

**Greater New Jersey Conference of The United Methodist Church
2013 Appointment Announcements**

Cape Atlantic District

Deborah Barnett has been appointed to **Grace Union United Methodist Church, Blue Anchor, NJ**

Deborah Barnett was raised in Medford, NJ and attended Medford UMC. She was a very active lay person. She served as Children and Youth Director at Epworth UMC (Palmyra) as she was working through the process of candidacy and licensing. She will continue serving the Winslow and Elm UM churches. Debbe is enrolled in Course Of Study and is a graduate of the Art Institute of Philadelphia. She enjoys empowering laity, listening to people's stories, youth/children's education and being connectional. She resides in Indian Mills, NJ, with her husband Dave, and they are the proud parents of Paul (24) and Morgan (20).

Grace Union United Methodist Church is located in the Cape Atlantic District. Grace Union is a rural church located in Blue Anchor, about 30 minutes east of Philadelphia. The church values fellowship and Bible study programs, is mission-minded and has developed a Nurture, Outreach and Witness Mission ministry (N-O-W). Church servants go to Atlantic City to feed the needy. They also organize a yearly revival to preach the Gospel to the community. They also have a strong Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. The members put their faith into action by responding to those in need in New Jersey.

Taegun Wang has been appointed to **Korean United Methodist Church of Southern NJ, Egg Harbor City, NJ**

Taegun Wang was born and raised in Korea. He received his BS from Seoul Nat'l Univ., M.Th from Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, M. Div from Drew Theological School, and STM from Union Seminary in NY. He's working on his Ph. D from Drew. He is an ordained elder, and served as a two point charge pastor to both the Diamond Hill (8 years) and the Bountiful Korean UMC (11 years). He is passionate about spiritual formations in the churches. He recently celebrated 22 years of marriage with Hyunsook Wang and has been tremendously blessed to have three "miraculous" daughters: Kayla Yaehyun (3 years), twins of Kathryn Haejoo and Kristine Yunji (9 months).

The Korean United Methodist Church of Southern NJ is located in the Cape Atlantic District. It was established in 1974 and is located in Egg Harbor City. Average worship is 75 persons at one Sunday morning service. The church has a Korean School, Bible study classes and once a month Bible study in member homes. The congregation is mission minded and has developed a Boardwalk Mission ministry. It supports the Island Mission in Korea, Haiti Church and a school in the Republic Dominicana. Its pastor is retiring and the congregation is looking forward to welcoming its new pastor, as they move forward in their journey of making disciples to further the kingdom.

Jun Yoshimatsu has been appointed to **Trinity United Methodist Church, Marmora, NJ**

Jun Yoshimatsu was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. His father is a pastor of the United Church of Christ in Japan still today. He is married to Izumi; they had a baby girl, Sara, on March 13 this year. Jun came to the U.S. to study Fine Art at F.I.T. and Pratt Institute, yet he received God's calling to Educational Ministry and then to Parish Ministry. He went to Drew Theological School for M. Div. and Yale Divinity for S.T.M. He also received an Ed.D in Art from Teachers College of Columbia. He was ordained to be a Deacon (Provisionary Elder) in 1995 and an Elder in 1997. He served the UMC of Park Ridge from 1995 to 2008, the Church of the Good Shepherd in Bergenfield from 2008 to 2013. Also, he has ministered to the Japanese residents in New Jersey since 1991. He plays the guitar, sings praise-songs, and creates artworks. He loves biblical studies, history, and philosophy in addition to art. He believes that a pastor is like a handyman/woman who can and must do many things; yet, a pastor must be humble a servant as Jesus is.

Trinity United Methodist Church, Marmora is located in the Cape Atlantic District. Trinity is committed to outreach and mission in the community and in the world, fully supporting Shared Ministry Giving. The congregation also actively participates in '2nd Mile Giving' through various monthly outreach projects. The primary local mission is Trinity Nursery School, which has been serving the community for over 30 years. A monthly lunch program for seniors, called Best of Life, is another community ministry, which includes lunch, singing and an exciting enrichment program. Trinity is also home for its chartered Cub Scout Pack 79, which provides scouting activities for approximately 70 boys from first through sixth grade. The church is also actively involved ecumenically.

Carl Shinn will be serving the **St. Paul's United Methodist Church, New Gretna, NJ**

Carl Shinn and his wife, Alice, live in Pitman, NJ. After accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior in 1996, he discovered that his life and attitudes began to change because of his faith in Christ. Active in lay speaking ministries since 1998 and a Certified Lay Speaker since 2000, Carl has led worship and preached many times since. He taught a men's Sunday school class for 17 years as well as many programs in his local church. Realizing God's call to ministry, he made the decision to dedicate his life to serving Him through pastoral ministry. Carl will soon complete the Certified Lay Minister program.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, New Gretna, is located in the Cape Atlantic District. The church has one service on Sunday and Sunday school. St. Paul's is a multi-generational congregation. St. Paul's is committed to mission in the community and in the world, fully supporting Shared Ministry Giving. The congregation also actively supports several missionaries.

Gary Turk is appointed as the Coordinating Pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, New Gretna, NJ

Gary Turk, retired elder, and his wife, Linda, reside in Mount Royal, NJ. Gary served at Lumberton United Methodist Church and Evangelical United Methodist Church, Clarksboro, prior to retiring in 2012.

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Joseph Breig has been appointed to Wesley United Methodist Church, Petersburg, NJ

Joseph Breig was born and raised in Millville, NJ. He went to Rutgers University on a football scholarship and graduated with a BA in business administration. He went on to Law School, became a practicing attorney and also passed the CPA exam. Twenty-five years passed until the Lord called him into the ministry for the purpose of "preaching the Word and loving the people." Joe believes that everything we need to know about how to live our lives in the footsteps of Jesus is contained in the Bible, and that the Bible is the ultimate "Answer Book." He loves to meet, talk, and fellowship with people, including the unchurched and the unbelievers. He is married to Rebecca (Becky) who is his best friend and soul mate in praising and serving God. He has served the Aura UMC for the past 10 years.

Wesley United Methodist Church, Petersburg, is located in the Cape Atlantic District ten minutes west of Ocean City. Organized in the 1830's, its beautifully maintained sanctuary was built in 1853, and has a large cemetery alongside. An educational/fellowship wing was added in 1965. With attendance ranging from 50-70, Wesley projects a very welcoming atmosphere. The congregation supports a local food closet on a monthly basis and several mission projects through monthly offerings, i.e. Sandy Relief Fund, UMCOR, a Guatemala mission, et al. Wesley recently partnered with several other churches by sending six of its members on a missionary trip to Haiti. Wesley has a goal of growing its mission outreach program by continuing this partnership. The Genesis Circle is a very active women's group that sponsors spring and fall bazaars, after-service fellowship times, and special events. An adult Monday evening Bible study is held, and a women's Bible study is held Tuesdays with lunch and Tuesday evenings for those who cannot attend the daytime session. With a small number of children, Wesley is looking to grow the youth program. A senior high youth group meets weekly. Wesley is also an active member of the Upper Cape Ministerium. The leadership, including three lay speakers, looks forward to future of service by developing disciples for Christ.

Melissa Doyle-Waid has been appointed to **Sea Isle City United Methodist Church, Sea Isle City, NJ**

Melissa is a Philadelphia native raised in Wallingford, PA. She graduated from Eastern College (now University) in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministries with a minor in Psychology. Melissa began her ministry career as a Youth and Christian Education Director in El Dorado, Arkansas; in addition, she has served with youth, children and families at churches in Michigan, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. After being called to pastoral ministry, she graduated in May of 2009 from Palmer Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. She was privileged to serve as the Associate Pastor at First Church in Millville until June 2012. Melissa looks forward to ministering with the people at Sea Isle City UMC as they reach out into the larger community with the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. She is blessed to be married to Travis Waid for almost 19 years and to be mom to Abby (14), Gabrielle (12) and Micah (11).

