haden Chapel: George E. Gorman (6) AM Palmyra: George E. Gorman (6) AM +Salem: Michael W. Pettry (3) FL South Fluvanna: Rachel R. Chen (2) PL New Bethel, Seavs Chapel, Wesley Chapel

GREENE COUNTY

Greene: Samuel R. Plymale (2) FL +Mt. Vernon, South River †Stanardsville: Charles S. Winner (7) Westover: Gayle G. Johnson (1) SY

LOUISA COUNTY

Louisa: David R. Palmer (7)

†Macedonia: Stephen M. Hall (6) FL Mineral-Mt. Pleasant: Erin Geoffrion (4) PE †Mineral, Mt. Pleasant West Louisa: Jeffrey B. Smith (4) RE +Ebenezer, Lasley, Mt. Horeb

Zion: **Deborah Ann Koontz** (1) **MADISON COUNTY**

Bethel-Mountain View: James F. Lacy (8) PL Bethel, Mountain View Madison: Daniel H. Albrant (2) FL +Madison, Rose Park North Madison: David A. LeFon (6.5) Etlan, Mt. Olivet, Oak Grove Rapidan: Richard P. Grendahl (2)FL Bethsaida, Mt. Zion, Walkers

NELSON COUNTY

Bethany (Norwood): Hillary Ann Evans (1)PL Bethlehem: Edwin M. Childress (7) FL †Nelson: Hung Su Lim (2) New Faith: Gregory Payne (13) LM Rock Spring: Pamela J. Baldwin (9) FL Rodes: Lowell D. Petry (5) FL

ORANGE COUNTY

Gordonsville: Penny L. M. Pelter (1) FL Barboursville, +Gordonsville Orange Circuit: Ralph G. Satter (2) RE Bethlehem, Salem

Trinity: Joshua D. Munnikhuysen (1) FL

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

+Amissville: Maxine C. Crenshaw (8) Rappahannock: Jessica Squires Colwell (1) Flint Hill, Sperryville, +Willis Chapel

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

James H. Chandler—360 Intentionality (Cunningham)

Barry Penn Hollar—Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Shenandoah U. (Madison)

Deborah E. Lewis—Director & Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation, UVA (Wesley Memorial)

John C. Ward Jr.—On Loan: Cross Roads UMC, Huntington, WV, Western District Adam James White—Chaplain, Director of Service Learning, and Religion Dept. Chair, Virginia Episcopal School (Wesley Memorial)

DANVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Janine W. Howard (8)

DANVILLE

Danville Area Teaching Parish: Grace Design: Lauren Swanson (2) PL Moselev Memorial: Elizabeth "Lisa" A. Nordan St. Luke's: Susan M. Hannah (4) Wesley Chapel-Rock Springs: Ryan S. Ware (1) PL Rock Springs, Wesley Chapel

Fairview: Jennifer D. Coffey (3) Mount Vernon: Bart A. Fletcher (3.5) †Trinity: Bobbie J. Henley (2)

FLOYD COUNTY

Harris Chapel: Marcus C. Wood (12) PL

FRANKLIN COUNTY Bethlehem: D. Chris Bennett (10) FL Callaway Cooperative Parish: Amy E. Pannell (4) Highland, †New Hope East Franklin: Byung C. Sung (3) OE +Crafts. Penhook Fork Mountain: G. David Williams (2) PL Gogginsville: Kathryn F. Budzik (5) FL Pleasant Hill: James R. Rodden (3) Red Valley: Jaeyong Song (2)

†Redwood: Bradley S. Dulaney (10) Minister of Community Outreach: Susan M. Hughes (6) PD

†Rocky Mount: William J. Waller (3) Dir. of Music Ministries/Organist: Lynn Meeks (23) DM

St. James (Ferrum): Mary S. White (11) RE Upper Franklin Cooperative Parish: Anthony C. Budzik (2) FL Flint Hill. Ovler's Chapel. Rehoboth

Washington Cooperative Parish: Kelvin A. Edwards Sr. (2) FL Associate: Jeffrey T. White (2) PL Burnt Chimney, Epworth, Halesford

West Franklin: BaeSick 'Peter' Choi (6) †Bethany, Maple Grove

HENRY COUNTY

Axton: Amanda B. Harris (2) FL Beckham, Carroll Memorial, Irisburg Fieldale-Mount Bethel Cooperative Parish: Janet F. Grissett (2) †Fieldale, Mount Bethel

Henry County Cooperative Parish:

Timothy Barth (1) FL Bassett Memorial, Chatham Heights †Pleasant Grove: Gi-il "Gil" Lee (3) PE

+Smith Memorial: Kameron M. Wilds (4) Stanleytown: David A. Westmoreland (5) FL Two County Cooperative Parish: Timothy V. Satterfield (2) FL Associate: Jeffery Rhea (1) SY Anderson Chapel, Bethel, Cascade, Granbery, Ridgeway

MARTINSVILLE

†First: Keith E. Ritchie (7) Wesley Memorial: Timothy W. Gearheart (4) FL

PATRICK COUNTY

East Patrick: W. Mark Clayton (15) FL Concord, Nettle Ridge †Fellowship: Monte Mitchell (7) MOD Meadow: David Gaylor (1) PL Mountain View: Terry F. Martin (14) PL North Patrick: Sandra L. Wright (9) FL Ross Harbour, Woolwine Providence: Keith L. Vernon (5) FL Salem: John B. Franklin (7) FL Stuart: Thomas B. Shepherd (12) West Patrick: Tammy P. Franklin (6) PL

†Creasey's Chapel, New Hope PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Brosville: Intek Oh (3) OE Calvary-Kerns Memorial: Christopher Donald (2) Calvary, †Kerns Memorial Concord-Mt. Pleasant Cooperative Parish: Tobias B. Lutz (4) FL Concord, Mount Pleasant

†Floral Hills: Winston L. Crichlow (6) RE Harmony: Robert F. Hardy IV (19) FL †Hopewell: Ronnie Tote (1) SP Mount Olivet: Jimmy D. Calhoun (5) OF Oakland: Jon M. Woodburn (6) FL Swansonville: Linwood G. Cook (8) RE †Watson Mem. (Chatham): Blair O'Quinn (1) FL Whitmell-St. John's Cooperative Parish:

Wayne C. Moore (4) St. John's, Whitmell

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Barry Scott Foster—Pastor, Moravian Church in America, Southern Province (TBD) Elizabeth "Lisa" A. Nordan (FL) – Danville District Communities Coordinator Jan Nicholson-Angle (AF)—Dean of the Chapel, Ralph K. Hawkins—Assoc Professor and Chair,

Dept of Religion, Averett University

DIACONAL, DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER

Lynn Meeks (DM)—Rocky Mount UMC, Director of Music Ministries/Organist Elizabeth "Lisa" Nichols (DC)—Exec. Dir./Church and Community Worker, Henry Fork Service Center (Redwood)

EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Alexander B. Joyner (5)

ACCOMACK COUNTY

Accomack Cooperative Parish:

William A. Greer (4) FL

Drummondtown, Metropolitan

Cashville Cluster: Roland D. Major (2) PL Andrew Chapel, Leatherbury, Riverview

Adams-Bloxom Mission Cooperative Parish:

Gregory L. Duncan (4) PL

Adams, +Bloxom Mission

Belle Haven-Bethel: Paul Donghwan Oh (5) PE

Belle Haven, Bethel

Calvary: Barbara Justis (4) LM

Christ (Chincoteague): Joseph D. Carson (2)

Coastal Charge: Hodae Kim (1) FL

Atlantic, Assawoman, Downings

Craddockville: Robert I. Kelly (7) FL

Grace (Parkslev): C. Alan Layman (2)

Greenbackville:TBS

Signpost, Union

Guilford: Hveon Ho Lee (4)

Guilford, St. Thomas

Hallwood: James R. Maddox (7) RE

Market Street: I. Barton Weakley (5)

Melfa: Kenneth G. Swick (1) ROF

New Beginnings: Fred O. Okello (2) OF

New Hope: Deborah W. Killough (1) RL

Evergreen, Harborton, †Mears Memorial

Ocean View: Sallye H. Bowen (14) RE

Onley: Charles W. Parks III (19) AM

Pittsville-Pocomoke-Wattsville:

W. Maury Enright (5) RL

Pittsville, Pocomoke, Wattsville

+Saint John's (Atlantic): Gary C. Miller (32) AM

Sanford-Saxis: William C. Jefferson (8) PL

Sanford, Saxis

Seaside: Curtis D. Lucy (3) FL

Painter-Garrisons, Smiths Chapel, Oak Grove

Snead Memorial (Wachapreague):

James S. Nock (13) PL

Swain Mem. (Tangier):

Nona Rust Floyd Allen (1) FL

†Woodberry: E. Wayne Johnson (1) PL

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Cape Charles-Capeville: Linda H. Lowe (2)

Capeville, Trinity

Cheriton: Virginia Greer (1) SY

Travis Chapel: Veronica G. Barrell (1)

Epworth (Exmore): Mikang Kim (6)

Franktown: Judith G. Worthington (5)

Johnsons: Clarence W. Bowen Jr. (20) RE New Mission: Harold E. White (14) FL

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Verónica Barrell—Executive Director, Una

Familia (Market Street)

Brenda Lee Laws (FD)—Case Manager, Intellectual Disabilities Services, ESCSB (New

Beginnings)

Robert B. Lloyd Jr.—On Loan: Aiea UMC, Cal-Pac Conference

ELIZABETH RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: M. Wayne Snead (5)

CHESAPEAKE

Covenant: Franklin T. Jennings (18)

†Deep Creek: Michael W. Plasters (6)

Good Hope: Mark E. Christian (22)

†Great Bridge: Timothy P. Craig (6)

Associate: Amanda S. Webber (5)

Pastor of Discipleship Min.: Jessica L. Hargrove (2) FD

†Hickory: Thomas L. Mercer Sr. (30)

Indiana: Waverly "Smitty" C. Smith III (1) RL

† | olliff: Brandon T. Nichols (1)

Assistant to Pastor: James W. Jones (5) LM

Messiah: Robert G. Robinson (3)

+Mount Pleasant: Robert M. Pihlcrantz (13) FL

New Creation: C. Randolph Duncan (4)

Associate: Stephanie Kimec Parker (6)

†Oak Grove: H. Frank Holley (7)

Associate: Saundra L. Butts (2) PL

Oaklette: Timothy D. Hazlett (8)

Portlock: Andrew H. Schwartz (2) FL

Resurrection: Jesus N. De Los Santos (3) OE

†Saint Paul's: Sonja Frye Oliver (2) FL

CURRITUCK COUNTY. NC

†Knotts Island: Diana L. Johnson (7) PL

NORFOLK

Aldersgate: Lee I. Crosby (3) FL

+Christ: Derek P. Koolman (7)

Epworth: Luis E. Alderman (5)

First: Megan I. Saucier (1)

†Ghent: Melody P. Tanner (4)

Larchmont: Scott M. Rimer (12)

Associate: Randall T. Timmerman (3) PE Miles Memorial: David A. Goodpasture (3)

Norfolk: Sherry L. Daniels (13)

Associate: Carolyn J. Graves (8) PL

†Norview: Paul L. Phillips (1) RE

The Garden: Christa M. Springstead (1)

†Wesley Grace: Robert J. Berghius (1)

PORTSMOUTH

Centenary: John W. Cole II (5)

Community-St. Mark: R. Kirk Culpepper (17) FL

Community, †Saint Mark

Crossroads: Lynda D. Moore (1)

Monumental: H. Celeste Heath (1)

†Saint Andrew's: James Bowers (1) PE

SUFFOLK

Beech Grove: Keith D. Moore (9)

Ebenezer: Won Gyu Lee (3)

Virginia Korean: Kwon Hong Min (2) PE

English Pastor: Bonnie J. Whitehurst (5) SY

†Wesley Chapel: Devon M.K. Blair (1) FL

VIRGINIA BEACH

Baylake: Clark D. Cundiff (4)

†Bethel: Barbara J. St. Jean (5) PL

†Charity: David Ryu (3) FL

Community: Matthew Meisenhelter (2)

Associate: Brian T. Boettcher (4) FL

†Courthouse Community: Elizabeth S. Anderson (3) Foundry: Sandra Benton Plasters (2)

Francis Asbury: Edward S. Martin Jr. (10)

Haygood: Tammy L. Estep (5)

+Heritage: Michelle D. Louk (3)

Light of Hope: David L. Cunningham (1)

†Princess Anne Plaza, Saint Luke's

Lynnhaven: Brandon P. Robbins (1)

Memorial: Larry J. Edmonds (5)

†Nimmo: Brandon L. Gilmore (4)

†Saint Andrew's: Jeffrey A. Witt (3)

Salem: Nancy M. Vaughn (1) FL **†Sandbridge Community Chapel:**

Mary Sullivan-Trent (2) PE

Tabernacle: Jack E. Davis (23)

†Thalia: E. Joseph T. Varner (3) FE

†The Gathering at Scott Memorial:

Rachel M. Gilmore (3)

Virginia Beach: Mark A. Miller (2)

Associate: Matthew G. Potter (2) PE

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Frank P. Decker—Vice-President, TMS Global (GA) (Community, Portsmouth)

Iames R. Driscoll—Operations and Mobilization Chaplain, Army Chief of Chaplains Office

Joel M. LeMon—Associate Prof. of Old Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University (Ebenezer)

Patricia S. Money—On loan: Jason Lee Memorial UMC, Blackfoot, Idaho, in the Oregon-Idaho

Annual Conference (Haygood) **TBD**—Ignite Wesley Foundation at ODU

Brent M. Seusy—Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (New Creation)

Iason C. Stanley (FD)—District Church Revitaliza-

tion Coordinator, Elizabeth River District Gregory B. West—Chaplain, Virginia Wesleyan

University (The Gathering at Scott Memorial) Dirk Anthony Wooten (PE) —On loan: Grove Ave UMC, Johnstown, PA, Western Pennsylvania Conference (Virginia Beach UMC)

DIACONAL. DEACONESS & HOME

MISSIONER Laarni S. Bibay (DC)—Children Health Advocate/ Medical Mission Project Coordinator, Tidewater

Pediatrics, Portsmouth (Resurrection) Haniel Garibay (HM)—Cross Cultural Common Witness Coordinator, Methodist Federation for

Social Action (Resurrection) Olma Eleanor Garibay Olay-May (DC)—Multi-Ministry Director, Resurrection UMC (Resurrection)

Anselma "Emma" Samson (DC)—Coordinator for Leadership Development for Church and Community, Resurrection UMC (Resurrection)

FARMVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Robert J. Parks Jr. (8)

AMELIA COUNTY

Amelia: Calvin "Callie" Walker (3) PL Trinity-Latino: Ivelisse M. Torres (1) SY

†Tabernacle, Trinity

Journey: Michael T. Davis (8) AM

North Amelia: Linda D. Hudgins (1) FL Epworth, Jetersville, +Salem

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Memorial: Russell M. Cheatham (9) Pamplin: Marsha L. Davis (3) FL

Centenary, Evergreen, Pamplin, Piney Ridge

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brodnax: Co-Pastor, Paul A. Beighley (7) RE Co-Pastor: Pamela G. Pickard (5) PL *Bethany, Brodnax Lawrenceville: John R. Jones Sr. (7) North Brunswick: Beniamin H. Taylor III (6.5) PL Antioch, +Lebanon

†Prospect: Kenneth L. Thrasher (12) FL South Brunswick: Randall S. Williams (4) FL Olive Branch, +Rock

West Brunswick: Hyo Gyum "James" Kim (2) OE +Bethel, +Macedonia

BUCKINGHAM COUNTY

Buckingham: Rebecca L. Trovalli-Cook (5) FL †Browns Chapel, Hanes Chapel, Rocky Mt. Dillwvn: Billv E. Swan (12) FL Bethel, Salem, White Hall James River: Paul D. Larrimore (1) OF

†Arvonia, Centenary, †Glenmore

West Buckingham: George K. Schaefer (3) PL Mt. Tabor, Trinity, Woodland

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Charlotte: Christine L. Holly (1) FL Charlotte C.H., +Hebron, +Lebanon, Mt.

