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Updates to Staffing- Office of Connectional Ministries

Effective August 28, 2020, Nick Ruxton, videographer/digital media specialist, will be resigning from his conference position.

The Rev. Dr. Ted Smith, conference director of Connectional Ministries, shared that the annual conference and the conference staff greatly thank Ruxton for his five years of service and talents.

“Please join me in thanking Nick for his important ministry and wishing him well in all his future endeavors,” Smith said.

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Starting September 8, 2020, MaryKaye Cochran will shift from interim conference director of Congregational Excellence to executive administrator for the Richmond District.

Smith shared appreciation for Cochran’s ministry in the Center for Congregational Excellence and her willingness to step into the interim director position this summer.

“MaryKaye will be missed on the Connectional Ministries staff, but we know she will be a great addition to the Richmond District staff,” Smith said.

To direct questions to this office after September 8, please contact the Rev. Dr. Ted Smith at TedSmith@vaumc.org.

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After assessing the Connectional Ministries budget, conference staff and ministry needs, and Annual Conference preparation needs, Common Table has confirmed that staff funding is available to enable a renewed hiring search process after the conference hiring freeze ends on September 1, 2020.

This hiring process will be a multi-position search and will include the position of digital media specialist as well as associate director of Influence Ministries, associate director of Serve Ministries, assistant director of Learning Ministries, and an administrative position in Connectional Ministries.

Descriptions for available positions are in process and will be released soon.

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