Sea Isle City United Methodist Church is located in the Cape Atlantic District. During the summer months they participate in a boardwalk ministry at the Promenade. They have a child care center for children between the ages of 2 ½ and 6. They actively participate in the Family Promise program. The congregation is committed to outreach and mission in the community and in the world, fully supporting Shared Ministry Giving and '2nd Mile Giving'. They also have a very active UMM & UMW.

Carol M. Hutchison will be serving the **Bethany St. John United Methodist Church, Pleasantville, NJ**

Carol M. Hutchison was born and raised in Somers Point, and currently lives in Egg Harbor Township with her husband of 40 years, Tom. They have two daughters, Beverly and Cathy, and also four wonderful grandchildren that she enjoys spending time with. Carol has worked in the Health Care field for over 20 years. She presently manages a Health Care Complex that includes a Mastectomy Boutique, which gives her the opportunity to work with women who have had breast cancer. Carol is an active member of Asbury UMC in the English Creek section of Egg Harbor Township. Carol accepted her call into ministry at Asbury after being invited to attend a Lay Speaker class. She has been serving at Bethany St. John's UMC in Pleasantville for over a year.

Bethany St. John United Methodist Church is located in the Cape Atlantic District. Bethany Methodist Episcopal merged with St. John's creating what is now called Bethany St. John's UMC in Pleasantville NJ. Founded in 1913, they are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Although Bethany St. John's is small in size they are mighty in Spirit. Worship Service is held every Sunday at 11AM. Bethany has many outreach programs allowing them to reach out into the community. The youth group serves the community in many ways. The bell in the steeple was made in Philadelphia and donated to the church by one of its original members. The bell was shipped by train, then delivered by horse and wagon to the church where it is still rung every Sunday.

Lillian Hines will be serving the **United Methodist Church of Somers Point, Somers Point, NJ**

Lillian Hines was born and raised in San Francisco, CA, she attended Texas Southern University earning a Bachelor's of Administration of Justice. This year marks the fifth year since accepting God's call on her life to preach and teach the gospel accepting John 15:16 as the final authority as a vessel to be used for God's glory. Lillian has lived in California, Texas, Florida, and most recently Princeton, New Jersey where she is graduating with a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2013. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading and traveling.

The United Methodist Church of Somers Point is a small, growing congregation located in the Cape Atlantic District. We are a multi-generational church committed to serving our increasingly diverse community. The ministries at Somers Point include a Tuesday night community basketball program, a Mommy & Me play group, missional community breakfasts (through which we collect school supplies, food, animal supplies, hygiene items, etc.), and a thrift clothing store on Thursdays. We are a church that seeks continued growth in our spiritual depth and missional reach. We are looking forward to partnering with our new pastor to serve Christ, our community, and the world.

Thomas Fisher has been appointed to **First United Methodist Church, Wildwood Crest, NJ**

Born in Bridgeton, NJ, Thomas Fisher graduated from Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, NC with a BS in Business Administration. After taking the appropriate education courses at Glassboro State College he became certified as an elementary school teacher teaching middle school youth. Tom attended Cheney State College where he took his graduate courses in educational supervision and administration. A career change followed resulting in his entering management with The Prudential Insurance Company serving for twenty-four years before entering ministry. Tom has also been a high school football, basketball, and track official for thirty years. Tom got his call to ministry in 1995, and has served the Petersburg: Wesley UMC for the past seventeen years. He and his wife, Diana, look forward to joining the 1st UMC of Wildwood Crest family with great anticipation. "Being appointed to Wildwood Crest is another example of how the Lord has blessed us in so many ways." Pastor Tom and Diana have four children: Debbie, Jim, Scott and Shawn, and two grandchildren: Kelly and John.

First United Methodist Church, Wildwood Crest is located in the Cape Atlantic District. First is committed to outreach and mission in the community and in the world, fully supporting Shared Ministry Giving. The congregation also actively participates in '2nd Mile Giving' in the island-wide food pantry, the annual beach clean-up project, serves the older community members with a meal and entertainment, and enthusiastically supports the "Nothin' but Nets" malaria project. The church is also actively involved ecumenically.

Capital District

Frances B. Ballinger has been appointed to **Allentown United Methodist Church, Allentown, NJ**

Frances B. Ballinger (Fran) has been part of the Methodist family since she was one year old. She was actively involved in SNJAC leadership as a lay person when she received the call to ordained ministry. After completing the COS at Wesley Theological Seminary she was ordained in 1991. Fran is a Certified Spiritual Director and a member of the Fellowship of United Methodist Spiritual Directors and Retreat Leaders. She has completed the Core Curriculum at the College of Preachers – National Cathedral and she is presently serving as the prior of the NJ chapter of the Order of St. Luke. She greatly enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren.

The Allentown United Methodist Church is a warm and welcoming congregation located on the Capital district in Allentown, NJ. Worship attendance continues to grow because of our small groups, the “Alpha Course”, “Grief and Loss” and “Boundaries”. Several of those attending these small groups have joined the church. The church offers an Adult Sunday School class on Sunday mornings and a Bible Study on Wednesday afternoons. There is an annual Bazaar and Auction, which is held on the first Saturday of November. Members also participate in the Crop Walk, Loaves and Fishes, the annual Mission Trip and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. On the third Monday of each month there is the “Sonshine Club”. This serves children from K thru third grades. The building is used by AA, Scouts and a Garden Club. There is an active United Methodist Women unit at the church. They send cards to the shut-ins and at Christmas they visit them with a gift of flowers in a decorative vase, etc. This year, for Easter, they made decorative hats for them to hang on their door. They have interesting programs such as book reviews, speakers, and sometimes a trip to see a show and out for dinner.

W. Garey Hope has been appointed as Coordinating Pastor, ¼ time to **Chatsworth United Methodist Church, Chatsworth, NJ**

W. Garey Hope is a retired elder. He served Columbus and Hedding United Methodist Churches for 34 years. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the United Methodist Publishing House. Garey is presently the treasurer of ARMS (Association of Retired Ministers and Spouses). Garey and his wife Earlene are the proud parents of three adult sons and eight grandchildren.

Chatsworth United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. It is an unincorporated community within Woodland Township in Burlington County, New Jersey. Chatsworth hosts the annual Cranberry Festival in NJ and it is the 3rd largest celebration in the United States. Chatsworth is a quaint, country church where everyone knows each other and friendliness abounds. As the only church in town, Chatsworth UMC has a strong connection to the community.

Ivelisse G. Castellano has been appointed ¼ time Supply Pastor to **Crosswicks United Methodist Church, Crosswicks, NJ** and ¼ time to **Ellisdale United Methodist Church, Allentown, NJ**

Ivelisse G. Castellano is a third year Seminarian at Drew University Theological School. She is pursuing her Master's in Divinity, and comes to us from the UMC Florida Conference. She is working towards her Ordination as an Elder within the United Methodist Church. Ivelisse graduated from Eckerd College, in St. Petersburg, Florida, with a BA in Human Development. Ivelisse is very passionate about her faith, life and family. Ivelisse is the mother of two adult sons, Nathan and Taylor. Ivelisse's vast experience in social work compliments her compassion and interest in ministries that involves reaching the disadvantage and marginalized population.

Crosswicks United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. It is located on the corner of Ward Ave and Church Street in the historic town of Crosswicks, New Jersey in Chesterfield Township. The main church building was built in 1884 with an educational and fellowship wing being added in 1964. The church participates in a Homefront Meals ministry, various ministries through its UMW and continues its semi-annual tradition of Roast Beef Suppers for the community. The church has an active youth group that meets for monthly activities. In addition to a weekly AA group meeting at the church, a Spanish speaking congregation holds a Sunday service and a Thursday evening prayer service.