Keysville: Ohhwan "Freedman" Kim (2) FL Mt. Carmel-Phenix: Michael W. Teixeira (16) FL +Mt. Carmel, +Phenix New Hope-Southall Memorial:

Song "Philip" Hong (2) OE

New Hope, Southall Memorial

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Antioch: John M. Kelley (1) PL Cumberland: Jerry E. Drinkard Jr. (4) PL Hobsons Chapel, Payne Memorial

Oakwood: James O. Radford (1) RE

†Thomas Chapel: Richard L. Bucher (13) RL

HALIFAX COUNTY

Cherry Hill: Patricia L. Neilsen (6) RL East Halifax: Kerry L. Halbert (5) OF Clover, Scottsburg

Glenwood: Betty D. Marshall (2) RL Glenwood, Olive Branch

Halifax-Union Cooperative Parish: Kenneth T. Decker Jr. (2) FL

+Halifax, Union

Main Street: S. Wayne Rickman (3) McCanless Memorial: Joe D. Trickey Jr. (6) PL McKendree-Asbury: James F. Brown (5) FL +Asbury, McKendree

Mount Cana: A. Randolph Holmes (14) FL Mount Laurel: Don R. Pizzeck (17) Shady Grove: Shayne V. Estes (4) South Halifax: Bonnie G. Pizzeck (8) PL

Cedar Grove, Harmony

LUNENBURG COUNTY

Kenbridge: Timothy A. Beck (11) Lunenburg: Eduardo A. Carrillo (2) FL

†Antioch, Williams

Plantersville: Ralph 'Red' L. Moore (15) LM

Victoria: Randall J. Kiel (1) FL

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

Centenary (Chase City): Larry A. Lehman (3) PL Easters: Jeffery P. Clemens (2) RL LaCrosse: Jerry B. Malone (3) PL Lake Area Teaching Parish +Boydton: Raleigh M. Felton III (1) SY +Jamieson Memorial: John A. Bright (6)

Lakeland: Michael G. Day (10) FL

Kingswood, Rehoboth

North Mecklenburg: Michael D. Blythe (2) SY +Salem. +Shiloh

Providence-Trinity: Jody R. Jessup (4) OR Providence, Trinity (South Hill) Rehoboth: Ralph 'Red' L. Moore (6) LM Sardis: Linda K. Betit-Buck (3) PL **†South Hill**: Brian D. Siegle (4) **†Union Chapel:** John E. Conner (6) RE West Mecklenburg: James H. Fry III (1) PL Ephesus, Fields, Friendship

NOTTOWAY COUNTY

Zion: Robert I. Ledbetter (3) LM

Burkeville: Lisa S. Meyers (5) FL +Bethel, Wards Chapel

†Crenshaw: Nadeem A. Khokhar (1) FL Crewe: Laney S. Spigener Jr. (1) East Nottoway: Randy L. Baisey (1) FL

Butterwood, Grace, Rocky Hill Nottoway: Dan E. Walker (2) RL Bethel St. John's

Nottoway-Lunenburg: Michael A. Johnson (6) FL

Laurel Hill, St. Mark's, Thrifts Chapel

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

Farmville Area Teaching Parish: Farmville: Michael P. Kendall (6) Min. of Youth: Lvndsie N.K. Blakelv (7) FD Meherrin: Kyla M. Silver (3) SY Prospect: Michael E. Harris (2) SY Olive Branch, Prospect, Smyrna Prince Edward: Evelyn L. Penn (2) FL Beulah, Mt. Harmony, Mt. Pleasant

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Charles F. Baber Ir. (FD)—On-loan: Associate Pastor, Highland UMC, Raleigh, NC, North Carolina Conference (Oakwood) lustin A. Hicks—Campus Minister/Director, Wesley Foundation, Longwood and Hampden-Sydney (Farmville)

T. McKennon Shea—Major Gifts Officer. Duke Divinity School (Farmville)

HARRISONBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Victor R. Gomez (1) Annex-Crimora: Gayle Thornberry (4)

Annex, Crimora

Bethany: John E. Lock (3)

Harriston-Mt. Bethel: I. Cameron Carte (4) PL

Harriston, Mt. Bethel

Mount Pisgah: John Crawford III (14.5) RE Congregational Care & Visitation:

P. Mardy Marston (8) LM

Mount Zion (Mt. Solon): A. Al Tuten (3) PL

†New Hope: Shin Woo Hong (3) +Parnassus: Victoria L. Barb (7) FL

†Sangersville: Gary M. Monroe (8) PL

†Verona: Robert J. Weeks (8)

Associate: Shawna N. Hiner (1) FL Weyers Cave: Margaret M. Packard (9) FL

HARRISONBURG

†Asbury: Stephen D. Hay (6) Associate: Robert E. Talbott (10) FL John Wesley: Costella Forney (1) SY Otterbein: Adam L. Blagg (5) Associate: Faith E. Fowler (1) PL RISE: Amanda Miller Garber (9)

PAGE COUNTY

†Luray: Erich D. Bennett (8) Page: Laura Whittle Stratton (6) Shenandoah: Jonathan J. Lamb (2) PE Christ. Fields Shenandoah Circuit: Ellen H. Martin (10) PL +Grove Hill, +Oak Grove

Stanley: Anne M. Sisson (2) FL

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

Blue Ridge: Richard R. Robertson (2) FL Assistant: Michael W. Miller (2) SY Furnace, Hensley, Jolletts, Mt. Pleasant

Bridgewater: Stephen R. Creech (3) Associate: James A. Harris (9) RE

Clover Hill: Sarah C. Bailey (1) FL †Dayton: A. Bruce Carper (3)

Elkton: Debra A. Powell (2)

†Evangelical: Larry Jent (1)

Fellowship-Linville-Edom:

Marlene A. Chandler (5) FL Edom. Fellowship. Linville

First (Timberville): C. Edward Pruitt (2) RE

Fulks Run: Darin M. Buse (3) FL

+Caplingers, +Mt. Carmel, Riverside

Grottoes: Brian E. Posey (5) PE Keezletown: T. Ioel Robinette (7) Massanutten: Steven L. Bird (2) RE

East Point, Mt. Zion, St. Peter's, Trinity McGaheysville: James R. Wingert (6)

Mount Clinton: Kevin C. Poeckert (2) FL Mount Crawford: Russell L. Heinrich (7) FL

Mt. Crawford, Mt. Sidney

Mount Horeb: Isaac E. Harper (14) PL

Mount Tabor: Kevin D. McMullen (1) FL Mountain Valley-Cedar Grove: Mary J. Lock (2) Associate: Janet L. Davis (2) PL

Cedar Grove, †Mountain Valley

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*Port Republic: James W. Joyner (5) +St. James (Pleasant Vly): Carrie L. Talbott (6) FL St. Paul: Sue H. MacTavish (2) PL Singers Glen: Debra C. Cline (2) Cherry Grove, Donovan Memorial Sunset Dr. (Broadway): E. Thomas Murphy Ir. (3) RE **†Vision of Hope:** David M. Burch (13)

SHENANDOAH COUNTY

Christian Newcomer: Luther Edwin "Nip" Crites Jr. (10) OE Christian Newcomer, Mt. Hebron Columbia Furnace-Union Forge: W. Glen Early (4) AM Columbia Furnace, +Union Forge Edinbura: Eugenie Finn-McKenzie (2)

St. John's, †Wesley Chapel Fort Valley: John W. Senters (3) PL +Oak Level. White Chapel +Manor Memorial (New Market):

Bass M. Mitchell (2)

Mount lackson: Darwin G. Edwards (3) PE +Mt. Jackson, Quicksburg

Mt. Olive-Shiloh: Kathleen W. Haynes (5) †Mt. Olive, Shiloh

Mount Pleasant: F. Darlene Wilkins (4) PE Assistant: Lisa Coffelt (4) LM Hawkinstown, Mt. Clifton, Mt. Hermon, Otterbein Chapel

Mt. Zion (Strasburg): Alvin West (1) PL Mt. Zion (Woodstock): John Cooper (1) SY Strasburg: John B. Haynes Jr. (5)

†Toms Brook: Stanley A. Thompson (4) †Woodstock: Robert N. Hoskins Jr. (6)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Thomas W. Crosby—Executive Director, Camp Overlook (Sunset Drive) Iulie Ann Haushalter—Director, Lavender Center for Education and Retreats (Vision of Hone)

Robert O. Iones Ir.—On Loan: Fairbanks UMC, Alaska Missionary Conference D. Brent Levy —On loan: Christ UMC (Chapel Hill), North Carolina Conference

IAMES RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Sylvia S. Meadows (1)

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Brunswick: Ruth A. Collins-Dinger (7) RL Edgerton, Pelhams, Pleasant Grove Philadelphia: Brian Mallary (3) FL Ebenezer, Matthews Chapel, Philadelphia

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Ivey Memorial: Anita E. Mays (2)

Bermuda Hundred: Michael Dettmer (3) †Bethia: James H. Carey Jr. (21) Centenary: Joseph E. Hammond Jr. (1) RA Chester: Clara P. Gestwick (1) Associate: Patrick S. Pillow (4) FL **†Ettrick**: Bobby H. Lamb (9) RA Hopewell: Mark D. Richardson (5)

Matoaca: Richard S. Gordon (8) Trinity: Teresa M. Keezel (8)

Wesley Chapel: Michelle E. Lindsey (9) †Wood's: Andrew Ware (2) PE

COLONIAL HEIGHTS

Highland: Joseph T. Carson III (2) Associate: Maggie Hasselbach (2) FL Wesley: L. Raymond McGarr (6)

DINWIDDIE COUNTY

+Asbury: S. Karen Workman (12) FL †Carson: Mary K. Dadisman (1) Crawford: Craig A. Buxton (1) PL †Kenwood: Melody A. Duncan (1) FL †Lebanon: Steven E. McMillion (4) +Ocran: R. Lawrence House (10) Rocky Run: Bryan L. Carper (3.5) PL South Dinwiddie Hope: S. Ray Watson (4) PL Mansons, Mount Olivet Twin Grove: Michael Tolbert (2) FL Oak Grove, Smiths Grove

West Dinwiddie: Pennie M. Fov (1) PL Corinth, Trinity, White Oak

EMPORIA

Main Street: Thomas E. Durrance (3) Monumental: Rachel Plemmons (3) PE

GREENSVILLE COUNTY

Centenary (Jarratt): Richard C. Franklin Jr. (4) PL Greensville: Joellen M. Simmons (6) PE +Independence, Mt. Pleasant

HOPEWELL

†First: J. Christopher Andress (5) †Wesley: Jacob H. Sahms (3)

PETERSBURG

Saint Mark's: Gerald L. Wicker (3) PE Trinity: Robin M. Jones (2) PL Washington Street: Thomas F. Lester (3) PL

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY

Prince George Cooperative Parish: Michael Baugham (4) FL Associate: Deborah F. Baugham (2) PL Blandford, +Garv's, Salem Prince George: Gilbert M. Elder (6) FL †Newville, Salem Sycamore: DeWayne A. Duncan (6) Trinity (Disputanta): Stephen P. King (5)

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY

Boykins: Kyle Bass (2) SY +Boykins, Branchville, Persons

Capron: Frederick C. Brockhausen III (1) FL Associate: David Everett (4) SY Capron, Drewryville, Joyner, Vincents Grv

†Courtland: William L. McClung Jr. (1) Grace Memorial: William H. Sloan (2) PE High Street: Nathan A. Decker (4) Newsoms: Penny G. Rasnake (1) FL Barnes, Newsoms

SUFFOLK

†Magnolia: Michael W. Harrington (5) FL Main Street: Richard L. Meiser Jr. (1)

Oxford: Rita Kanten (2) RL

Providence: Garland K. Hines (9) RE †Somerton: John E. Meservey (1) PL Whalevville: John E. Meservey (6) PL

SUSSEX COUNTY

Fort Grove: R. Shaun Smith (2) PL Rockv Hock-Ivor: Clifton D. Fritzinger (9) PL Ivor, Rocky Hock **†Concord**: Brian J. Simmons (6) Lebanon: Donna B. Smith (4) PL **†Sharon**: James H. Harrison Jr. (4) FL +Wakefield: Glenn Riggs (3) FL Waverly: Steven C. Snodgrass (4) FL

SURRY COUNTY

+Claremont: Sheena A. Laine (1) SY Surry: Raymond G. Rowland (29) Carsley, Oak Grove, †Surry

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Delano Douglas (FL)—Director, Wesley Foundation, Virginia State University (Ettrick) J. Stanley Hargraves—Registrar, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Chester)

Anthony Hunley—Chaplain, U. S. Army, Fort Lee, Virginia (Indiana Conference)

Robin C.M. Jones (FL)—Director of the Spiritual Care Program, Jackson-Feild Homes (Trinity, Petersburg)

Andrew H. Book (FE)—James River District Director of Congregational Excellence Donna B. Smith (FL)—Chaplain, Greensville Correctional Center (Lebanon, Sussex)

R. Shaun Smith (FL)—Dendron Mission Center Coordinator (Lebanon, Sussex) John D. White (FD)—Autism Teacher, Ches-

terfield County Schools (Trinity/ Chester-

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Scott E. Davis (3)

AMHERST COUNTY

†Amelon: Mark A. Tinsley (1) OF Emmanuel: Nancy Coleman Johnson (6) FL Mt. Tabor-Smyrna: Joyce G. Austin (11) LM Mt. Tabor, Smyrna

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Appomattox Circuit: John E. Flood (1) FL Mt. Comfort, †Trinity Bethel: Nancy G. Engle (2) SY

BEDFORD

Main Street: Richard H. Ecklund (5) Associate: William P. Greer (3) RL

BEDFORD COUNTY

Bellevue: R. Kent Wise (2) Bethany, †Oakland Bethesda-Patmos Cooperative Parish: Richard L. Barton (3) Bethesda. Patmos Bethlehem (Moneta): David W. Lord (12) Assistant to Pastor: Susan M. Hughes (2) PD Center Point-Salem: William R. Clark (7) PL Center Point, Salem

Cove: Kevin D. Yarnell (2) SY

Ebenezer-Otterville: Mark A. Wilkerson (14) LM Ebenezer, Otterville

Emmaus-Leesville: Edward F. Sheehan (6) FL †Emmaus, Leesville

†Epworth (Thaxton): June C. Carpenter (3) Forest-Forest Road Cooperative Parish:

Sue W. Keen (1) PL Forest, Forest Road

Kelly Circuit: Mark W. Tucker (3) PL

Mt. Zion, New Hope

Lebanon: Steven D. Parker (9) RA **†Mountain View**: Steven L. Propst (10)

Otter: TBS

Ephesus, Nicopolis

Peaksview: Russel K. Alden (3) PL Hickory Grove, †Wilsons Shiloh-Mt. Olivet Cooperative Parish:

Charles E. Johnson Jr. (7) PL Shiloh, Mt. Olivet

Union: Denny Van Aalsburg (2) SY

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Bethany: Jennifer V. Moore (4) FL Bethlehem (Concord): Daniel R. Dibble (9) PL Bethlehem, Early's Chapel

Brookneal: Willie B. Guill (2) RE +Calvary: Michael W. Miller (10) PL

Huddleston-Mt. Horeb: Jane L. Whitehead (2) PL

Huddleston, Mt. Horeb

Indian Hill: James D. Stevens (5) ROF Lane Memorial: Benjamin E. Horrocks (3)

Mt 7ion: Steve Kidd (1) SY Mead Memorial: Keon Huh (2)

+Mount Hermon: Dawn Compton (4) FL New Hope-Sharon: Richard A. Daily (4) RE

New Hope, Sharon

Providence-Whites: George Jack Davis (5) FL Providence, Whites

Rustburg: Sung Woon Yoo (7)

+Salem: Charles E. Schooler (21) FL

Timberlake: Bradley A. McMullen (3) Wesleybury: William A. Smith (7) SY

West Campbell: Marcia K. Huntsman (4) **†Evington, Lambs**

LYNCHBURG

†Boonsboro: Amy Beth Coleman (3) +Centenary: R. Douglas Gunsalus (5)

Chestnut Hill: Elizabeth W. Ecklund (3)

Christ Community Fellowship/Monroe: Yo Sep Nam (2) SY

Christ's Community Fellowship, Monroe

Court Street-Marsh Memorial:

William Turner Burleigh (11) FL †Court Street, Marsh Memorial

Fairview-New Bethel: Phillip C. Showers (12) FL

Fairview. New Bethel **†Fort Hill:** Ronald A. Litten (3)

Minister of Music and Congregational Care: Janet D. Hawkins (19) FD

†Heritage: Paul S. Baker (3)

Associate: Robert F. Michalides (2) FL +lackson Street: Reason A. Chandler (6) FL

Peakland: John N. Vest (6)

Tyreeanna: James W. Martin (19) RL

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Anderson Memorial (Gretna):

Sharon L. Forbes (5)

Fowler Memorial: Debra A. Straughter (1) PL

Bethany-Ebenezer, Mt. Airv

†Hurt: Robert J. Thorne (7) RA

Mount Airy: Kyle D. Uselton (4) SY

Providence, †Republican Grove, St. Andrew New Bethel-Motley: M. Stephen Morris (3) FL

Motley New Bethel

*Pavneton: Harold E. Thornton (3) RE

Siloam: Blair O'Quinn (1) FL

Smith Mountain:

+Mt. Zion: Rodnev Newbill (3) SY New Ridgeway: Ricky R. Scott (4) SY

Zion: David P. Edinger (4) FL

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Ashlev Abarca-Mitchell (FE)— Building Lives Foundation

Dori Baker—Senior Fellow for Research and Learning at the Forum for Theological Exploration (Peakland)

Marc D. Brown—Director of Connectional Ministries. Virginia Conference (Emmanuel)

Ray A. Buchanan—Founder and International President, Stop Hunger Now, Inc. (Bedford Circuit)

Benjamin D. Burks—Executive Director of Brandon Oaks (Bethlehem)

Jennifer Vestal Moore (FL)—Chaplain, Randolph College

Leigh Anne Taylor (FD)—District Revitalization Coordinator

RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Theodore Smith (8)

CAROLINE COUNTY

+Bethel: Angela Kittrell (3) PL

Bowling Green: Carol Seeley (2) OF

Caroline: Mark A. Lawrence (6) PL

Mt. Vernon. +St. Paul's Hopewell: Lou Woolner (11) PL

+Rehoboth: Christopher Watson (4) PE

Shiloh: Jarvis Bailey (3) PL

Wrights Chapel: Charles Tillapaugh (27)

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex-King & Queen: George M. Warner Sr. (4) Lebanon, Providence, Trinity

†Tappahannock Memorial:

Loretta A. Benninghove (2)

FAUQUIER COUNTY

Cedar Run: J. Stephen Little Jr. (8) FL

Trinity, Weslevan

Grace (Hartwood): Brenda Lee Pusso (9) Liberty: Robert A. Almy (1) FE Midland: Barbara H. Jamieson (6) RL

†Morrisville: Elizabeth S. Glass (5)

Mount Horeb: Gayle D. Porias (9) Remington: Walter W. Westbrook (7)

FREDERICKSBURG

Fredericksburg: Gina Anderson-Cloud (1) Associate: Joshua M. Hagstrom (1) FL Pastor of Congreg. Care: TBS Hillcrest: Justin L. Williams (9) FL

KING AND OUEEN COUNTY

Mizpah: Betty Jo Sims (13) PL Shepherds: Ellis H. Gayle (2) PL

KING GEORGE COUNTY

†Dahlgren: Thomas G. Lee Sr. (4) Fletchers Chapel: Michael B. Reaves (7) †Trinity: Susan M. Reaves (7)

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

Epworth: Jonathan B. Baker (7) PL McKendree: Betty Jo Sims (2) PL

LANCASTER COUNTY

Asbury: lack T. Bailey (5) PL Bethel-Emmanuel: Tae Won Kang (3) Bethel, Emmanuel

Irvington: Jesse C. Blythe (1) PL **†Kilmarnock:** Penny P. Cory (6) White Stone: L. Bryan McClain (11)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Bethany (Reedville): Derek E. Tomek (2) FL Bluff Point: Jack T. Bailey (5) PL Galilee: Carl L. Perez (4)

+Heathsville: Rebecca L. Minor (8)

Henderson: Han Yi (1) FL

Melrose: Kathy B. Gochenour (3) Mila-Wicomico: Donna M. Blythe (11) PL

Mila, Wicomico

Northumberland: John C. Wright (2) FL Afton, Fairfields

Rehoboth: Donna M. Blythe (7) PL

RICHMOND COUNTY

Richmond: Kenneth E. Hanson (4) FL Calvary, Hopewell, Oakland

Warsaw: Daniel Burch (2) FL

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

†Eastland: Craig A. Muffley (8) Peace: Scott D. Hopkins (2)

Shady Grove-Olivet: Hae Rin Lawson (7)

Olivet. Shady Grove

†Tabernacle: James G. O'Quinn (1) **†Wilderness Community: Karma Denise** Walton (2) OE

†Zion: Barry R. Blakley (1) PL

STAFFORD COUNTY

Andrew Chapel: Thomas L. Swingle (4) PE †Antioch: Wilhelmina "Mina" Sumpter (1) RE

Ebenezer: Robert D. Lough (2) Associate: Mark Montgomery (4) +Falmouth: Robin BeMiller (5) PL

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†New Hope: Teresa S. Smith (9) Regester Chapel: Sung Il Yoo (6) +Saint Matthias: Bert Cloud (1) +Salem: Robin BeMiller (5) PL

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Andrew Chapel: Kevin F. Elmore (4) FL Carmel-Coles Point: Robert W. Gochenour (3) Carmel, Coles Point

Colonial Beach: Stephen Kwang-Hoon Lee (2) Edgewater: Jon B. Davis (6) PL

Ebenezer: Rebecca L. Rumburg (6)

Grace (Oak Grove): Michael Liskiewicz (1) SY

Montross: David C. Lagerveld (1) RE

Lebanon, +Providence

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Robert A. Almy—Church Ingenuities (Liberty) Gerald C. Headley III—Chaplain, Charles County Hospice, MD

Gayle D. Porias—Dir. of Heartwood Ministries (Mount Horeb)

Caitlin P. Delamar (FD)—Director of Children's Ministries, Jarvis Memorial UMC, Greenville NC

Mark A. Roscoe (PL)— Director of Crossroads Mission Center

Teresa Signer Smith—Director, New Pathways Ministries (New Hope)

DIACONAL. DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER

Susan Lewandowski (DC)—GED Instructor, Rappahannock Area Regional Adult Education (Fredericksburg)

RICHMOND DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Peter M. Moon (4)

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY

Asbury Memorial: R. Jason Elmore (3) PL Beulah: Donald D. Gibson (2)

Associate: Jonathan F. Poarch (1) FL Associate: Julio C. Serrano-Perez (1) FL

+Bon Air: N. Burton Brooks Ir. (4) Associate: Jennifer L. Day (5)

+Brandermill: Jim C. Dunkin (3) MOD

Associate: Terry Kwanghyun Eum (2) FL †Mount Pisgah: Robert E. Cooper (7)

Dir. of Youth and Young Adult Min.: Amy L. Crisp (3) FD

†New Life: Michael T. Maxwell (11) Providence: Derrick Parson (4)

Saint Luke's: Lisa K. Sykes (8)

Saint Mark's: Francis T. Cooper (4)

†Sherbourne: Pamela H. Culler (13) PL

†Woodlake: Gordon K. Pruitt (4) Associate: Marie E. Misiaszek (2) FL

GOOCHLAND COUNTY

Bethel: John R. Hall Sr. (21.5) AM Corinth: James E. Lavender Jr. (1) RE St. Matthew's: Michael L. Whaley (2)

HANOVER COUNTY

Duncan Memorial: Dorothy McNeer O'Quinn (2) Associate: Joshua A. McCauley (2) FL

Dunns Chapel: William R. Freeman (7) RE

†Enon: ReNe'e R. Teague (5) Forest Grove: Linda E.F. Crabbs (6)

†Kenwood: Daniel Kim (4)

Lebanon: R. Spencer Broce (14)

+Mechanicsville: Kerry D. Boggs (19) *Mount Hermon: Keith A. Lauer (10) PL

New Song: Chad M. Herndon (11)

Dir. of Discipleship: Cynthia A. Lee (3) FD Prospect: Sheldon "Mac" F. McLeod (2) ROF

†Saint Peter's: Yun Chol Kim (1)

Shady Grove: John J. Kelchner Jr. (9) Associate: Sandra Bottoms (4)

Shiloh: Sarah G. Sealand (5)

West Hanover: Owen M. Taylor (1) FL Beaverdam, Rouzies Chapel

HENRICO COUNTY

Brookland: Richard "Dickie" Coffey (2) PL

†Chamberlayne Heights: Linda Driver Ray (5) Christ: Karen B. Hittel (4)

+Corinth: W. Joseph Winfree (6)

Discovery: J. Adam Sowder (2) Fairmount: Mi Sook Ahn (2) PE

Good Shepherd: T. Bryson Smith (1)

Min. of Discipleship and Communications:

Lisa M. McGehee (9) FD

Greenwood-Laurel Park: Barbara D. Lewis (7) FL †Greenwood, Laurel Park

Highland Springs: Douglas E. Crockett (8) OE

+Lakeside: Mark V. Rooks (2)

†Laurel Hill: Yunho Eo (1) +River Road: Darcey G. Johnson (4)

Saint Andrew's: Erin Reibel (3) PE

†Shady Grove: Christina R. McLain (2) Associate: Anne B. 'Beanie' Kelley (4) FL

+Skipwith: T. Todd Smith (3) Trinity: Larry E. Lenow (6)

Associate: Andrew B. Willson (3)

Minister of Discipleship: Judith Clegg Oguich (19) FD

+Welborne: F. Elizabeth Givens (7)

Willis: Arthur D. "Art" Thomas (2) OR

Worship and Praise: Timothy J. Kirven (8) FL

LOUISA COUNTY

†Gum Spring: Lauren E. Lobenhofer (5)

NEW KENT COUNTY

†Providence: William H. John Jr. (5)

POWHATAN COUNTY

Powhatan: John T. Hemming (7)

RICHMOND

Asbury (Church Hill): Marilyn A. Heckstall (14) †Belmont: Larry J. Cochran (8)

Associate: Julio Serrano-Perez (6) FL

Boulevard: Rachel G. May (7) Calvary: Kurtis A. Knobel (1) RE

†Centenary: Matthew D. Bates Jr. (8)

Central: Amy Wolz Johnson (2) Emmaus at Stratford Hills: Chul Ki Kim (6)

Ginter Park: Dennis C.M. Lipke (7) RE

Huguenot: Gay B. Hall (3) RE

†Ramsey Memorial: Claudia H. Stallings (1) Associate: Norma E. Aguilar (12) PL

Reveille: J. Douglas Forrester (5) Associate: Stephen A. Coleman (9) FL

Dir. of Adult Discipleship: Kelley Lane (5)

Walmsley Boulevard: Denise B. Watkins (6)

Wesley Memorial: Rodney M. Hunter (33) RE Westhampton: Christina Haga Turner (10) Westover Hills: Donna C. Holder (9)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Caitlyn Fox Bailey—Chaplain, VCU Health Systems (Westover Hills)

Lindsey Baynham—Associate Director, Center for Clergy Excellence, Virginia Conference (Boulevard)

Christopher M. Bennett—Associate Facilitator and Consultant. The Spark Mill (St. Matthew's)

Florence F. Brooks—Chaplain, The Hermitage at Cedarfield (Bon Air)

David E. Carl Jr.—Ex. Dir. of Spiritual Care & Education, Carolinas Health Care System, Charlotte, NC and On loan: Pastor, Big Spring UMC, WNC Conference (River Road)

Katie B. Anthony Gooch—Director, Pace Center at VCU (Centenary)

Kendra D. Grimes—Chaplain, Randolph-Macon College (Duncan Memorial)

Allen E. Gunther Jr.—Battalion Command Chaplain, US Army (Skipwith)

Lynda W. Harding (FD)—Chaplain, Hospice of Virginia (New Song)

M. Jan Holton (FE)— Associate Professor of the Practice of Pastoral Theology and Care, Duke University Divinity School (Reveille)

Virginia A. Lee (FD)—Associate Professor of Christian Education and Dir. of Deacon Studies, Garrett-Evangelical Seminary (Reveille)

Meredith L. McNabb—Director, Center for Clergy Excellence, Virginia Conference (Boulevard)

Mark V. Ogren—Dir. of Congregational Excellence, Virginia Conference (Duncan Memorial)

Nancy Robinson (FD)—Southeastern Jurisdiction Mission Advocate (Lakeside)

Crystal Sygeel —Director of Hospitality Ministries, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Good Shepherd)

Kathryn F. Talley—Senior Development Officer, Community Housing Partners (Skipwith)

Joseph Torrence (FD)—Chaplain, St. Christopher's School (St. Matthew's)

Dorothee Tripodi—Assoc. Dir. of Supervised Ministry and Vocational Planning, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Westover Hills)

DIACONAL. DEACONESS & HOME MISSIONER

Diane V. Hassell (DC)—Outreach Ministres (Mount Pisgah)

ROANOKE DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Kathleen Overby Webster (6)