Ellisdale United Methodist Church located in the Capital District. It is located within Chesterfield Township in Burlington County. This congregation is smaller and has a long history of paying 100% of their shared ministry. They host and nurture a larger AA group and hold monthly healing services.

Jana Purkis-Brash has been appointed as Coordinating Pastor, ¼ time, to **Chambers United Methodist Church, Hamilton Township, NJ**

Jana Purkis-Brash was born in Hackensack, NJ and has lived most of her life in New Jersey. Jana received her MDIV from Drew Theological School in 1982, and since then has served churches in North and South Jersey. She has a passion for ministry that takes her outside her comfort zone, and is always willing to be challenged to try something new. Jana is thankful for the opportunities she has had to be part of team ministry in the last 20 years; she values collaborative ministry. Jana and her husband, Don are now enjoying being grandparents to two-year-old Brock and almost one-year-old Saraya.

Chambers United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District in Mercer County, NJ. Chambers UMC is a small congregation with an average worship attendance of 8-12. This congregation has a long history of paying 100% of their shared ministry and has been very committed to supporting both local and global missions. The church is seeking to find ways to be more effective in its outreach to the community.

David Tokpah has been appointed as ¼ time pastor to **New Covenant United Methodist Church, Hamilton Township, NJ**

David Tokpah was born and raised in Liberia. He received his B.Th from United Methodist University, Liberia and M. Div. from Drew University. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. David works as a Chaplain Mentor for Vitas Hospice. He was ordained as a Full Elder in Liberia. He served as pastor for Grace & Seventy-second (Liberia); Centenary (Lambertville) and St. Paul UMC of Mount Holly. David is happily married to his wife Queta. They are blessed with five children: John, Mensiah, Samuel, David, Jr. and Maurita. David's gifts and passions include mission, pastoral care, inspirational worship, teaching and preaching.

The New Covenant United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District at 1965 South Broad Street, across from Rusling Hose Fire Company in an area zoned as commercial/residential in Hamilton Township, New Jersey. New Covenant UMC began in 1894 as Broad Street Park Methodist Episcopal Church and in 1985 merged with another church with a new name. New Covenant is an open and welcoming community of Christians trying to live out the Gospel through our love of Jesus Christ. We are learning and growing. We are trying to be good neighbors. We seek to welcome the strangers, and make visitors feel that this church is their church and family. Our mission is to make disciples for Christ for the transformation of the world. The New Covenant United Methodist Church Food Pantry is one of a few pantries in Mercer County with the designation of being a choice pantry. The Food Pantry offers perishable as well as non-perishable items. It is staffed by members of the church and has dedicated community volunteers who provide more than 80 hours/month of their time. The outpouring of generosity, selfless giving, and genuine concern for others shown by our members and the community has helped to sustain our efforts. For the past couple of years the Food Pantry was also supported with a food purchase grant from ShopRite of Bordentown. It is open every third Wednesday of each month from 5 pm to 9 pm. Fisher House Inc., a new service program which operates out of the church space, is beginning to provide basic household management skills, classes in nutrition, meal planning and budgeting and parenting skills to the families who use the Food Pantry to help them transform their current situations to break poverty cycles. They also prepare and provide a meal for all who attend the Food Pantry. At New Covenant United Methodist Church, all are welcome and all will be served.

Joseph P. Monahan has been appointed to **Medford United Methodist Church, Medford, NJ**

Joseph P. Monahan is a central Pennsylvania native who fell in love with a Jersey girl – and through her, Jersey itself. Stephanie and Joe have two daughters: Zoe, age 8, and Lilly, age 4. He is a proud Drew and Virginia Tech alum who trusts in the power of Jesus – through the church – to transform both individuals and communities. Joe believes that the church grows when we commit to radical hospitality, excellent worship, service to our community, and deep, honest, loving relationships with one another. He believes it's in these relationships where most of our growth as disciples takes place.

Medford United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. "MUMC" was first organized in 1821 and moved to its current location in 1973. MUMC is a diverse group of people with almost 800 members which seeks a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Through the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit we strive to grow as Disciples of Christ while calling others to become Disciples. We offer opportunities for both traditional and contemporary worship; are very serious with regard to our commitment to outreach; consider opportunities for youth an investment in our future and strive to be a welcoming and open congregation.

Kathleen Stolz has been appointed as the **Associate Pastor** to the **Medford UMC, Medford, NJ**

Kathleen Stolz is a native of New Jersey, raised in Livingston and confirmed in the Livingston UMC. Kathleen recognized her call to ministry through a church sponsored trip to Northern Ireland. After graduating Drew Theological School in 1990, Kathleen was consecrated a Diaconal Minister, certified a Minister of Christian Education, and in 1997 ordained Deacon in Full Connection. Her ministry is inspired by Micah 6:8 "what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God" with a focus on discipleship and outreach. Kathleen loves the connectionalism of the United Methodist Church, understanding the world as our parish, and has made one trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo and three trips to Liberia. She served Chatham UMC, Wesley UMC in Belleville, First UMC in Asbury Park, and the Greater New Jersey Conference as the Children, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator. In 2005, Kathleen and her husband, Rich, moved to Arizona where she served as Associate Pastor at The Fountains UMC and currently serves as Associate Pastor at Prescott UMC. They have three adult children (Christian, Allison and Grant), a 2 year old granddaughter (Dylan) and a Golden Retriever (Riley), and look forward to returning to New Jersey.

Medford United Methodist Church ("MUMC") is located in the Capital District and was first organized in 1821 and moved to its current location in 1973. MUMC is a diverse group of people with almost 800 members which seeks a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Through the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit we strive to grow as Disciples of Christ while calling others to become Disciples. We offer opportunities for both traditional and contemporary worship; are very serious with regard to our commitment to outreach; consider opportunities for youth an investment in our future and strive to be a welcoming and open congregation.

Jessica Davis has been appointed as ½ time Supply Pastor to **St. Paul United Methodist Church, Mt. Holly, NJ**

Jessica Davis is a member of Turning Point United Methodist Church in Trenton, New Jersey. Dr. Davis is the President and Founder of the Faith & Public Policy Institute in Princeton, New Jersey. She is the former Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Ethics and Public Policy at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After receiving her B.A., she earned her Master of

Divinity from Boston University School of Theology. Then, she received her Doctor of Law from Boston University School of Law. She also earned her Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Presently, she is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois.

St. Paul United Methodist church is located in the Capital District in Mount Holly Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. St. Paul UMC has a small congregation, consisting primarily of older adults. Several of the members' families have attended St. Paul for generations. The membership is dedicated to serving the needs of the community and making disciples of Jesus Christ. We contribute to ministries in Liberia as well as local ministries. We have an active single adult ministry and engage in weekly bible study. St. Paul has five lay servants who take turns participating in worship. We are few in numbers, but our faith is strong.

Crystal Davis-Jones has been appointed to **Pemberton United Methodist Church, Pemberton, NJ**

Vanessa Wilson has been appointed as a Supply Pastor, ¼ time, to **Magnolia Road United Methodist Church, Pemberton, NJ**

Born in New York, Vanessa, was reared in Northern New Jersey as a Methodist. She holds a BA in Urban Studies from Rutgers University and a JD from Rutgers University Law School. An advocate of life-long learning, she has been admitted to Drew Theological School where she will pursue an M.Div. Ordained in 2004, in the Interdenominational Church, she returned to the UMC in 2010. Possessing the gifts of teaching, exhortation, administration and leadership, she is committed to teaching about the love of God and developing ministries that demonstrate the transformative power of Christ. She currently serves the GNJAC as Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Task Force and Chair of Religion and Race. She has worked as an executive in higher education and non-profit organizations and is excited about this time of transition. She is blessed to parent with two wonderful sons, Anson and Aaron.