BEDFORD COUNTY

Mays Memorial: Melanie D. Franklin (3) PL Parrish Chapel: Trov M. White (15) RL Three Oaks Fellowship: Mary Alice Colwell (1) PL

†Andrew Chapel: Morris A. Bennett (13) RE

BOTETOURT COUNTY

Buchanan: W. Douglas Mitchell (6) FL +Lithia Trinity Eagle Rock: W. Raysor Sandifer (16) RL +Eagle Rock, +Glen Wilton, Shiloh Ebenezer: Melanie D. Franklin (3) PL Fincastle: JaeHaeng Choi (5) Saint Mark's: Justin S. White (2)

CRAIG COUNTY

Foothills: Rodney Longmire (5) SY Hebron, Mt. Pleasant, Pierce Chapel New Castle: Charles R. Stacy (2) Bethel New Castle

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Floyd Parish: Darren E. Landon (11) FL Copper Hill, Havens Chpl, Huffville, Stonewall

Mt. Elbert: Daniel Purdom (2) PL

FRANKLIN COUNTY

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Asbury (Christiansbg): Kathy Carpenter (3) SY Belview: Walter L. Pierce Jr. (2) PL Blacksburg: Ralph W. Rowley (2) Associate: Jennifer L. Fletcher (2) Associate: Kelly A. Shushok (3) FL

Calvary (Christiansbg): Sebert W. Rorrer (17) RE Crockett Springs: Carrie Moffitt (1) PL

Fieldstone: Ryan M. Schaeffer (1) PE

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Lafayette: Jeane D. Dunkum (3) RE †Mt. Tabor: Kenneth D. Farrar (9) PL

†Park: Patricia A. Jones (5) RE

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ROANOKE

Fairview: Donald W. Baldwin (10) FL Grace: Robert L. Haley (2) RE Greene Memorial: Philip Waltz (1) **Huntington Court**: Jeffrey D. Wilson (9) Raleigh Court: Seungsoo Jun (4) Saint Paul: Lyle E. Morton (3) South Roanoke: Craig C. Newman (1) **+Southview**: Warren R. Carswell (3) Trinity: William C. Logan (15) RE West End: Lyle E. Morton (3) Windsor Hills: Douglas B. Paysour (4) Woodlawn: John B. Snyder (5)

ROANOKE COUNTY

+Bonsack: I. Randall McMillen (3) Catawba Circuit: Scott Robertson-Gouge (3) OR Catawba, McDonalds Mill, Shiloh **+Cave Spring**: Denise P. Bates (4) Associate: Joanna M. Paysour (7) Dir of NextGen Min: Timothy S. Craft (2) FD Lawrence Memorial: Terry A. Ross (8.5) RL

Locust Grove: Benjamin F. Lockhart Jr. (10) PL Mount Pleasant: Robert G. Stutes (6) OR Northview: Douglas R. Sasser Jr. (2) Rockingham Ct: Nathan Colwell (1) FL

†Thrasher Memorial: Walter B. Failes Jr. (8) Associate: Jesse M. Moffitt (2) FL

SALEM

†Calvary (Salem): Jason L. Bryant (4) FL †Central: Bryan K. Buckles (4) First: Alan T. Combs (2) Associate: Jeffrey L. Dorsey (22)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

M. Lynne Alley-Grant—Ministry Coach, Epicenter Group (Fieldstone) Carroll Clifton Carter (RE)—On loan: Moriah-Holmes Grove, WNC Stephen Darr—Campus Ministry Dir., Community College Ministries (Blacksburg) Bret-Ashton G. Gresham—Director/Campus Minister, Wesley Foundation at VA Tech (Blacksburg)

STAUNTON DISTRICT

District Superintendent: David I. Rochford III (6)

ALLEGHANY COUNTY

Alleghany: Shannon P. Cox (6) SY Callaghan: Nancy A. Palmer (3) FL *Fletcher Chapel. Hoke Chapel

Epworth-Mountain Valley: Jonathan S. Greer

Epworth, Mountain Valley

Iron Gate: Robert W. Smith Jr. (1) RE Iron Gate, Longdale, Walton Mem. Mt. Pleasant-.S. Covington: Yun Goo Kang (2) OE Mt. Pleasant, South Covington

Potts Valley: David C. Brown (17) FL Humphrey's, Persinger Mem., †Pinnell

AUGUSTA COUNTY

Bethlehem-Iollivue: Sarah E. Pavne (2) PE Bethlehem, Jollivue

†Calvary: David F. Vaughan (1)

Churchville Cooperative Parish: Lester W. Kennedy (4) FL

Glossbrenner. +Saint lames

Fishersville: Charles F. Bates (4)

Greenville: James S. Bollinger (1) FL

Lvndhurst-Oak Hill: Vivian M. Utz (3) FL

Lvndhurst. Oak Hill

McKinley: Donald L. Long (19) RE Mint Spring: Rvan S. Oswald (2)

St. Paul's-Goshen: Patrick G. Kelly (1) SY

Goshen, St. Paul's (Craigsville)

Shenandoah: Reginald A. Early (4) RL †Asbury, Community, Lawson, †Randolph St.

Sherando: J. Gregory Kropff (2) PL †West Augusta: Mark A. Reuter (1) RE

BATH COUNTY

Bath: Lorrie J. Aikens (7) FL Burnsville, Eden, †Starr-Bolar, Va. Chapel Hot Springs: Namseok "Andrew" Baek (1) OE Ashwood, Emory

BOTETOURT COUNTY

†Mount Olivet: Doris T. Hedrick (7) PL

BUENA VISTA

Saint John's: Louis H. Caddell (2) OR People United in Christ: Danta Thompson (5) SY

CLIFTON FORGE

†Central: J. Lynn Wright (5) FL

COVINGTON

Christ's Cooperative Parish: Deborah D. Washer (6) FL Christ, Parrish Court Granbery Memorial: Russell T. Urban (4) †Mt. Carmel: Douglas E. Hollenbeck (17) FL

HIGHLAND COUNTY

Blue Grass: W. Andre Crummett (19) FL Blue Grass, Hightown

McDowell: Chilton W. McPheeters (1) OR Doe Hill, McDowell, McKendree, Totten Monterey: Bobbi Jo Gardner (5) SY Asbury, Green Hill, †Monterey

LEXINGTON

†Trinity: Joseph J. Cailles (3)

ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

Collierstown: William D. Bearden (1) FL Collierstown, Mt. Horeb Ebenezer: Jody Lipham (2) SY Fairfield: Valerie W. Ritter (2)

Emory, Fairfield

Marvin: R. Michael Long (5) SY Rockbridge: Lucy Jackson Hughes (5) RL

+Beth Horon, Elliott's Hill, Mt. Zion

STAUNTON

Central: Won H. Un (6) Cherryvale Cooperative Parish: Clayton W. Payne (5) PE Cherryvale Stonewall +Christ: Sarah D. Locke (5) Marquis Memorial:

Elizabeth von Trapp Walker (1) +Saint John's: Charles H. Cole Jr. (2) +Saint Paul's: Norman L. Ramsev III (1) Staunton-Grottoes: John D. Benson (6) SY Augusta Street, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Tabor

WAYNESBORO

Basic: Chad T. Beck (2) FL Certified Lav Minister: Dale C. Crosby (2) LM **†Glovier Memorial: Janet Knott** (1) RE +Main Street: Linda Kusse-Wolfe (3) OE Certified Lav Minister: Harold E. Baldwin Jr. (14) LM

Pleasant View: Eric Strother (6) SY Saint Mark's: **Kevin W. Haynes** (1)

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Paul J. Ritter (FL)—Chaplain, Keen Mountain Correctional Center Norman G. Tippens (RE)—Pastor, Wesley Memorial UMC, NC Conf. (Trinity, Lexington)

WINCHESTER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: **Steven J. Summers** (1)

CLARKE COUNTY

Boyce-Millwood-White Post: Harry G. Neidig (2) PL **†Boyce, Millwood, White Post** †Crums: Thomas R. Barnard (4) Duncan Mem. (Berryville): James M. Smith (2) Marvin Chapel: Kenneth K. Patrick (16) RE Paris Mountain: Karen D. M. Adams (14) PL †Mt. Carmel, Providence Chapel

FAUOUIER COUNTY

Cool Springs: Leah A. DeLong (1) RE Linden-Markham-Marshall Co-op. Parish: Terry L. Hendricks (3) PE Linden, Markham, †Marshall Middleburg-Rectortown Co-op. Parish: Steven W. Weedling (3) Middleburg, †Rectortown †St. Mark's: Melbourne H. Bailey (2) RE

FREDERICK COUNTY

Brucetown: Susan G. Catlett (2) FL †Burnt Factory: C. Steven Melester (13) AM Cedar Grove: Penny L. Wilson Jr. (1) Little Mountain, +Mt. Pleasant †Emmanuel: Barry L. Burkholder (4) Fairview-Refuge: Laetitia Schoeman (3) FL +Fairview, +Refuge Gainesboro: Robert M. Throckmorton Jr. (1) RE

+Grace (Middletown): W. Clay Knick (3) Hites Chapel: Geraldine R. Burkholder (2) RL Howard Chapel: Anthony A. Wadsworth (6) RE †Kernstown: Aaron W. Fitch (5) Macedonia: Michel Q. Mayton (5)

Mount Olive-Relief: Seung Hae Yoo–Hess (1) +Mount Olive, Relief

North Frederick: Thomas W. Reynolds (6) AM Rest, +White Hall

Old Bethel-Welltown Cooperative Parish:

Carl M. Chapman (4) PE +Old Bethel, +Welltown

Pleasant View: Martha T. Reynolds (2) FL

Mt. Pleasant-Lamps, Mountain View Redland: Andy L. Brock (2)

Round Hill: Larry E. Craddock (1)

Shockevsville: TBS

+Stephens City: J. Robert Schoeman (3)

Wesley Chapel-Pine Grove: Philip H. Brumback (5) RL

Pine Grove, Wesley Chapel

LOUDOUN COUNTY

Agape (Purcellville): Alphonso L. Irving (2) FL Bethany (Purcellville): Joshua S. King (2) Bethel: Michelle Nee-Hye Kim (2) **†Evergreen**: F.W. Giessler II (20) †Harmony (Hamilton): **Debra R. Lucas** (1) **†Leesburg**: James N. Wishmyer (12) Minister of Administration: Wayne R. Reynolds (11) LM Dir. of Children's Ministry: Heather L. Wray (3) PD

Loudoun: Donald R. Ferris-McCann (1) OE +Unison, Upperville

Mt. Olivet-Mt. Pleasant: Walton C. Forstall

Mt. Olivet, Mt. Pleasant

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+Bluemont, Roszell Chapel Mt. Zion-Willisville Chapel Cooperative

Parish: Tracey Lyons (2) OF Mt. Zion (Hamilton), Mt. Zion (Leesburg), Willisville Chapel

WARREN COUNTY

Bethel: John T. Stelzl (1) PL **†Front Royal: Terry L. Clark (2)** Howellsville: Francis P. Bertrand (7) PL John Wesley: John T. Stelzl (2) PL Reliance-Ridings Chapel: J. Richard McDowell (2) +Reliance, Ridings Chapel Riverton: C. Marc Roberson (5) Warren: Sherry L. Waddell (6) FL †Asbury, Bennetts Chapel, †Limeton

WINCHESTER

†Braddock Street: G. Kirk Nave (7) Associate: Sean C. Devolites (2) PE Min. of Serve Min.: Joanna S. Dietz (4) FD First: William M. White (10) Greenwood-Market Street: Keiko T. Foster (2) Greenwood, †Market Street John Mann-Wesley Cooperative Parish: Barbara A. Cousar (2) PE

John Mann, †Wesley

Montague Ave.. Thomas H. Keithley (1) RE

EXTENSION & OTHER APPOINTMENTS

B. Justin Allen—Assistant VP for Student Life, Dean of Spiritual Life, and Director of the Institute for Church Professions, Shenandoah University (Braddock Street) Elizabeth LaBella-Foster—"Intentional Com-

munity" (Braddock Street) Sara E. Pugh Montgomery—On loan: Pastor, Coweta First UMC, Muskogee District, OK

Conference (Braddock Street) Ioshua R. Orndorff—Chaplain, Randolph-Macon Academy (Riverton)

Colleen Halligan Preuninger (AF)—Director, Youth Theological Institute

Rhonda VanDyke—Vice-President for Student Life, Shenandoah University (Braddock Street)

Cynthia I. Zirlott (FD)—Protestant Chaplain, United Campus Ministry, Frostburg State University (Secondary appt.: Frostburg UMC; Charge Conference: First)

YORK RIVER DISTRICT

District Superintendent: Seonyoung Kim (5)

CHARLES CITY COUNTY

Memorial: Jennifer A. Mercer (3) FL

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Bellamy: Kenneth Stephen Waclo (10) Bethany (Gloucester Pt.): J. Michael Derflinger (2)

Bethlehem: Carol I. Bookwalter (6.5) RE Locust Grove: **Booker D. Brown Jr.** (1) FL

Mt. Zion: Carol I. Bookwalter (1) RE †New Hope: Chong Ho Yang (4)

Salem-Olive Branch: Ann On-Lin Tang (2) Olive Branch, Salem

Singleton: Calvin J. Griffin (9.5) Susanna Wesley: Hyung Moon (2)

HAMPTON

†Bethany: Esther N. Agbosu (1) First (Fox Hill): Brian K. Sixbey (9) First (Hampton): Candace L. Martin (4) **†Fox Hill Central**: Eric J. Vaudt (5) Kecoughtan: Thomas P. Reynolds Jr. (1) RE Aldersgate, †Central †Phoebus: Rita L. Staul (2) RE Saint James: Michael L. Nelson (3) +Saint Mark's: Deborah S. Clark (1) FL

Wallace Mem.: Kevin E. English (1) OR

Wesley: Gretchen O.S. Nelson (3) **ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY**

Benn's: Elizabeth Gray Caudill (2) **†Bethany**: Michael T. Frank (5) Oak Grove-Riverview: Roderick L. Clayton (3) PL Oak Grove. Riverview

†Trinity: Daniel E. Elmore (1)

Uzzell: Rebecca W. Gwaltney (7) PL

Woodland: Amanda H. Newman (5) PE

IAMES CITY COUNTY

†Mount Vernon: Lorena E. Beach (2) FL New Town: I. Garrett Livermon (2) Congregational Life & Discipleship Pastor: Marie B. Allen (3) PD

†Wellspring: Edward A. Hopkins (9) Youth Pastor: Todd J. Query (1.5) AF

KING & OUEEN COUNTY

Shackelfords Chapel: Kristie Askew (2) PL

KING WILLIAM COUNTY

West Point: Reginald G. Rumburg (1) AM

MATHEWS COUNTY

Bethel-St. Matthew: Yosub Namgung (2) PE +Bethel, St. Matthew

Beulah-St. Paul: Delia M. Parrish (8)

Beulah, St. Paul

†Central: Ji Hoon "John" Choi (4)

Mathews Chapel: Lisa R. Blackmonson (4)

Salem: Bertina J.H. Westley (1) FL West Mathews: Jeongin Kim (5) PE

Emmanuel. Grace-Providence

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Clarksbury: Kenneth E. Cleveland (5) FL Lower Church: Ileana Rosario (4) Middlesex: Timothy R. Earnhardt (4) FL Forest Chapel, Old Church Urbanna: Robert Bruce Johnson (2)

NEW KENT COUNTY

New Kent: Seokchane Suh (3) FL Pamunkey, Tabernacle

NEWPORT NEWS

Asbury: C. Leon Basham Jr. (4) PL

†Chestnut Memorial: Robert M. Chapman (5)

Christ: Thomas G. Tipton (7) First: Elizabeth A. Lutz (2)

Grace: Forrest H. Teague Jr. (4)

Holy Cross International: Yoon Seok Choi (9) OE

Trinity: Donald L. Blagg (3) RL Parkview: Timothy M. Porter (7) PL Warwick Memorial: James D. Canody (1) Associate: Peggy M. Langille (3) FL

Associate: Joshua E. Dalton (1) FL

POQUOSON

Tabernacle: James N. Earley II (4) Associate: Brenton A. Staul (4) PL Trinity: Patricia Anne Riggs (2)

WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg: Matthew W. Jones (9) Associate: Meghan Roth Clayton (1.5) Min. of Congregational Care: Helen Casey-Rutland (6)

YORK COUNTY

Crooks Memorial: Lisa A. Barbery (6) Providence: C. Douglas Akers (9) †Saint Luke's: Clarence R. Brown (1) Associate: Ashley B. Roth (1) PE

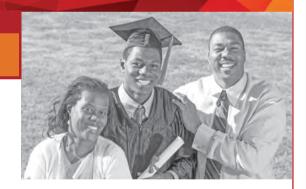
†Zion: David C. Magruder (5)

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Conference Center



By Madeline Pillow

ave you ever wondered what happens at the conference center of the Virginia Conference? When I started at the conference office three years ago, I could not have articulated it well for you. Even as a lifelong United Methodist, active in the local church, I had no clue.

Through this feature, you will learn more about the people and offices that make up the conference center as well as the other entities that are physically located in the Glen Allen office building.

I hope you will use this issue as a resource and understand better how the conference center functions as well as how we can help you!



Hello my name is

MARC BROWN

DIRECTOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES

Describe your office's role within the conference structure.

The Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM) supervises conference program and Information Technology (IT) related staff. Staff positions reporting directly to the DCM include the Director of Communications, Director of Center for Congregational Excellence, Director of Center for Next Generation Ministries, Director of Center for Justice and Missional Excellence, Director of Center for Inclusivity and Lay Leadership Excellence, conference IT Manager and conference Data Manager.

The Office of Inclusivity and Lay Leadership is currently in transition. This position has typically provided staff support for the conference Boards of Laity and Discipleship; conference Commissions on Disabilities, Ethnic Minority Concerns and Advocacy and Status and Role of Women; Older Adult Council; and Lay Servant Academy. The director has also provided supervisory oversight for Camp Rainbow Connection and oversight for accessibility concerns related to sessions of the Virginia Annual Conference.

Through these offices, the Connectional Ministries office oversees ministries that resource local churches through the renewal of existing congregations and the planting of new faith communities. Since the approval of All Things New in 2008, conference ministries associated with Connec-

tional Ministries have focused on leadership development to equip both of these emphases.

The DCM serves as chair of the conference's Common Table for Church Vitality, co-chair of the Conference Leadership Discovery and Development Team and primary staff resource for the Annual Conference Planning Committee, Bishops' Foundation, Commission on Disabilities, Older Adults Council, Goodson Academy of Preaching, Grants Committee and Rules Committee. In addition, the DCM serves on all conference program agencies and as an ex-officio member of the conference Council on Finance and Administration

By conference rules, the bishop in consultation with Common Table nominates the Director of Connectional Ministries for annual election by the annual conference.

Serving as a member of the Extended Cabinet, the Director of Connectional Ministries resources districts related to district trainings and other areas of focused ministries as requested.

What is the biggest challenge for your office?

The biggest challenge for my office is the biggest challenge facing the Virginia Conference – seeking to equip ministries of churches in rural. suburban and urban ministries located in vastly differentiated regions of the state. The best part of my job is having a mountaintop view of the ministry of The United Methodist Church within the annual conference and through the larger scope of ministry around the world. It is exciting and humbling to be in connection with people who may agree or disagree but who have the same passion for making disciples of lesus Christ.

What might local church leaders not know about your office?

Local church leaders may not know that the Director of Connectional Ministries has the disciplinary responsibility of being the steward of the vision of the annual conference.

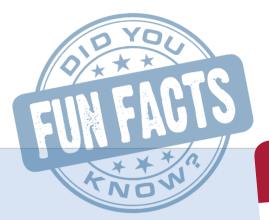


MARC BROWN Director of Connectional Ministries

 What are your hobbies away from the office?

My hobbies include writing and golf. I have partnered with two other authors in writing four books related to leadership and congregational vitality.

- What is the most unique job you ever had? My current appointment is the most unique job I have ever had. It has provided me with the gift of working directly with three different bishops, as well as with dedicated and gifted staff, laity, and clergy, in seeing the kingdom of God becoming a reality.
- What is your personal definition of success? My personal definition of success is faithfulness in walking within the vision of life that Jesus lived, died, and rose again to proclaim. The blessing for which I am most grateful is my family.
- What is one thing you would change about yourself? The one thing I would change about myself is walk more and drive less.

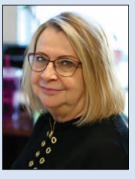




Hello my name is

MADELINE PILLOW

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



BEV MYERS Administrative Assistant

Are you

 a member
 of a United

 Methodist
 Church?
 Yes, Skip-

with UMC here in Richmond. My husband is the Director of Music, and we've always approached that like a partnership. I sing in the choir, am a liturgist for worship and I am Mission and Outreach chair.

- What are your hobbies away from the office? I sing with the Central Virginia Masterworks Chorale, and knitting is my absolute obsession.
- What is the most unique job you ever had? When my children were little, I had my own business, sewing smocked and heirloom children's clothing
- What is your personal definition of success? Having a sense of being where God wants you to be, doing His will.
- What is the achievement you are the most proud of? Probably raising three children to be awesome young adults (in conjunction with my husband, of course!)
- What are your plans for the summer? Work, as usual, and a week at the beach with my immediate and extended family with four dogs!
- What is one thing you would change about yourself? I really wish I had more self-discipline, especially where eating and exercising are concerned. And I tend to be somewhat of a procrastinator.

Describe your office's role within the conference structure.

The conference Communications office is here to coordinate communications for the Virginia Conference in conjunction with Bishop Lewis and the Rev. Marc Brown, conference Director of Connectional Ministries. The office also informs and resources our local churches.

Our publications include the Advocate magazine, in print and online; the Sunday Advocate, local church bulletin insert; the weekly online newsletter, the e-Advocate; conference Journal; and Directory of Ministry.

The conference website falls under our office as well as some data management. My office helps to inform our conference of stories of mission and ministry through the *Advocate* magazine, website, video and social media.

I am also a resource to local churches should a crisis occur and there is a need for help with media or dealing with the crisis.

How does your office resource local churches?

In the Communications Office, we "know" the great mission and ministry that our local churches are doing. But we might not always "know" ahead of time what that may look like or when it is happening.

The goal of our office is to teach churches how to share what they are doing in their larger communities because you can be doing great things for your church community and the larger community, but if no one knows about it it is almost as if it is not happening.

Our job is also to help share information from the larger denomination to our districts and local churches.

Through training workshops, we help share information about social media, the right ways to communicate, plugging into your local community and media and crisis communications.

How does your office work with the 16 districts?

Every year our office does training events with districts that request it. We also rely on our district superintendents to let us know about good story opportunities.

We know that in the past some districts haven't gotten much coverage because of how large Virginia is. We are actively working to change that.

How much time does your staff spend on the road, meeting with people around the conference?

A lot of time. But Nick Ruxton, conference videographer, and I will tell you this is the best part of the job. We enjoy talking with our clergy and laity to see where the mission and ministry is happening.

One thing I have been focused on since I began three years ago was placing an emphasis on going to where the mission is happening in our conference.

The VAUMC Office of Communications

What might local church leaders not know about your office?

That we want you to overwhelm us with news! My office wants to know about your events, your missions and your unique ministries. We will not be able to cover everything personally, but we can help you cover the story if we can't be there.

It's really great to see churches get ideas and inspiration from what others in the connection are doing and what has worked for them. We often forget the benefits of being a connectional church and not just local churches on our own.

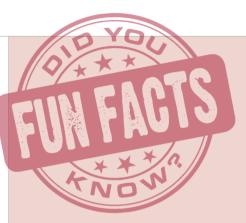
What is the biggest challenge for your office?

Keeping up with changing technology and the way society communicates.

Also my office doesn't ever really have a "down" season. Just like others in the conference office, Annual Conference season is a busy time for us and we are working on it long before it begins and long after it ends.

We have plans in place to update a number of items in our office, but like anything, with a limited amount of time, we have to plan when best to roll out these changes and make sure it is done well.

What is the best part of your job?





MADELINE PILLOW Director of Communications

 What are your hobbies away from the office?

am an avid reader. My mom took my brother and me to the library every week from a very young age. The question is does my brother have a larger personal library or do !?

• What is something about you that might surprise our readers? I have to share this because I find it hilarious. My mom told me that she and my dad considered calling me Lacy when I was born. They also considered giving me the family middle name Carr.

I could have easily been called "Lacy Carr Pillow" instead of my name. I think we were all robbed from the hilarity of that reality.

• What is the achievement you are the most proud of? I am proud of finishing graduate school. I will be honest — it was a soul-wrenching experience at times. I was getting my degree in creative writing and having your work criticized or praised on a weekly basis is not easy alongside comparing yourself to established writers as well as your classmates.

After deciding to return, my last year toward my degree became the most enriching part of the whole experience.



BRENDA CAPEN Database Manager & Webmaster

 What is something about you that might surprise our

readers? I grew up in a small town in Maine and loved to ski and ice skate. I played first chair flute in junior high school, and I played bass drum in the band in high school for a year.

- What is your personal definition of success? Waking up each day with a grateful heart. Everything else will fall into place.
- What is the achievement you are the most proud of? I was the first one in my immediate family to earn a college degree. I paid for my own education.
- What are your plans for the summer? I want to get my body fully healed from three surgeries in the past two years and walk in the sand in the Outer Banks in September.



FORREST WHITE News Associate

 What is something about you that might surprise our readers?

was a sports

reporter for two years out of college, covering major college sports and

golf. I covered both The Masters golf tournament and the ACC basketball tournament twice. Also, believe it or not, I used to have hair.

- What is the most unique job you ever had? Two summer jobs while in college ... I walked door to door updating a city directory (got bitten by two dogs that summer) and I worked at a hydraulic hose manufacturing company.
- What is your personal definition of success? When you put others first, that is success. There is no insignificant act of service, just as there are no insignificant people.



NICK RUXTON Videographer

 What are your hobbies away from the office? Outside of work I like

to stay busy. I enjoy getting into the kitchen and fixing something delicious, no matter if it is sweet or savory. I am a huge outdoors person. If it is a nice day, you will find me on my mountain bike or paddleboard. Fun fact, I am a certified paddleboard instructor.

- What is something about you that might surprise our readers? I have traveled to four continents with plans to visit my fifth in August. I will have the easiest and hardest continents left to visit, South America and Antarctica.
- What is the most unique job you ever had? When I was in high school and college I was a park naturalist at Pocahontas State Park. Because of this, I can give you random facts about certain animals.



PAM CULLER Administrative Assistant

 What is something about you that might surprise our readers? My

husband and I love to ride our Harley motorcycle. I am also a part-time Licensed Local Pastor, and I grew up with deaf parents.

• What is the most unique job you ever had? I worked the Furniture Market in High Point, NC. for 10 days in the spring and fall.

I set up the showroom, furniture and décor, and I met buyers from all over the world and also famous people like Cher, Bernadette Peters, Marlo Thomas and Oprah Winfrey (she came into our showroom – but of course I was out to lunch!)

- What is your personal definition of success? When you can make a difference in someone's life in a positive way and later see results where they have paid it forward.
- What are your plans for the summer? Camping, and spending more time with the grandkids! I'm also mentoring at "All God's Children's Camp" in July with my daughter.



CATHRYN HUFF Graphic Designer

 What are your hobbies away from the office?
 I play

rhythm guitar in my church worship

band and sometimes in my brother's band. I also love to hike, bike and travel, and I'm learning to play disc golf.

- What is something about you that might surprise our readers? I actually moved from Virginia to Albuquerque, New Mexico four years ago, and I work remotely with the VAUMC. I miss the daily interaction with my colleagues, but you can't beat the view from my home office.
- What is the most unique job you ever had? I was a church camp counselor, arts and crafts director and guitarist for four summers in the mountains of central Pennsylvania. I always felt sorry for my friends stuck in summer office internships while I spent all summer cooking meals over campfires, hiking mountains and wooded trails and teaching cute (mostly) little kids about the gospel.



Hello my name is

GLENN ROWLEY

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR JUSTICE & MISSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Conference Office of Justice and Missional Excellence

By Forrest White

or most of his adult life, the Rev. Glenn Rowley's job has been in missions:

- Missionary in Mozambique for eight years
- Missionary in Senegal for four years
- Missionary in Mexico for three years
- Mission interpreter for the Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church for nearly five years
- Missionary trainer for the General Board of Global Ministries for almost four years
- Director of the Office of Justice and Missional Excellence for the Virginia Conference since 2010

But whenever he's out and about in churches, Rowley tries to remind people that missions is their "job" too.

"At times, people assume the work I do will kind of cover them, rather than them getting engaged as much as they possibly can," he said. "It's like in churches where some people say, 'That's the pastor's job.' Discipleship and making disciples That's all of our jobs."

When asked about the best part of his job with the Virginia Conference,

Rowley didn't mention the overseas journeys – his 2018 travel destinations include Haiti, Mozambique, Cambodia and Brazil.

For him, the best part comes in hearing others talk about their experiences in serving.

"A lot of that comes through Volunteers In Mission, when they get to go on trips and experience faithful people in sometimes very adverse situations," Rowley said.

"When I hear people talk about their understanding of how they can connect with those who are suffering, connect with the poor, connect with the hungry, that's exciting because that's when they begin to cross borders – emotional borders, sometimes physical borders – in which you get to experience life that's different than the one you have been privileged to have

"To me, that's holy ground. That's where people encounter Christ in a new way."

The Office of Justice and Missional Excellence focuses on advocacy for people experiencing injustice and on the traditional outreach ministries of the church such as short-term mission trips through United Methodist Volunteers In Mission (UMVIM) and disaster response ministry.

The Virginia Conference also has Initiatives of Hope (IOH), which works to maintain relationships with our missional partners. Traditionally, those have been international in nature, but IOH also includes ministry partnerships with Native People in Virginia and beyond. (Rowley is Native American, from the Choctaw Nation.)

Rowley's job includes promoting and raising support for the IOH, which drives much of his international travel.

He is also charged with raising covenant support for missionaries, both

domestic and international.

"I see the office as trying to be an intersection between missions and justice," Rowley said. "For me, it's an important place because we, as United Methodists, sometimes divide those (missions and justice) too much. My perception, after being involved in the mission world most of my ministry, is that some of the things we do in missions kind of ignore the reasons for why we're doing them. Maybe we need to be advocating for those people in a social justice way."