Magnolia Road United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. It has been serving it's community for over 100 years. The original structure burned down, but the church was rebuilt in 1939 by the committed congregation to keep God's house in the community. The original title was the Episcopal Methodist Church. This is a generational church with 5 generations of families having worshiped here. We have a 'come as you are' atmosphere, where no one is a stranger. We open our doors to offer you a respite and hope. We capture that with the slogan: Hope & Help Happen Here.

Karline Dubuisson has been appointed ¼ time to **First United Methodist Church of Riverside, Riverside, NJ**

Karline Dubuisson (Kay) was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She immigrated to the United States in 1996. Karline was a very active Certified Lay Servant and served in several

committees at Saint Mary Street UMC in Burlington, NJ as she was attending Palmer Theological Seminary. She received her MDiv in May of 2012. She is married to Claude-Edvard, her childhood friend. They have four children, Carl, Kaybienne, Khaila, and Nijel. Karline works full time as a case manager for the State of New Jersey. She is a creative thinker but her heart's passion is in Community Outreach, Christian Education, Spiritual Formation, and Pastoral Care. Karline is a Social Worker at heart. Hence, she loves to talk, meet, walk alongside of, and fellowship with people from all walks of life.

First Church of Riverside is located in the Capital District. It has a rich history of rising up many prominent and current clergy, laity and missionary leaders throughout its century long witness to the Gospel. Located on the Delaware River in Burlington County, First UMC shares facilities with a Gautama congregation as well as the local historical society. Riverside is an industrial community with a diverse immigrant heritage therefore both the community and congregation are continually in transition. First UMC has a children's Sunday School and missional ministries with several outreach programs such as Operation shoebox.

McWilliam Colon has been appointed $\frac{1}{4}$ time to **Trinity United Methodist Church, Roebling, NJ**

McWilliam (Will) Colon was raised in Philadelphia, Pa and has been a lifelong Methodist. Will believes that the church grows when people are committed to honest radical hospitality, inspiring worship and truly being the hands and feet of Christ servicing the community. Will met his wife Maritza on a mission trip to Honduras. They are proud parents of three children: Mcwilliam Jr. (19), Mariellie (11), and Mercedes (9). As a family they enjoy watching movies and traveling to different parts of the country. Will looks forward to the new possibilities this transition will provide.

Trinity United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. It is located in Roebling in Florence Township, in Burlington County. Trinity is a small congregation with a strong music ministry. Members participate in an Ecumenical Multi-church choir and Clarence's Café. Trinity is very committed to supporting local Food Pantries. Their connection to the community is through the Pre-School that is sharing their building.

Rupert Hall has been appointed $\frac{1}{2}$ time to **Groveville United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ**

Rupert Hall was born and raised in Jacobsville, Maryland where he accepted Christ as Lord and Savior at Magothy Mt. Zion UMC at an early age. He attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania receiving a B.S. in Economics and the Rutgers University School of Law receiving a J.D. He is a certified candidate for the order of Deacon. Rupert currently serves as Lay Leader at Turning Point UMC , on the Conference Boards of Trustees and Church and Society. He and his wife of 33 years have three adult children.

Groveville United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District within Hamilton Township, Mercer County, New Jersey. We are a small church that faithfully engages in ministry in our

community. We have three scout groups meeting in our church. We chartered the Cub Scout. Our Christian Women Group donated over \$3,000 to various charities in the area. We support a local United Methodist Church food pantry, children program and military families. Our members participate in mission trips. We are a warm and inviting congregation open to all people.

Annie Allen has been appointed as a Supply Pastor to **Turning Point United Methodist Church, Trenton, NJ**

Annie Allen was born in New York City and has lived her adult life in Northern New Jersey. She will be ordained as a pastor in the National Baptist Association in April 2013. She currently serves as Director of Communities of Shalom Resource Center at Drew University. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Labor Relations, a Masters in Public Administration and a Masters of Divinity from Drew Theological Seminary. She has had a 30 year career in higher education, politics and community organizing. Annie has had a life-long calling for social justice and especially the issues of race and inter-faith relations. She has two grown sons, Gregory and Jeffrey.

Turning Point United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. It is the result of the merger of two churches with a combined longevity of over 300 years in the City of Trenton, New Jersey: First United Methodist Church and St. Paul United Methodist Church. This newly creative urban multicultural/racial congregation has been intentional about engaging in feeding, clothing and housing persons living on the margin of life in the city of Trenton. They practice radical hospitality where all are welcome and no one leaves feeling like a stranger. Their commitment to engaging in ministry with the poor has been strengthened by the support received from other United Methodist Churches on the Capital District. There is a great thirst for learning that has produced a flourishing Sunday School for all ages.

Sandra J. Jenkins has been appointed to **Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Willingboro, NJ**

Sandra J. Jenkins is a lifelong Methodist who was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. She received her bachelor's degree from the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and her master's degree from Trenton State College. She had a prolific career in higher education working at various colleges and universities in NJ. She responded to God's gentle but persistent call to ordained ministry in 2002 when she matriculated at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, NJ. She graduated in 2007 with a Master of Divinity degree. She has a passion for mission and working with disciples in using their gifts serving God in ordinary places. She enjoys national and international travel, quilting, biking, and swimming. She has one adult daughter, Tiffany, who lives in Maryland and works at the University of Maryland/College Park.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is located in the Capital District. It has been serving the Willingboro and surrounding community for fifty-four years. A multiethnic congregation, our

mission is to Enable Every Person to Become a Faithful, Empowered Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ—One Soul At A time! Sunday school classes for all ages are held at 9:00 am followed by the Worship service at 10:00 am. Strongly focused on prayer and mission, key ministries are: Early Morning Prayer held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 6:30–7:00am and Intercessory prayer held at 8:00am on Saturday, Wednesday morning and evening Bible studies, Food Pantry, Children and Youth groups, Prison Ministry, Ministry of Compassion, United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Men.

Danny Thomas has been appointed $\frac{1}{2}$ time to **Windsor United Methodist Church, Windsor, NJ**

Danny came from Virginia to NJ in 1998 for seminary at Princeton Theological and stayed. Before seminary Danny served in the capacities of Inhalation Toxicology supervisor, Training Administrator, and Resource Management with Covance (formerly Hazleton during the ebola days). He comes from a technical science background, has found that the more we know about science, the greater the proof of God. Danny now uses his skills of training and organizational development to equip and empower individuals toward productive, principled discipleship and love of Christ. He has served in Trenton at what is now Turning Point, and in Hamilton (Mercer) at New Covenant. He is active with the Garden State Walk to Emmaus community, and serves periodically as a Conflict Resolution Specialist with the Bucks County Peace Center.

Windsor United Methodist Church is located in the Capital District. It is located in East Windsor Township in Mercer County. This is a small congregation that has become the “Harbor” where members and neighbors meet to take their active faith out into world. A third of those in attendance are either Associate Members and /or neighbors. We are an inclusive and welcoming congregation. We host a Monthly Country breakfast that draws folks from near and far. We support local food pantries and pay 100% shared ministry every year. The members of Windsor see themselves as the glue that holds the community together.