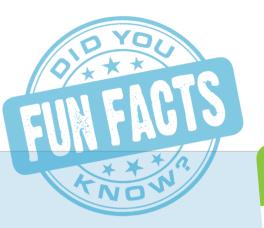
The Office of Justice and Missional Excellence produces a yearly opportunities booklet to encourage service and to help churches understand first mile and apportionment giving as well as second mile giving through Volunteers In Missions, Disaster Response, supporting missionaries and supporting mission projects.

The booklet is typically available at the end of July and is inserted in the August *Virginia Advocate* magazine.

On any given day, Rowley may find himself responding to requests from church leaders who may want to know anything from how to connect with missionaries to what goes into a United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) kit.

He also conducts trainings in the districts when called upon, always emphasizing the importance of seeing the big picture when engaged in service and missions.

"I encourage people to get involved locally, not just see missions as something overseas and vice versa," he said. "It's all God's mission in the world, whether it's across the street, in the pew next to you or far away."





Hello my name is

PAULO LOPES

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES



GLENN ROWLEY Director of The Center for Justice & Missional Excellence

 What are your hobbies away
 from the

office? I do stained glass. I've done some windows for our house. I did a stained glass cross for a retirement community up in Maryland. I did it for many years. When we went overseas (11 years as missionary), hauling glass around the world isn't a practical thing.

- What is something about you that might surprise our readers? They may not know I'm Native American. I'm from the Choctaw Nation. My mother is native. I have a particular affinity to the plight and the hopes of native peoples here in the United States.
- What is the most unique job you ever had? Loading pennies out of the Denver Mint onto trucks to be hauled to various banks in the Rocky Mountains. They hired students from the seminary (lliff School of Theology). I guess they thought we were less likely to steal.



BECKY TATE Administrative Assistant

How does your office resource local churches?

The purpose of our office is to connect, equip and send Next Generation spiritual leaders. As local churches are engaged in discipleship with the Next Generation, we work alongside them to connect their leaders (youth, young adults, volunteers and staff) with each other, with resources and opportunities to be trained and equipped, and with opportunities to be challenged in ministry.

How does your office work with staff of the 16 districts?

We work with district office staff in a few different ways:

- Communicating with districts in regards to conference opportunities such as youth delegation to Annual Conference, conference Council on Youth Ministries, connecting high school graduates to conference campus ministries, etc.
- Offering resources (including human resources) for district trainings, safe sanctuaries, etc.
- Partnering with district offices and leaders to promote conference events and initiatives that can benefit district leaders (Next Gen Summit, All God's Children Camps, Conference Youth Retreats, etc.).

How much time does your staff spend on the road, meeting with people around the conference?

Lopes averages about 1,500 miles driven around the conference monthly (roughly 18k annually). This includes visits to campus ministries, district trainings, retreats, speaking engagements, mentoring and meeting groups of leaders. Lori Smith, director for All God's Children Camps, travels extensively around the conference as well visiting churches, recruiting mentors and volunteers, and promoting this important ministry with children of incarcerated parents. Since Next Generation Ministries is a team-based effort, there are volunteer team members who are also engaged in travel across the conference for those same reasons.

What might local church leaders not know about your office?

Local church leaders might not know that as a conference ministry, we exist for their sake. In other words, we exist to serve districts and the local churches. Our only agenda is to develop leaders so that they may better serve in the local church. Every meeting we have, every dollar we spend and every team we build is intended to connect, equip and send leaders for local churches.

What is the biggest challenge for your office?

Because of the size of our conference, and the scope of the needs of leaders around our conference, our challenges usually relate to communication (we struggle to get the

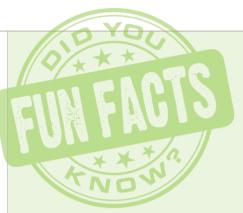
right messages to the right people in ways that cut through the noise), and financial/human resources (we are in the business of doing the best we can with the financial and human capacity available to us.)

What is the biggest challenge for the Virginia Conference?

We are in the midst of a lot of change in the UMC and also in culture and society as a whole. The temptation during a time like this is to become isolated or to figure things out on our own. The biggest challenge we see in the Virginia Conference is the need to realize that we cannot, should not and are not called to do it alone. As a connectional church, we are only as effective individually as we all are corporately. We are praying and working towards a time where local communities collaboratively serve in mission together as part of one family.

What is the best part of your job?

The best part of what we do is hearing stories of what God is doing in the lives of young people through the work of exceptional leaders we have had the privilege of investing in. It feeds into our belief that transformed leaders truly do transform their communities.





PAULO LOPES Director of The Center for Next Generation Ministries

 What is the most unique job you ever had?

My first job was as an apprentice car salesman. I was 12, and I loved cars. So a friend of my dad offered to give me a job and teach me all about the car sales business. I was more interested in getting to drive fancy cars (in the parking lot).

• What are your plans for the summer?

I have three important plans this summer: 1- Watch the World Cup (and try not to suffer a heart attack)!
2- Send our 8-year-old Sofia off to Brazil for a month (this one's tough).
3- Host friends and family visiting this summer.

• What is one thing you would change about yourself?

I could think of a few things. Though the one thing I've consistently wished was different about me since I was a little kid is that I wish I was left-handed/footed. If you're left-handed, I'm jealous.



BECKY TATE Administrative Assistant

 What is something about you that might surprise our readers?

have been doing mission work since 1995. We have built a church campground with a church building and bathrooms in the Dominican Republic; put a second story on a Christian school in Venezuela; built a parsonage/Sunday School building in Venezuela; put in sidewalks, walkways, and planted a garden in a church in Rome, Italy; put in a concrete floor and water/sewage pipes in a District Superintendent building in Ecuador; remodeled a church in Brooklyn, New York; put in sidewalks, painted buildings, and remodeled bathrooms at an Indian Bible College in Albuquerque, New Mexico; take down outside walls, removed an in-ground pool, and concrete sidewalk materials to clear land to build a compassionate ministries center then conducted the VBS at a church in Salt Lake City Utah, with our youth. We also helped with a food pantry, clothes closet giveaway, and inner-city children's ministry while there with our youth. These are a few of my community activities.

• What is the most unique job you ever had? Probably working for the state government. I was a confidential secretary for an agency head for eight years and had many interesting job duties. I met some very important and influential people during that time and learned a lot about politics and how all the inner workings "worked." I learned so much



about myself and my capabilities during those years at a very early age and a time in my career. I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to do those things which prepared me for my career in the private industry and church.

· What is one thing you would change about yourself? If I had the money and was independently wealthy (so my creditors would be happy), I would go on the mission field as a volunteer missionary for at least a year. Since my children are grown and are living good, happy lives with their own families, I feel this would be the time to try to serve God in a different way. I feel most useful and fulfilled when I am on the mission field. I don't know how to explain it other than it gives me a greater purpose. I am not a young chicken anymore and don't have the strength I once had in building, but I feel like God must have something in mind for me to do. I have a compassionate heart and a servant's heart and would love an opportunity to be in the field

One other thing, I would love to have had the opportunity to do is finish college. Life happens and time moves on. I guess that is why I am so proud of my children. They both accomplished my greatest dream of having an education and good jobs — something no one can deny you or take away. I have had great opportunities and jobs with the education I did get, but I wonder what life would have been like if I had finished school. Maybe my greatest lessons are yet to come. Only God knows.

Hello my name is

MARK OGREN

DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Describe your office's role within the conference structure.

Mark Ogren: During the 2008
Annual Conference, a plan called All
Things New was adopted as a core
strategy to help the Virginia Conference live into its vision of having
"faith communities where all God's
people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ in
the world." The Office of Congregational Excellence seeks to fulfill two
key elements of the All Things New
strategy, that is an Invitation to Harvest and an Invitation to Plant.

The first component, the Invitation to Harvest, seeks to provide leadership training and support for existing churches. Since 2008, the training offered by the Five Talent Academy has been the single most prominent example of leadership training. However, other key programs are the Church Leadership Institute; How to Reach New People workshops; and Large, Mid-Size and Small Church Leadership Teams that provide "Just in Time" training events for pastors.

The second component, the Invitation to Plant, has guided our work to establish new faith communities as well as resource existing churches that wish to multiply through the establishment of new faith communities. Since 2008, the Virginia Conference has started 46 new faith communities.

How does your office work with staff of the 16 districts?

MO: By providing workshops offered during district training days and by consulting with district superintendents and/or churches recommended by district superintendents.

How much time does your staff spend on the road, meeting with people around the conference?

MO: In a typical month, I do site visits about once a week.

What might local church leaders not know about your office?

MO and MaryKaye Cochran: The Office of Congregational Excellence pays for MissionInsite, a demographic company. Each church has unlimited access all year-long for free. Contact Mark Ogren at markogren@vaumc. org, or MaryKaye Cochran at marykayecochran@vaumc.org, for access to the Virginia Conference agency account code and instructions for joining.

What is the biggest challenge for the Virginia Conference?

MO: The average United Methodist church member invites someone to church once every 38 years. We must create a culture of invitation to those folks outside our churches.

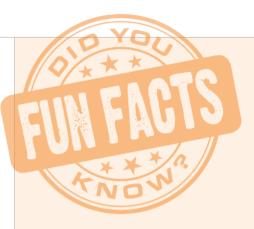
MC: If you look at most communities, the folks who are attending church regularly are in the minority. We need to help people have a heart for evangelism so that more friends, neighbors, family members and coworkers are invited to church.



What is the best part of your job?

MO: I regularly say that I have the best job in the annual conference because I get to work every day with clergy and laity who genuinely want to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

MC: Learning about the United Methodist Church "big picture" and seeing how we truly are all connected.





MARK OGREN Director of The Center for Congregational Excellence

 Are you a member of a United Methodist Church?

What role(s) do you play in the life of your home church? I worship at Duncan Memorial UMC in Ashland (Richmond District) and I am active in a Sunday school class.

- What are your hobbies away from the office? I follow Duke basketball and participate in running events (10Ks, half and full marathons).
- What is something about you that might surprise our readers? My wife's family owns the Peninsula Funeral Home in Newport News. The surprise is that my father was a funeral director as well.



MARYKAYE COCHRAN Administrative

 Are you a member of a United Methodist Church?
 What

role(s) do you play in the life of your home church? I am a new member at Belmont UMC in Richmond where my husband Larry Cochran is a pastor. I am enjoying singing in the choir and looking forward to getting more involved in the future.

- What are your hobbies away from the office? I love to read, walk my dog and scrapbook.
- What is something about you that might surprise our readers?

 Before I came to work at the Virginia Conference Center, I worked in higher education for 12 years and in the local church as a Christian educator for 16 years.



Conference Technology Office

By Forrest White

When he was a child, Bryan Compton tagged along with his mom, Pat, when she went to volunteer at the old Virginia Conference Center on West Broad Street. A leader in United Methodist Women, she took it upon herself to do whatever needed to be done, even if that meant stuffing countless envelopes for mailings.

"I would get bored with that and run up and down the halls and visit offices," Compton said, with a laugh.

"How in the world did I end up working in the conference center as an adult?"

The answer is simple – his love for The United Methodist Church. Compton left a job at the Federal Reserve to begin work with the Virginia Conference on Jan. 1, 1998, taking a pay cut to essentially start the Information Technology department.

"Being a United Methodist, I really wanted it to be done well," he said.
"I told my wife, 'It's only going to be four years, then I'll be gone. The challenge will be over. I can turn it over to somebody else.' The challenge never ended, and I thrive off that."

Much like in his childhood days, being at the conference center keeps Compton on the run, if not literally than figuratively.

As Manager of Technology, Compton and his staff – Dwight Bragg



and Chris Malak – maintain all of the servers, network, firewall, routers and hardware at the center. They oversee all the software and offsite backup, as well as the maintenance and replacement of equipment as needed.

They also work with Equipping Vital Congregations system, which is an online portal to the local church and district offices.

When Compton arrived in 1998, there was much resistance to use of technology that has long since become second nature.

"It was hard to get folks to begin using email," he said, smiling. "Over time things have changed drastically. Now, the paper mailing room is pretty much vacant except for printing. We send out somewhere around 9,000 emails every month. We do a lot online now. It saves us a ton of money, especially in postage."

While some have come to rely more on email than telephone, that's not the case in the IT Department. The phone rings often in their part of the building, and it's likely to be a staff member from a local church, calling with some questions.

"We have kind of become the de facto help desk," Compton said.

"If people have technical questions, they end up with us. Most of the church staff around the conference know our phone numbers, know our names. We know some of the folks when they first say 'Hi.' They call that much. There's a real rapport with some folks. When they call us we'll get them an answer or get them where they need to be. They won't come in to a deadend voicemail system."

Not so long ago, Compton got a call from a church staff member looking for statistics from the past 15 years. He asked a few questions to get the specifics on what she needed and generated a report to send along in about 10 minutes.

"She looked it and said, 'This is fantastic. Thank you very much. This would have taken me days to put together.' In a matter of about 10 minutes she was off and running. That's the kind of thing that makes you smile."

Once each year, Compton gets to experience what it's like to be a roadie for a rock band, although his focus is not on moving from town to town but rather on that one massive production known as Annual Conference.

Planning is a year-round undertaking, he said, with the focused effort ramping up as April gives way to May which moves quickly into June.

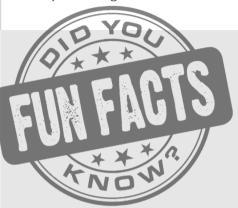
"We spend around two solid weeks dedicated to getting all the equipment lined up," Compton said. "We take a bunch of equipment from here, everything but the kitchen sink. We take laptops, desk tops, hardware, firewalls ... Whatever the network requires to run it, we have to have it."

The IT guys are the first to arrive at Annual Conference, usually in a 24-foot truck packed to the ceiling. The Audio Visual equipment follows on the heels of their arrival. It comes from an outside company, but they have been planning together for weeks before meeting up at the venue. IT works intricately with registration as well, since that, too, relies on computers.

Whether at Annual Conference or at the conference center in Glen Allen (which he helped to wire) Compton loves the interaction with people, just as he did when roaming the halls at the old center as a child.

"The best part of my job is working with people, working with churches, knowing some of the folks when they first say hello, knowing exactly who it is," he said.

"It's the personal relationships that are very rewarding."





BRYAN COMPTON Manager of Technology

 What are your hobbies away from the office?

bicycle and

I make soap. It's totally bizarre but that's what I do. (A usual bicycle ride is about 25-30 miles.)

- What is the most unique job you ever had? I worked my way through college working at Schwarz-child Jewelers in Richmond. I did sales and I also did repair. Loved that job. It was 100 percent working with people. I got the chance to help them out with their needs and hopefully make them very happy. Made a lot of friends.
- What is one thing you would change about yourself? I wish I was more intuitive. I pick up on things with people easily, but I miss cues. I wish I was good with body language and other things that would help with interpersonal relationships.







DWIGHT BRAGG Network Administrator





Hello my name is

DAVID DOMMISSE

CONFERENCE TREASURER AND

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

"Just to be able to get up and do God's work," he said. "We are administration. We don't serve the poor. We don't do the ministries a lot of people do. But the work we do is necessary for the other stuff to happen."

Under Dommisse's leadership, the Conference Treasurer's Office serves the local church by providing guidance for finance committees and treasurers, primarily in the areas of payroll compliance and with the *Book* of Discipline interpretation on financial matters such as those related to property.

In an average week, his staff members spend about 30 percent of their time answering questions from local churches, which come multiple times throughout any given day via emails and phone calls, Dommisse said. He and other staff lead training events annually in most districts and multiple times per year in some districts, with a focus on payroll, property and other administrative issues.

"We can't, with the number of people in our office, travel and spend a lot of one on one time with churches," Dommisse said. "If there was ever

an issue that was so necessary and severe we would do that and have done that. Typically, it's more of an advisory role, guidance for the local church."

In addition to supporting ministries and handling finances and accounting for a conference with nearly 1,200 churches, the Treasurer's Office does the books for an additional eight entities - the United Methodist Foundation, the UM Development Company and the UM Real Estate Management Company within the Virginia Conference; the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) and SEJ Archives; the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center; and both the Farmville and Lynchburg districts.

"The conference has supplied us with great resources," Dommisse said. "With software and with technology advancing and making the world smaller, we are able to help others with the expertise we have in our office. With the small number of people at a district and some of these other entities we serve, they cannot have separation of duties that my office can. You cannot get the expertise my staff has economically at those levels."

A Certified Public Accountant. Dommisse came to the conference office 10 years ago in a comptroller's role. After about a year on the job, he became interim treasurer and then had the interim tag removed a couple of months later.

"We probably do more accounting support services than most conference treasurer's offices," he said. "Every conference is unique. Every treasurer brings different gifts. But I have viewed my ministry and using my gifts in an accounting systems type of way, just to make things efficient, just to be able to have good internal controls."

A fan of hard rock music and an



CHRIS MALAK Data Manager

avid fisherman, Dommisse spent the summers of his youth in Wisconsin. He was born in Milwaukee, but his family moved to Richmond when his father became an art professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. He'll venture back to Wisconsin this summer for fishing and to work on a retirement house, though, he said, "I'm a long way from retiring."

He said he feels fortunate to have a job that allows him to use his gifts doing what he loves.

"I love being able to find ways to do things that cost less or are more efficient. As soon as I find one, I'm anxious to find another," Dommisse said. "The ability to have impact in different areas is the best part of it. I've never been bored. I've never allowed myself to get into a rut.

"I always want to find new ways to do things, to reduce the administrative burden on churches and give them the ability to increase the quality of the work that's done. For me, it's challenging and I love it. Waking up every day and coming to a place with a purpose and the ability to make an impact ... To me that's the best part of my job, plus I get to work with so many wonderful people, on my staff, in the building and just out in the world." \(\(\xi\$\)





DAVID DOMMISSE Conference Treasurer and Business Administrator

 What is something about you that might

surprise our readers? The music I listen to. I'm a male who grew up in the 80s. I am more the hard rock side of heavy metal. AC/DC. I did go to see (the band) Judas Priest a couple of weeks ago.

• What is the achievement you are most proud of? Getting to 50. (Laughs.) From a professional standpoint, the systems we have built in the conference and the relationships I've developed. I'm proud of it. When I came here it was a not a particularly good system. It had a lot of issues. There were a lot of people who were unhappy with it. The fact we now do the books for nine different United Methodist organizations — that is one of my best achievements.



CAROL DRAPER Staff Accountant



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JENNIFER HONEYCUTT Staff Accountant



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Hello my name is

MEREDITH MCNABB

DIRECTOR OF CLERGY EXCELLENCE

Center for Clergy Excellence

The Center for Clergy Excellence focuses on clergy leadership which includes nurturing a culture of call then developing and supporting clergy leaders in light of the core values of excellence and fruitfulness. From meeting students exploring a call to ministry to celebrating the ministry and service of those retiring, Clergy Excellence resources and counsels candidates, clergy, Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM), district staff and the Cabinet through each stage of ministry.

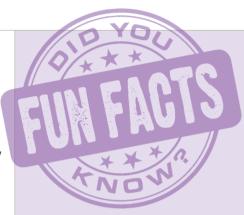
Through Ministerial Education Apportionment Funding, we administer scholarships and grants for clergy to attend continuing education and development programs, pursue Course of Study and seminary education, and seek counseling services beyond coverage through the clergy health plan.

The Center provides staff support for the Board of Ordained Ministry, responsible for supporting persons who respond to God's call to professional ministry. The Board, working with District Committees on Ordained Ministry, reviews the educational and personal qualifications of candidates, including personal interviews, through each step of the candidacy process, from certified candidacy to ordination or licensing. The Board also reviews all changes in Clergy Conference Relationships then makes these recom-

mendations before the Clergy Session. The Board works collaboratively with the Cabinet in a number of areas to assist in advancing the vision of the Virginia Conference.

The Center for Clergy Excellence resources just over 1,000 active clergy and more than 150 candidates with three staff members. The Rev. Meredith McNabb is director and relates primarily with the clergy development programs and with the active clergy as they move into provisional membership and through their life of ordained ministry. The Rev. Lindsey Baynham, associate director for Call, Candidacy and Discernment, travels extensively encouraging a culture of call and then working with candidates and local pastors through their service of ministry. Mrs. Kristen Seibert is the program and administrative coordinator providing the technical, financial and organizational support to the programs, candidates and clergy of the conference.

All three agree that the best part of their job is assisting others in being able to better live out their call to ministry and service in the world.





MEREDITH McNABB Director of Clergy Excellence

What are your hobbies away from the office?

I cook; travel (especially national parks); and enjoy sewing, knitting and weaving.

• What is the most unique job you ever had? My most unique job was my first: I worked in a children's museum--which means that I periodically got to wear the giant duck costume for festival days.



LINDSEY BAYNHAM Associate Director for Call, Candidacy & Discernment

•What are your hobbies away from the office?

I run, enjoy taking pictures, making people laugh and singing.



- What is something about you that might surprise our readers? I'm really a high-functioning introvert.
- What is the most unique job you ever had? The most unique job I ever had was at a Christian bookstore...ask me about it sometime.



KRISTEN DOWDY SEIBERT Program & Administrative Coordinator

What are your hobbies away from the office?

I tend the flower garden God has blessed me with, travel and would love to have more time to work jigsaw puzzles.

• What is something about you that might surprise our readers? Everyone is surprised to learn that I am also a high-functioning introvert. No one is surprised to learn that before coming to VAUMC, I was CEO of

Hello my name is

JOHN FULLER

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PENSIONS & RELATED BENEFITS

Describe your office's role within the conference structure.

Virginia United Methodist Pensions, Inc. (VUMPI) is the Virginia Conference agency that administers the health plans for our conference's active and retired clergy. We also help to administer the denominational pension and welfare plans for our clergy. We currently have three staff members, including Judy Astrella, health plan administrator; Nancy Blair, benefits administrator; and John Fuller, executive director.

How does your office resource local churches?

We provide direct support to clergy and others serving in local churches by assisting with a range of benefit program issues.

How does your office work with staff of the 16 districts?

Eligibility for the various conference and denominational benefit programs is primarily based on clergy appointment status. As such, we work closely with the districts to help determine benefit eligibility for clergy appointment changes. We also work closely with the district offices to record all of the details associated with new appointments and mid-year changes.

How much time does your staff spend on the road, meeting with people around the conference?

The nature of our work often involves assisting with ad hoc issues that arise in connection with the various benefit programs that VUMPI administers. As a result, we often need to be close to our desks and phones. However, we do meet with people around the conference regularly, and we have several recurring annual events such as our seminar for new conference retirees, along with periodic other similar events throughout the conference.

What might local church leaders not know about your office?

Local church leaders are likely not aware of the depth of talent and expertise that there is within the VUMPI Board of Directors. The work overseen by the VUMPI Board is often somewhat technical in nature, and we are blessed with Board members – often with work backgrounds relating directly to the programs we administer – who generously share their time and talent in support of VUMPI's mission.

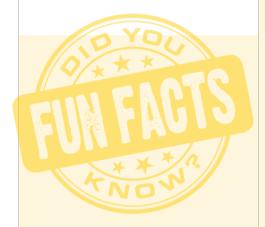
What is the biggest challenge for your office?

VUMPI's biggest challenge is associated with the goal of maintaining generous benefit programs for our conference's active and retired clergy with limited financial resources. The cost of health care tends to increase every year, so maintaining the value of our benefit programs without requiring large increases in our apportionments to fund those programs requires us to be creative and strategic.



What is the best part of your job?

The benefit programs that VUMPI administers are primarily designed to support our conference's active and retired clergy. VUMPI's entire staff sees our work as a mission to provide benefit programs that help to take care of those who do so much to take care of others, and that's an aspect of our jobs that we truly enjoy.





JOHN FULLER Executive Director Pensions and Related Benefits

 What is the most unique job

you ever had? During one summer when I was in college a greenskeeper at a golf course hired me a few times to swim to the bottom of the ponds and clear the weeds out from around the intake pumps. I made a few dollars and collected lots of golf balls. He told me about all of the snakes when the summer was over and it was time to head back to school.



JUDY ASTRELLA Billing and Health Plan Administrator

 What are your plans for the summer? I plan

to spend a lot of time gardening this summer. I also plan to do some fly fishing, including my annual trip to Fort Lewis Lodge in the Shenandoah Valley.



NANCY BLAIR Benefits Administrator

 What is something about you that might surprise our readers?

was born in England, and I still maintain my British citizenship. I have lived in the United States since I was 3, and I consider it my home, but I would love to become a US citizen.



How does the Bishop's Office resource local churches?

Terri Biggins: We don't work directly with them. The district superintendents are a branch of the bishop's office. They're primarily the people who work with the local churches.

We work especially close with the district offices when it is appointment season, pulling together all of the statistics and which clergy will need appointments, from February through May.

The Cabinet meets 11 times a year with the bishop.

How much is the bishop on the road?

TB: She's always traveling out in the conference or attending general church meetings. She is the Virginia Conference. She represents the Virginia Annual Conference. She does travel a lot. She's in the local churches and in the districts.

Bishop Lewis started the Chat and Chews when she came here to hear from the local churches and districts. She will have a 3.0 versions of those next year.

As bishop, she also attends the Council of Bishop meetings.

What might people not know about your job?

Bishop Lewis: In the *Book of Discipline*, it basically highlights six disciplines a bishop is responsible for. One of those is to lead spiritually which is why I started the Bible Reading Challenge for the conference.

I think most people don't know the complexity. Most people think the only thing a bishop does is make appointments.

Hello my name is

SHARMA D. LEWIS

What is the biggest challenge for this office?

TB: The bishop not having the time to say yes to all the invitations and not having enough time in the day to get all of that in.

What is the biggest challenge for the conference?

BL: There are two. One — we have a lot of churches that have declined in membership. In their decline, we are as a Cabinet trying to look at how we go forward. When churches are down to three members, how do you make good stewardship decisions on whether or not a church should remain open, or should a church close?

As the world has financial issues, so will the church. Unfortunately, people are going to take care of themselves before the tithe and giving God their offering.

How do we as a Cabinet and a conference office and staff be better steward of people's time, resources, buildings, everything?

No bishop wants to close a church, but it makes no sense if you have three people in a church and you've still got to pay for the pastor, lights and electricity. As a Cabinet we then either have to be creative or make some bold moves in closing.

Another challenge is the big elephant in the room which is the outcome of the special General Conference 2019. It's going to affect us, no matter where you are on the

theological spectrum. It's going to affect churches. It's going to affect the annual conference. It's going to affect mission and ministry. It's going to affect relationships if people allow it to.

As I will continue to say, do not cancel out the God factor. What I mean by that is we do not know how God is going to do this. We are religious people who sometimes don't lean on the spiritual disciplines we know.

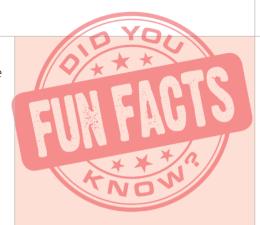
We talk the Christian language, but when we're in a crunch like this, we question whether God can really turn this around. Yes, God can. Yes, God can do whatever God wants. God is bigger than this denomination.

What is the best part of your job?

TB: I love meeting people and hearing their stories. In this position, I meet all different people — clergy, laity in our conference and folks in other conferences. That's the best part of my job.

BL: I tell people all the time I am very humbled that I am the resident bishop of Virginia and the first African-American woman bishop in Virginia. People may not realize it, but that's major. Also being elected the first African-American woman bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction is very humbling. I feel that my episcopacy has marked history and will blaze a trail for the future.

I've met some really incredible people in the Virginia Conference, and I feel that the sky is the limit. I am blessed to be part of a large conference. We have resources. But we know that to whom much is given, much is required.





SHARMA D. LEWIS Resident Bishop of Virginia



TERRI BIGGINS Administrative Assistant



TOM JOYCE Assistant to the Bishop



The Richmond District

The Richmond District of the Virginia Conference is comprised of 69 churches and a membership of over 41,000, served by approximately 85 clergy. The district covers churches located in parts of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, New Kent and Powhatan counties, and the City of Richmond.

The Richmond District seeks to be a resource to the leaders and members of these churches as they carry out their mission and ministry.



PETER MOON Richmond District Superintendent



SUSAN PETREY Administrative Assistant



CINDY
PAYNE
INGROFF
Treasurer and
Connectional
Ministries
Administrative
Assistant

The United Methodist Credit Union

n 1952, a small group of Virginia clergy pooled their financial resources and formed a credit union. Today The United Methodist Credit Union (TUMCU) has grown to include United Methodist churches, church members, clergy, organizations, agencies and colleges. TUMCU believes financial services should have value "and values" and with this in mind, their products and services are uniquely designed to benefit the United Methodist communities they serve:

Members can access their accounts anytime from anywhere with online and mobile banking so there's no branch required. For members preferring traditional access there are more than 5,600 shared branches and over 300,000 ATMs

- across the United States They even have a retired missionary member living in Sierra Leone who uses TUMCU as his primary financial service provider.
- So far in 2018, they are helping more than 60 United Methodist churches and organizations with financing ranging from special project loans, church vehicle loans, renovations, as well as the refinancing of current loans. They just recently helped a church in Newport News with a project loan for their parsonage.
- ❖ TUMCU offers SnapLoan, an educational line of credit, with a low fixed rate and an even bigger discount if attending a United Methodist college or seminary. In just three years they have provided over \$1 million in educational funding.
- Their VISA rewards program gives members the option of donating



THE UNITED METHODIST CREDIT UNION STAFF: (Back left): James R. Eads, CEO; Karen Salmons, Financial Manager; Adrienne Cummings, Operations Manager; Michael Haydon, Loan Manager. (Front left): Suzanne Bullock, Accounting Clerk; Melissa Elliott, Member Service Representative; Sharon Birchfield, Member Services Representative. Not pictured: Janie Hightower, Marketing Manager; Ron Mentzer, Strawbridge Financial Services.

- their rewards back to their own church (or to one of a number of United Methodist charities)
- Whenever members finance a vehicle with them, TUMCU donates \$25 to their local United Methodist church. This vehicle loan program began just a few years ago and they have donated approximately \$5,000 to conference churches.