Delaware Bay

R. Bret Walker will be serving as a **Supply Pastor at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Auburn, NJ and Hudson United Methodist Church, Pedricktown, NJ**

R. Bret Walker has lived most of his life in Pitman, NJ. Bret has been a member of Pitman UMC where he grew up, and has served as a lay speaker, worship leader (Summer services), Sunday school teacher, Bible study leader, and evangelism chairperson. Bret also serves on the Pitman Grove Camp Meeting board. An avid musician, Bret plays drums, guitar, and ukulele, and sings baritone in the choir. He is currently attending the University of the Southwest online majoring in Psychology/Religion, and is a candidate for ordained ministry. Bret has two grown children, and he and his wife Erin currently reside in Pitman.

The Ebenezer United Methodist Church of Auburn and the Hudson United Methodist Church of

of Pedricktown are located in the Delaware Bay District. Both congregations are small membership churches seeking to grow and be a witness for Jesus Christ in their communities. The Ebenezer UMC has an average worship attendance of 20-25 and is a close church family involved in a number of community projects and missions. They participated in a Adopt-a-Family program, Souper Bowl of Caring, various food drives and support of global mission through collecting health kits and supporting several missions.

The Hudson UMC has an average worship attendance of 25-30. They worship as a close church family and conduct a small Sunday School for children. The church conducts several ministries including children's service projects for local nursing homes, participation in a food bank, and a card ministry to express caring for others.

Diane Smith has been appointed to **St. Paul's United Methodist, Bridgeport, NJ and Centre Square Union United Methodist Church, Swedesboro, NJ**

Diane Smith was born and raised in Salem County, NJ. As a member of Hancock's Bridge UMC, she was active as a small group leader and Lay speaker. A 2005 graduate of Wilmington University, DE, Diane is currently employed full time as a social worker at Salem County Board of Social Services. Her career in ministry began in 2004 and she obtained her Local Pastor License in 2005 from Drew Theological School. She served the congregations of St. Paul's and Centre Square UMC for three years. Diane has been richly blessed with 2 wonderful children: Justin, 15 and Jordan, 13.

The Union and St. Paul's United Methodist Churches are two small membership churches in the Delaware Bay District in Centre Square and Bridgeport. The Union UMC has an average worship attendance of 8-12 and the St. Paul's United Methodist Church has an average attendance of 15-20. Both churches have a long history of worship and witness and seek to grow in their outreach to their communities.

Walter C. Kellen, Jr. has been appointed to **Friendship Finley United Methodist Church, Bridgeton, NJ**

Walter C. Kellen, Jr. was born and raised in KY. After college he went to work for the J.C. Penney Co. where he became a store manager and spent the next 35 years working. Walt served as a lay servant in three conferences before being called to the pastoral ministry. Completing the COS at Wesley Theological Seminary, he served 5 years at the Cedarville UMC Church in Cedarville, NJ and 14 years at Broadway UMC in Salem NJ. While in Salem he worked for Memorial Home Health and Hospice as Bereavement Coordinator and chaplain for 10 years and was president of the Salem Area Ministerium for 13 years. Walt enjoys working with people and helping them to find Jesus in their daily walk. He enjoys preaching, doing Bible studies, Grief counseling and helping people to deal with life's

opportunities. Walt and his wife Joyce have four children, a son-in-law and two wonderful grandsons.

Friendship Finley United Methodist Church is a small membership church in the Delaware Bay District located just outside of Bridgeton, N.J. This welcoming congregation has an average attendance of 25-30. The worship style is informal which includes a praise band and a Junior church held after the children's message. The congregation participates in community worship services and events.

Ramon S. Putnam has been appointed to **Aura United Methodist Church, Monroeville, NJ**

Ramon S. Putnam was born in Denver, Colorado and was raised in Colorado and Kansas. As a young boy, he attended a United Brethren Church in Kansas. He received a BA degree in Liberal Arts from Kansas State University of Emporia, Kansas. He was previously employed by Underwood Memorial-Memorial Hospital as the Assistant Director of Human Resources for almost 40 years. Upon retirement from the hospital, he was licensed as a Local Pastor and completed the "Course of Study" at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC in 2011. He has been married to Judith L. Putnam for 39 years and they have two adult children. Ray has previously served as pastor of the Haines Neck UMC for 5 years and as pastor of Ebenezer UMC for 10 years. He is a caring, compassionate pastor who believes that God has called him to assist the church he serves as a facilitator to enhance the church's ministry and create disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Aura United Methodist Church is a small membership church in the Delaware Bay District. The church has a rich history of witness and service. The average worship attendance is 20-25 with the opportunity for children's church during worship. Discipleship opportunities are offered through Bible study and fellowship groups. A full day VBS program and a Kite-Day have been offered for children.

Lori Mitchell will be serving as a **Supply Pastor at Fairton United Methodist Church, Fairton, NJ**

Lori Mitchell is a native of the southern New Jersey region. She was born and raised in the greater Bridgeton area. Lori earned a B.A. degree in Theology from Eastern University and is currently a M. Div. candidate at Palmer Theological Seminary. Lori has served our Conference as a certified lay servant and a member of the Conference Educational Society. She currently is the youth director for Trinity UMC in Clayton. She, and her husband Dan, have been married for fifteen years. Lori enjoys listening to music and spending time with family.

The Fairton United Methodist Church is located in the Delaware Bay District. It is a small membership church with an average attendance of 30-40 with a history of witness and service. The congregation is a welcoming community of faith with a traditional worship style. There are opportunities for Bible study and fellowship and involvement in Christian mission.

Brian Rhea has been appointed to **Fourth United Methodist Church and Newcombtown Fourth United Methodist Church, Millville, NJ**

Brian Rhea grew up in Newark, Delaware. After graduating from the University of Delaware, he studied Scripture at Asbury Seminary, Princeton Seminary, and Boston College. He served as a student pastor at Wesley Chapel UMC near Nicholasville, Kentucky, and as an associate pastor at Haddonfield UMC in New Jersey. Brian is married to Jan, currently a math teacher at a girls' school attached to a residential treatment center. They have three children—Caris (almost 7), Josiah (almost 4), and a new child (negative 2 months). Brian enjoys spiritual formation, patristics, Second Temple Judaism, worship music, museums, state parks, and learning how to pray.

The Fourth United Methodist Church and Newcombtown United Methodist Church are located in Millville in the Delaware Bay District. Fourth United Methodist Church is an active congregation with an average attendance of 100. Children and youth ministry are important components of the church's program with a strong VBS outreach. The church has a prayer ministry and several outreach programs for the community. Music is an important emphasis of this congregation.

Newcombtown United Methodist Church is a small membership church with about 10-15 in attendance. They share many of their ministries with Fourth UMC and participate in a number of their programs. The church is seeking ways to reach into its community. Currently, a nursery school and another church meet in their facility.

Terri McCarson has been appointed to **Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Millville, NJ**

Terri McCarson earned a Bachelors degree in Spanish from Rowan University and has been employed by the Atlantic City Electric Company for the last 27 years. In response to God's call to pastoral ministry Terri entered the candidacy program for local pastor in the spring of 2011. She has been serving as supply pastor for the Mount Pleasant UMC in Millville since October 1st, 2012. Terri has one daughter and is expecting her first grandchild in August. Terri and her husband Walt reside in Upper Deerfield Township.

The Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church is a small membership church located in the Delaware Bay District in the town of Millville. The average worship attendance is 20-25 with opportunities for Bible study and fellowship. The church is seeking to find ways to be more effective in its outreach to children. Currently the church hosts several groups including the Boy Scouts.

Amarilys Gonzalez-Lopez has been appointed as **Associate Pastor** to **Trinity United Methodist Church, Mullica Hill, NJ**

Amarilys Gonzalez-Lopez grew up in Puerto Rico, and has served in urban cross-cultural/cross-racial ministry settings and outreach ministries. She is very passionate about evangelism, communications, nurturing, social justice, community organizing, discipleship and leadership development. She enjoys life with her husband Richard and her son Nathan. Amarilys specialized in Human Resources, Information Management and Corporate Compliance after she earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice, a M.A. in Labor Relations, MBA in Technology Project Management, and worked with several organizations affiliated with the Federal Government, the Armed Forces and the Red Cross. In 2012, she graduated with an MDiv from Drew University. She is currently serving the Asbury United Methodist Church in Camden, N.J.