Each quarter, TUMCU provide Grants For Youth Groups, awarding up to \$500 to a United Methodist youth group to assist with mission trips or special service projects.

TUMCU's goal is to be a primary resource for encouraging sound stewardship principles and helping their members "to earn all they can and save all they can so they can give all they can" as servants of Christ in the world.



LEO RODRIGUEZ Client Services Relationship Manager



KATHIE SZEWCZYK Loan Administrator



he Virginia United Methodist Foundation exists to serve local churches and conference agencies in their efforts to expand their programs and ministries through planned giving and endowment funds. The Foundation also exists to invest monies for local churches or conference agencies in accordance with the socially responsible Investing principles of the

The Foundation is contractually engaged with the Humphrey Kelly Group — a division of Merrill-Lynch/ Bank of America — which serves as investment counsel and asset manager for the various funds.

United Methodist Book of Discipline.

The Foundation has also created a Grants Fund with the primary purpose to make strategic awards to support projects, ministries and initiatives throughout the conference that have the capacity or potential to enrich ministries in local churches and/or affiliated agencies, expand the outreach and ministry into the community and enhance the ministry impact of United Methodist churches throughout Virginia Conference. The Grants Initiative

is an effort for the Foundation to give back to the conference, its churches and its ministries to extend their outreach into the community.

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DEREK DOMMISSE Office Assistant

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Devotions from International Lesson Series

LIVING THE WORD



Rives Worsham is a rising senior at Virginia Military Institute (VMI). He grew up in Richmond, active in the ministries of Trinity UMC. Rives served as intern for the United Methodist Volunteers In Mission, Southeastern Jurisdiction during the summer of 2016. During his time as intern, he worked with Costa Rica Mission Projects in San Isidro, with Reelfoot Rural Ministries in Obion, Tennessee, and with the UMVIM, SEJ office in Birmingham, Rives has served on multiple domestic and international mission teams. Upon graduation from VMI next spring, he will enter the United States Air Force July 1, 2018
Obadiah 1
"A warning and call to action"

badiah predicts the destruction of Edom, home of the Edomites, who descended from Jacob's brother Esau and were therefore related to the people of Israel. There were frequent skirmishes between Israel and Edom, despite their ancient familial ties, and Edom ultimately took advantage of Israel when Babylon ransacked Jerusalem. The Edomites helped pillage that land and became wealthy at the expense of their brothers.

As I read through Obadiah, I see both a warning and a call to action. In verse 4, God declares that He is going to strike down the nation of Edom, even though they are wealthier and more powerful than ever before. I find it easy to relate to Edom in this moment. In my life, it takes effort for me to remember that I need God just as much in my times of success and prosperity. It is easy to turn to God when we are down and need something; however, when we are thriving, we tend to take all the credit for ourselves and assume that we can now provide for all our needs. Obadiah warns that God can strike us down no matter what our earthly status.

From this warning, I also see a call to action. Edom and Israel had been fighting for years. Why did God wait until the Babylonians had destroyed Jerusalem to act against Edom? Perhaps it is because they angered God the most when they simply sat back and watched as Israel was raided. Eventually, they joined in and kicked Israel while they were down. This passage calls us to look within our own communities and see who is in need. Even if we have disagreements with one another, God calls us to care for all members of our community and show them the same love that God shows us.

July 8, 2018 2 Chronicles 26 "The struggle of pride"

n 2 Chronicles 26, we hear the story of King Uzziah. The chapter is predominantly about his success as king of Judah, and then his ultimate downfall as a result of pride.

The story starts off so promising. King Uzziah had success simply because he sought the Lord. I find a lot of comfort and peace in that. Simply by earnestly pursuing Him, He will bring us success. Short-term mission work has been a huge part of my life and my faith development. To me, short-term mission work is all about seeking the Lord. There is undoubtedly a professional who could do the work better than I could. At the end of the of the day, it is more about my pursuit of the Lord, and the impact I may be able to have on someone else's pursuit of Him.

Unfortunately, a common occurrence after a short-term mission is a sense of pride. This doesn't just apply to those on mission trips. It is easy for anyone who is very active within the church to feel like they do more for the church than the church does for them. It appears that King Uzziah began to feel this way. We are told that after he became powerful and had great success, he turned from the Lord, and was ultimately punished with leprosy. No matter what our role, it is important to always remember that we are used by God to carry out His will. I certainly struggle with pride in my daily life, which is one of the reasons I am so comforted that God forgives us and rewards us not for being perfect, but for constantly pursuing Him.

The Living Word devotions will coincide with the 2018 Bible Reading Challenge from Bishop Lewis. Find the July schedule on pg. 43. Find all 2018 readings at www.vaumc.org.



July 15, 2018
2 Chronicles 28
"Never too righteous beyond temptation"

ing Ahaz was an evil king who was disrespectful to the Lord, so the Lord handed the kingdom of Judah over to the Israelites.

Although few people will ever experience war such as the one described here, many of us have examples of times where the Lord used us as a tool to reach those around us who may be lacking faith or going through a difficult time. In this chapter, the Israelites used the Lord's favor to take advantage of Judah. Unfortunately, we hear from time to time of a trusted church leader taking money from a church or taking advantage of their congregation. On mission trips, people often open their homes to strangers. It wouldn't be difficult to take advantage of someone and convince ourselves that we deserve it. After all, we are doing the Lord's work right?

In this chapter, we see that just because the Lord puts us on a righteous path that does not mean that we can just sit back and enjoy the ride. We must be aware that sin and temptation are around every turn, and we are never too righteous to be beyond temptation.

Prayer is an excellent way to continue to stay on the path that God has placed you on. Even as we work to advance the love of Christ, we should continuously ask the Lord to guide us on His path and correct us if we begin to stray.

July 22, 2018 Isaiah 28-30 "Showing God's love more often"

would like to focus on chapter 29 verses 13-14 because I find these verses most applicable to my life. It isn't a new message. God is calling us out, pointing out that we worship him with our words but not with out actions. We don't put our money where our mouth is.

Numerous sermons have encouraged me to show God's love not just with my words but with my actions, and every week at the end of the service my pastor commands all of us to take the message and the love of God with us into the world.

At the end of every mission trip, I have been told that I need to continue to live the life of service that I have been living on the trip. Despite this, I personally continue to fall short.

As I reflect as to why this is the case, I am led to two main issues with relatively simple solutions that I have been trying to focus on in my life. First, when I leave church on Sundays, I leave behind a support system that encourages me in my faith. We should be intentional about finding support systems to help us throughout the week, whether that is family or a mid-week Bible study or a group of friends who share the same Christian values that we do and can hold us accountable.

Secondly, when I am going through my normal weekly routine, I become overwhelmed. The world

is full of temptation and distractions. I begin to think about the changes I want to make in my life to be a better Christian, and I begin to get overwhelmed as the list of changes I want to make gets longer and longer. Recently, I have tried to simply focus on making one small change at a time as I acknowledge my imperfection. I believe that this has helped me show God's love more often, as opposed to simply speaking about it.

July 29, 2018 Isaiah 49-53 "Salvation on the way"

rom these chapters, I find the most comfort in chapter 51. Here, the Lord reminds us that we do not need to fear men or their insults. His salvation is on the way.

This chapter can be applied to various walks of life. It is a reminder that you are not alone when heading into the field to do mission work, and it is a promise that God will remain with us as we return from doing mission work. It is a guide for the young, a call to remember where we came from and who we serve as we enter adulthood.

Furthermore, it is a confirmation for the elderly, that we are God's people, and He has been with us and prepared a place for us in His kingdom. Finally, at the end, it is a call to the lost that it is time to return home to the Lord. No matter where we find ourselves in life, the Lord will be with us. Amen.

CLERGY & DIACONAL

DEATHS



The Rev. Janet
Parrish Seay,
67, died May
13, 2018 at
her home in
Chesapeake.
She pastored
churches on the

Harrisonburg and Charlottesville districts from 1980 to 1987.

Patricia K. Ottinger Wilson, 82, died May 6, 2018. She was widow of the Rev. Dale Wilson.

John Allen Daughtrey, Sr., 92, died April 30, 2018 in Nassawadox. His son-in-law, the Rev. Jon Woodburn, is pastor of Oakland UMC in Blairs.

HONORS



Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown, lead pastor of Annandale UMC, was named Father of the Year in the May/June

issue of By Faith Magazine. <

Notice: The Advocate, due to the increasing number of entries for this section each month, will only publish death notices for individuals rather than full obituaries. To have additional information published, please contact the Advocate office at advocate@ vaumc.org or mail to c/o Communications Office, P.O. Box 5606 Glen Allen, VA 23058-5606. The Communications Office receives obituaries from a number of sources, but to ensure we receive a particular notice, please contact us with copy.



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Association of Institutional Education (AEI)

The mission of AEI is to interpret and coordinate the work of United Methodist colleges and academy to the churches of the Virginia Conference.



JOHN B. PETERS Director of the Association of Educational Institutions













Conference Archives

Located on the second floor of the Virginia United Methodist Center in Glen Allen, Virginia, the Virginia Conference Archives contains a rich treasury of artifacts and records from the history of the Conference, its churches and its people. The current Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church is the successor to seven denominations and 38 conferences. Preserving the record of this historic conference is the task of the Conference Archives.



STEPHANIE DAVIS Archivist

To research or to make an appointment to visit the Archives, please call or email Virginia Conference archivist Stephanie Davis first at (804) 521-1100, ext. 132 or StephanieDavis@vaumc.org.





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JULY

Volunteers Southeastern Jurisdiction Annual Historical Society meeting

July 17-20, 2018, Williamsburg UMC

Join United Methodist history lovers from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction's (SEJ) 15 annual conferences as they meet July 17-20, 2018 at Williamsburg UMC for the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society (SEJHS) of The United Methodist Church. The event's theme is "Religious Liberty in the Historic Advance of Virginia Methodism" and will be presented by the Virginia Conference Historical Society. You do not need to be an SEJ Historical Society member to attend.

Guests will enjoy an outstanding agenda of tours and lecturers sharing fascinating stories of Virginia Methodism and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Uniting Conference forming today's United Methodist Church. Keynote speaker will be David L. Holmes, and Walter G. Mason professor of Religious Studies, Emeritus, College of William &Mary, will discuss religious freedom in the colonial era.

Attendees who participate in all lectures and tours of the 2018 annual meeting of the SEJ Historical Society will received one Continuing Education Unit (CEU). Visit www.vaumc. org/SEJHistoricalSociety2018 to find a brochure, registration information and speaker bios.

Mission Encounter

July 27-29, 2018, 4-H Center, Smith Mountain Lake

Mission Encounter, a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women, will take place at the 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake from July 27-29. The address is 775 Hermitage Road Wirtz, VA 24184.

The event is an opportunity for your whole congregation to come alive to mission by participating in a weekend mission education experience. If you have ever wondered not just how we DO mission, but where we are in mission, and most importantly why we are called to LIVE out missional lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, this is the event to attend!

There will be four courses offered: "Missionary Conference of the UMC in the USA," "What About Our Money," "Embracing Wholeness," and "Children's Study: Money Matters."

Online registration is now available. To see a detailed brochure, visit the conference website at **www. vaumc.org/missionencounter.**

SEPTEMBER

Embrace 2018: Virginia Clergywomen's Transformational Event

Sept. 25-26, 2018, Virginia Crossings Conference Center, Glen Allen

Embrace 2018 is the first gathering of the Virginia clergywomen in 30 years! Join us for two days of worship, study and community. Engage in hands-on missions, show off your skills in a Talent/No Talent show and participate in panel discussions on change and growth within your own ministry context. But most importantly, connect with other clergywomen and claim a renewed sense

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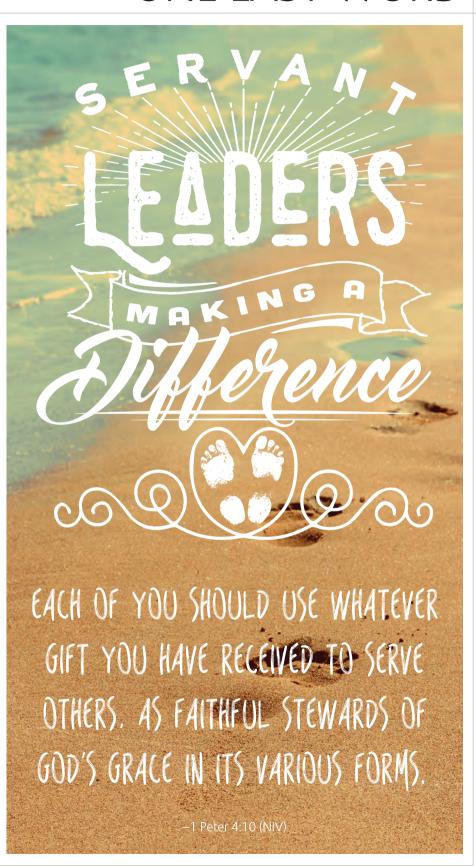
of call. Be inspired. Be nourished. Be embraced. Continuing Education grants from \$200 to \$400 are available to part-time* and full-time clergy under appointment by the Virginia Conference. The application form is available at www.vaumc.org/ClergvContinuingEducation. If you are submitting an application for grant funding, please choose "Invoice" as your payment method. The deadline for in-residence registration is Wednesday, August 15, 2018. You may register as a commuter, and secure your own lodging arrangements, after this date. For pricing and more registration information, visit www. eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index. php?eventid=320185&. ≤

ONE LAST WORD

Bishop's Bible Challenge readings for July

| July 1 | Obadiah 1, Psalm 82-83 |
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| July 2 | 2 Kings 1-4 |
| July 3 | 2 Kings 5-8 |
| July 4 | 2 Kings 9-11 |
| July 5 | 2 Kings 12-13, 2 Chronicles 24 |
| July 6 | 2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25 |
| July 7 | Jonah 1-4 |
| July 8 | 2 Kings 15, 2 Chronicles 26 |
| July 9 | Isaiah 1-4 |
| July 10 | Isaiah 5-8 |
| July 11 | Amos 1-5 |
| July 12 | Amos 6-9 |
| July 13 | 2 Chronicles 27, Isaiah 9-12 |
| July 14 | Micah 1-7 |
| July 15 | 2 Chron. 28, 2 Kings 16-17 |
| July 16 | Isaiah 13-17 |
| July 17 | Isaiah 18-22 |
| July 18 | Isaiah 23-27 |
| July 19 | 2 Kings 18:1-8, |
| | 2 Chronicles 29-31, Psalm 48 |
| July 20 | Hosea 1-7 |
| July 21 | Hosea 8-14 |
| July 22 | Isaiah 28-30 |
| July 23 | Isaiah 31-34 |
| July 24 | Isaiah 35-36 |
| July 25 | Isaiah 37-39, Psalm 76 |
| July 26 | Isaiah 40-43 |
| July 27 | Isaiah 44-48 |
| July 28 | 2 Kings 18:9-19:37, |
| Psalm 46, Psalm 80, Psalm 135 | |
| July 29 | Isaiah 49-53 |
| July 30 | Isaiah 54-58 |
| July 31 | Isaiah 59-63 |
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See more at: http://backtothebible.org/ reading-guide/15/7#sthash.Cl2yx6KJ.dpuf











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