The Trinity United Methodist Church of Mullica Hill is located in the Delaware Bay District. Rev. Glenn Conaway is the Senior Pastor. The church is one of the fastest growing churches in the Conference with an average worship attendance of over 500. Trinity is a vibrant church with 3 Sunday morning worship services and many ministries and outreach programs. The music ministry includes a traditional choir and praise band. The church has plans to expand its facilities with a family life center.

Sherry L. Zappola has been appointed to **Emmanuel and St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Penns Grove, NJ**

Sherry L. Zappola is married to Al Zappola, whom she has known all of her life. They have three children, and ten grandchildren. Sherry was a member of Bethesda UMC in Swedesboro, NJ where she was born and raised. She made her commitment to Christ at summer camp. Sherry taught Adult Sunday School, Bible studies, and she and Al had a drama ministry. As a Local Pastor she served Wesley of W. Berlin and Lucaston of Lindenwold NJ. Her last six months at Wesley, she served as interim at National Park, NJ. She has been serving Emmanuel UMC of Penns Grove for three years.

The Emmanuel and St. Paul's United Methodist Churches are located in the Delaware Bay District in Penns Grove, N.J. Both churches are small membership churches seeking to find ways to grow their church and serve the community. Emmanuel UMC has an average worship attendance of 20-25 and St. Paul's average attendance is 25-30. The churches provide a caring fellowship and have shared services and programs together. One of the challenges for both churches is finding ways to reach people in a community that has faced a number of economic challenges. Through worship, Sunday school, Bible study, and fellowship activities, the churches hope to reach more people for Jesus Christ.

Michael Denelsbeck has been appointed to **Rosenhayn United Methodist Church, Rosenhayn, NJ**

Michael Denelsbeck was raised, and has lived most of his life, in Vineland NJ. Michael has been an active member of the South Vineland UMC for many years, and has been involved in the Lay leadership of the church for most of that time. Michael acknowledged his call to ministry while working as an Officer for the NJDOC. After fighting this call for several years he finally decided to relinquish control to God and let Him lead the way. He retired with 26 years' service, and has been working as an Aide for the Cumberland County TEC. Michael married his best friend Rhonda 25 years ago. Rhonda owns and operates Academy of Dance dance studio in Vineland. They have three daughters Tiara (23), Deanna (21), and Sydney (16). Michael has been an active member of the Garden State Walk to Emmaus, and Garden State Lighthouse Chrysalis communities, acting in leadership positions with both. Michael is a member of the Christian Motorcyclists Association, and enjoys riding his motorcycle in the warm weather. He appreciates the opportunity to use something he enjoys to minister to those who may not know Jesus.

The Rosenhayn United Methodist Church is located in the Delaware Bay District about 5 miles north of Bridgeton, N.J. It is a small membership church with an active and caring congregation. The average worship attendance of 70 is very intergenerational. The congregation has a history of ministry with children and youth who often participate and give leadership in worship services. The worship style is informal and emphasis is placed on music and Bible teaching. A Sunday School is provided for children after the children's message. Some of Rosenhayn's ministries include outreach to nursing homes, a prayer ministry, and involvement in community events and services.

Ronald A. Crouch has been appointed to the **Broadway United Methodist Church, Salem, NJ**

Ronald A. Crouch retired from the GNJAC as an Elder in 2009. He has served in urban, suburban, rural and shore communities with emphasis in pastoral care, preaching/worship, leadership development and community outreach. He has also served in ministry beyond the local church as an endorsed clinical chaplain. He developed the Pastoral Care Department for Bridgeton Hospital and served that health system in social work, as well as a therapist for their mental health services, where he occasionally still utilizes his skills in marriage and family therapy. He enjoys sculpture, listening to classical and jazz music, and observing nature. He and his wife have three grown children, and two elderly cats, who don't know they're elderly.

The Broadway United Methodist Church of Salem is located in the Delaware Bay District. It has a long history of witness and service in the community of Salem. The average worship attendance is 65 and about 25-30 in Sunday School. The church actively participates in the Salem area Ministerium services and activities. The congregation has led several mission dinners where over 200 persons are served. Discipleship opportunities are offered through

Bible studies and a Tuesday evening prayer team. Broadway is a caring congregation seeking to discover ways to serve Christ and reach its community.

Daniel Sooy has been appointed to **Bethesda United Methodist Church, Swedesboro, NJ**

Daniel Sooy was born and raised in Oceanville, New Jersey. He graduated from Rowan University and received a Bachelor's degree in Music Education. He was a music teacher for 5 years in Pleasantville, New Jersey. After discerning a call to become a pastor, he attended Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Dan has served North Wildwood UMC and has been serving Fourth and Newcombtown United Methodist Churches in Millville for 11 years. Dan's wife is Karen, they have 5 children, Emily (22yrs), Andrew (20yrs), Abigail (17yrs), Stephen (14yrs), and Daniel (9yrs).

The Bethesda United Methodist Church of Swedesboro is located in the Delaware Bay District. It is an active congregation with a traditional and a contemporary worship service. The average attendance is 170. The church serves a growing area with a number of Christian education opportunities including Sunday School and Bible studies. Youth ministry is an important component of the church with a youth minister on staff. Bethesda is involved in a number of outreach ministries and supports a number of mission programs including a local food bank and the Red Bird Mission.

James. L. Peterson has been appointed to the **Asbury United Methodist Church, Woodstown, NJ**

James L. Peterson is a native of the southern New Jersey region. He was born and raised in the greater Bridgeton area. He earned his B.A. Psychology at Glassboro State College (Rowan University), M.A.R. and M.Div. at EBTS (Palmer Seminary) and D.Min. at Fuller Theological Seminary. After seminary Jim began his pastoral ministry career under assignment at the Malaga and Willow Grove United Methodist churches. Jim then returned to the Church of the Nazarene, his childhood denomination, taking assignments in Richardson, Texas; Pensacola, Florida; and Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon returning to southern New Jersey in 2004, Jim has continued to serve both the Nazarene church and the United Methodist Church in various interim and part-time assignments. Jim and his wife, Mona, have been married for 31 years and have three children, ages 18 to 23.

The Asbury United Methodist Church of Woodstown is located in the Delaware Bay District. It is a small town church with a long history of being a connectional church. The average worship attendance is 65. The adult choir, hand bells, and drama ministry are important aspects of the church's ministry. Educational and discipleship opportunities are provided through Bible study and Sunday School. The church carries out a number of outreach ministries including a food pantry, hosting family promise, and an active youth fellowship.

Gateway North

Vivian L. Rodeffer has been appointed to **Caldwell United Methodist Church, Caldwell, NJ**

Vivian L. Rodeffer is a native of Sadsburyville, Pennsylvania. Vivian grew up in a rural area and has always loved gardening and the outdoors. Her home church is Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, PA. Viv's special interests in ministry are creative worship, spiritual formation, urban/suburban partnering, teaching and preaching. Also, the study of Bowen Family Systems Theory. Previously she has served St Paul UMC (student), Willingboro; Wenonah UMC (7 years); Haddonfield UMC (4 years, associate); Manahawkin UMC (8 years); and as the Gateway South District Superintendent (7 years). Currently, she is the senior pastor of the Medford UMC. Viv is married to retired systems analyst (Gartner Group) Rob McCombe and they have two daughters: Robin (age 31) and Susan (age 23). Robin is married to Jay Fisher and they are the parents of Johnny (age 2).

Caldwell United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway North District. It is a vibrant and faithful group of people who love their church and the ministries done in Jesus' name. We are diverse in age, theology, political affiliation, and find common ground in following Jesus together. We enjoy ecumenical ministry and partner with various houses of faith in some shared Vacation Bible School, humanitarian relief work, feeding programs, and adult religious educational opportunities. We have had a successful first phase in the fundraising of a renovation to our Church Entrance, Office and meeting room. The Trustees are a talented and highly functioning group of Methodists who have worked with an architect and are soon to complete the bidding process before we start the building phase.

Jeffrey P. Markay has been appointed to **Chatham United Methodist Church, Chatham, NJ**

Jeffrey P. Markay has a B.A. and M.Div. from Drew University. He has studied and practiced Christian disciplines in diverse settings, including congregational ministry, monastic community, and spiritual direction for the past 24 years. He has been in pastoral ministry with the United Methodist Churches in Morristown, Springfield, and Caldwell, New Jersey since 1989. Jeff is in his 12th year as Senior Pastor at the United Methodist Church in Caldwell, New Jersey. He is married to the Rev. Julie Yarborough, Associate Pastor at Christ Church in Summit. They are the grateful parents of Matthew (age 12) and Elizabeth (age 9).

Chatham United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway North District. It is a wonderful church with a variety of ministries in a thriving affluent suburban community. Chatham UMC has membership of 699 and weekly attendance of 135. This church has many committed and skilled lay leaders. Currently, there are 2 worship services on Sunday: a family traditional worship service and a traditional communion worship service. There are seven part-time staff members. The congregation is multi-generational and they enjoy a variety of programs including a strong children's ministry program and a vibrant music ministry. The church is active

in missions and UMW and has always contributed 100% to Shared Ministry. The church is willing and anxious to grow and evolve.

Annie Williams-Bevacqua has been appointed to **Park Ave.- St. John's United Methodist Church, East Orange, NJ**

Annie Williams-Bevacqua is a proud mother of two and a wife. She is passionate about teaching diversity, preaching the Word, and empowering the life of the church. This is evident as she was led to create a pilot program, "Etiquette for Life," for junior high school girls in East Orange, NJ. She is devoted to working with the disadvantaged, teaching them life skills, and nurturing their untapped gifts and talents. Annie holds a BS from John Jay College of Criminal Justice/Minor in Behavioral Science, Master of Divinity from New Brunswick Theological Seminary/Drew Theological Seminary. Her corporate experience in Federal and State agencies as a confidential investigator, trained polygraphist and officer has deepened her theological understanding for social inequality. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, sewing and cooking.

Park Ave.- St. John's United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway North District. It is a transforming Christ-centered, African-American, urban community church with 120 active members empowered by God's Spirit to demonstrate and develop their Christian journey, and to ultimately be deployed as mature, faithful followers of Jesus Christ. This community of faith believes, as Christians, we can be a prayerful and powerful New Testament Church in our time. PASJUMC exists to be an access point for people in the community to discover Jesus Christ, realize their purpose, and begin to live in that purpose. PASJUMC believes that all people, regardless of their station in life, are God's masterpieces and it is the church's mission to help everyone discover the One who created us as masterpieces. It is there that all will discover our purpose and fulfill the great things He has created for us.

Eun Ok Cha has been appointed to the **Kenilworth United Methodist Church, Kenilworth, NJ**

Eun Ok Cha was born and raised in South Korea, and came to the US in 2005. She earned her Bachelor and M.A. degrees from Hyupsung University Theological School in South Korea, and completed the M.Div. and S.T.M at Drew Theological School in 2010. Eun Ok Cha is married to Daniel, a professional chef. They have two children, Jacob (age 2½) and Irene (age 1). She has a strong passion for delivering God's word and demonstrating God's love to all people, especially the poor and the sick among us. Over the years, she has also shared her gifts effectively through ministries with children and youth, as well as in various outreach ministries to people recovering from illness and the effects of poverty.

The Kenilworth United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway North District. It has a small congregation of both English speaking and Korean speaking members. In October 2012, they celebrated their 100th anniversary. Church services for the English congregation is celebrated at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning followed by bible study. The Korean congregation meets at 11:30 AM. They are planning future events to help grow in numbers, i.e. popcorn and

movies on a Saturday, music ministry with students from the local middle school, and building a choir. Members have been very faithful over the many years and they all look forward to growing in number and continuing to be true believers of Christ.

Hwankee Yong has been appointed to serve the **Livingston Korean United Methodist Church, Livingston, NJ**

Hwankee Yong was born and raised in Seoul, Korea. He is a member of the Alabama-West Florida Conference as an elder. He is currently serving Drexel Hill New Covenant Drexel Hill, PA. He attended Yonsei University earning a B.Th. and M.Div. at Drew Theological School and D.Min in Church Music at Canada Christian College. He was ordained as a deacon in the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference. He has served Hanmadang in Parma, OH and Montgomery in Montgomery, AL. Hwankee and his wife, Youngai, have been married for 33 years and have two children (John and Joseph), ages 30 to 32 and two grandchildren.

Livingston Korean United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway North District in Livingston Township, Essex County, New Jersey. It has no church building but has shared facilities with St. Peter's Episcopal Church. It has a long history of witness and service within the Livingston and surrounding areas. Livingston KUMC is small in numbers but the existing members are mission-oriented and dedicated to making disciples for Jesus Christ. For the last three years, the strong and mission-oriented youth and young adult members participated in short-term missions in the Dominica and Korea. Members are faithfully engaged in early daily Morning Prayer services, Friday intercessory prayers and Wednesday Bible study.

Prescott Butler has been appointed to the **United Methodist Church in Orange, Orange, NJ**

Prescott Butler is currently serving the Irvington United Methodist Church. He is a Retired Postmaster who served in the cities of Pennington, Mendham, Vauxhall, and Millburn NJ. He holds an MBA Degree from Kean University and will graduate from New York Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity Degree on May 18, 2013. He is married to Sandra Butler and has four children.

The United Methodist Church in Orange is an African-American Church located in the Gateway North district in the heart of Orange's urban community. For more than 150 years, the OUMC has offered an environment of enrichment, care, and growth. The worship services are enthusiastic, lively, provocative and thought-provoking and reflect a congregation that extends this energy and enthusiasm beyond Sundays and beyond these doors. The membership has diminished over the years, but the 90 existing members are hard-working and dedicated.

Joyce Lee has been appointed to **Emanuel United Methodist Church, Union City, NJ**

Joyce Lee is a 1.5 generation Korean-American pastor, lawyer and economic analyst. She moved from South Korea to California when she was in high school. She studied economics at UC

Berkeley and worked at an economic consulting firm in Los Angeles. Joyce moved to the East Coast to pursue legal education at Columbia Law School, and she now is a licensed lawyer in New Jersey and New York. She has been actively involved in urban ministry with young adults for many years. She is currently serving at Broken Builders UMC in Manhattan, which she has helped plant and develop into a chartered congregation, now a Vital Congregation selected by New York Annual Conference. Joyce's gift and passion include small group ministry, praise and worship, preaching and teaching. She is bilingual in English and Korean.

Emanuel United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway North District. It is a family of believers who share God's message of peace, nurture, love and hope to a diverse community in a growing neighborhood. They are a Christ centered diverse congregation of Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic urban community with 16 dedicated members and numerous volunteers from the surrounding area who support "Breakfast with a Smile" by their physical presence. Their special mission is to share the message of salvation and to make disciples for Jesus Christ by the various ministries that they serve. They respond to the needs of Christ's people by prayer, worship, Bible study, counseling and networking in order to proclaim and teach the Word of God to all. They are empowered and dedicated by God's Spirit to demonstrate and develop their Christian journey, and to ultimately be deployed as mature, faithful followers of Jesus Christ. This community of faith believes, as Christians, they can be a prayerful and powerful New Testament Church in our time. Emanuel U.M.C. exists as a beacon within the community to the homeless where they are accepted for who they are, to support and care and guide them in finding Jesus Christ within their lives. Emanuel U.M.C. believes that all people, regardless of their station in life are God's masterpieces and it is the church's mission to help everyone discover the One who created us.

Gateway South

Angel Bonilla has been appointed to **Asbury United Methodist Church in Camden, NJ**

Angel Bonilla was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where as a youth, one day he felt his heart strangely warmed. He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a B. A. in Social Sciences. He is currently a seminarian at Drew University Theological School. He has served the district in various ministries. He feels very grateful for this new opportunity to serve Christ and His Church in a multicultural and urban setting. He loves to read, camping and going to the Jersey Shore.

Asbury United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. Located in Camden, NJ, it is a multi-cultural congregation in an inner-city neighborhood. Most of the members are African-American, Hispanic and African (from Sierra Leone). The church serves the community in a variety of outreach projects. The congregation strives to share the presence of God to a community that is challenged with poverty, drug traffic, crime, and violence. The members are committed to making disciples for the transformation of Camden and beyond.

Shelley S. Smith has been appointed to **Ferry Avenue United Methodist Church, Camden, NJ**

Shelley S. Smith was born in Cambridge, MD and raised in Deptford Township, NJ. In May 2011, she graduated with an MDiv from Palmer Theological Seminary. While there, she received the Borchert Prize in Christian Education. She is passionate about Pastoral Care, Christian Education and Spiritual Formation. She currently serves as the pastor of the First United Methodist Church of National Park. She celebrates the joy of family with her husband, Oliver Smith, Jr., sons, Rahim and Lewis, daughter-in-law, Angela, grandchildren, Lewis Jr. and Alicia, and parents, Richard and Elaine Stanley. She enjoys travel, TCM, reading and jigsaw puzzles.

Ferry Avenue United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is a vital church in the heart of the Camden, low-income inner-city community. Weekly attendance averages about 65. The church has a heritage that goes all the way back to the days of the underground railroad. The church has small, efficient, well-kept facilities with some off-street parking. The service is a traditional African-American style of worship. The church is active in mission projects, has an active community outreach and involvement in Camden. Its leaders are active in district and conference activities. The church features a children's and youth ministry. It has a VBS (hosts CUMI Summer Camp). There is some small group ministry, particularly around Bible study and a high level of pastoral care.

Stafford J. Miller has been appointed to **Mt. Zion-Wesley United Methodist Church, Deptford, NJ & St. John's United Methodist Church, West Berlin, NJ**

Stafford J. Miller's interests lie in the Spiritual disciplines, Christian mysticism, contemplation, and Spiritual Formation. Stafford was born in Paterson, NJ. His college years were spent at William Paterson University in Wayne, NJ and at New York Theological Seminary where he received Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees. He is the founder of St. Philip's Ministry in Paterson, NJ. Prior to Seminary, he taught in public elementary schools. He is a Certified Spiritual Director. His wife, Maria A. Benavides is a New Jersey Certified Ambassador for "School Age" Childcare for Passaic County. He has one daughter, Kimberly and two grandchildren.

The Mount Zion-Wesley United Methodist Church located in the Gateway South District. It is a suburban congregation in Gloucester County, NJ. It features a vibrant worship in a traditional African-American style. The congregation is active in many community projects and takes pride in meeting the needs of families in the community. It is a church that is known for its radical hospitality and inviting spirit. Neighbors often come by to pray in the new prayer garden that they have built. The church is very active in district and conference activities.

The St. John's United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is located in a quiet neighborhood in West Berlin, NJ. The pastor of the St. John's/Mt. Zion Wesley UMC circuit resides in the parsonage next to the church. It's worship features a traditional African-American style. It is well known in the area for its praise dancers. It hosts several Bible study

programs. It is a church that is active in community service. Under the leadership of its pastor, this congregation reached out with a mission trip to Detroit.

Valerie A. Garron has been appointed to **Clonmell United Methodist Church, Gibbstown, NJ**

Valerie A. Garron was born and raised in Millville, NJ and is a graduate of Stockton State College and Eastern Theological Seminary. Married 30 years to Glenn, they have three daughters and six beautiful grandchildren. As an ordained Elder, Val has served Weymouth UMC in Atlantic Co., Summerfield and Colonial UMC's in Warren Co., and St. Paul's UMC in West Deptford. She is also a certified social worker, licensed in the State of NJ. Val has a great love for people and a strong desire to share the love of Christ with all of God's children. Her interests include spending time with the grandchildren, gardening, sewing, crocheting, crafts and decorating.

Clonmell United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is a vibrant community of faith located in Gibbstown, NJ, a suburban setting along the Delaware River in Gloucester County. It is a church that features Saturday night worship, two services on Sunday morning, each in a relaxed, blended worship style. The church hosts several small groups and Bible studies. The congregation is active in the community through its outreach programs. It is a congregation that is devoted to the spiritual growth of its members. Its pastor is retiring and the congregation is looking forward to welcoming its new pastor, as they move forward into their next phase of ministry, beginning July 1st.

Edward H. Rusk has been appointed to **Trinity United Methodist Church, Gloucester City, NJ**

Edward H. Rusk has been appointed to Trinity United Methodist Church in Gloucester City, NJ, as he transitions from full time ministry to part time pulpit supply. Edward was born and raised in Gloucester City. He graduated from Glassboro State College with a B.A. in History. After answering God's call to the pastoral ministry, he attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ed has served churches in Winslow, Elm, Blue Anchor, Pennsauken, Whiting and Swedesboro over his 29 years in full time ministry. He is supported in his ministry by his wife of 42 years, Sherri. They have two grown daughters; Brittany Rusk and Megan Atkinson, who is married to Aaron Atkinson. Ed has two wonderful grandchildren, Joshua and Juliana Atkinson. He is an avid Phillies fan.

Trinity United Methodist Church in Gloucester is located in the Gateway South District. It is a congregation which was created as a result of a merger with First UMC of Gloucester. Its worship is in a traditional Methodist format. It is a church that likes to sing and enjoys fellowship. It is known for its community outreach, especially to the economically challenged and to the youth of the community. The members provide summer lunch delivery to families with school children. Several times each year they provide gifts and assistance to needy families. They are anxious to welcome Gloucester native, Rev. Ed Rusk, as their pastor.

Charles R. Mitchell has been appointed to **Lucaston United Methodist Church, Lindenwold, NJ** and **Glendale United Methodist Church, Voorhees, NJ**

Charles R. Mitchell is a Full Elder in the Greater NJ Annual Conference. Since 2006, he has been serving as a chaplain for Samaritan Hospice services of Marlton, NJ. Previously he served as pastor of Quinton and Hancock's Bridge United Methodist Churches and as the Associate Pastor of St. John's UMC in Turnersville. Chuck, his wife Christine and their children have been active in recent years at Hope UMC in Voorhees. In his spare time he enjoys coaching baseball.

The Lucaston United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is one of the conference's smallest congregations. The congregation gathers weekly in its small, historic sanctuary. The design of the sanctuary causes those who step into the church to feel like they have stepped back in history. It is a congregation that has benefited from participation of several lay speakers. It is a church that reaches out to meet community needs and is active in its mission outreach.

Glendale United Methodist Church is a historic church located in Voorhees, NJ in the Gateway South District. The congregation features fellowship activities, a youth program, mission outreach and Bible study program. The weekly services provide a relaxed, traditional style of worship. It is a congregation that is multi-cultural and multi-generational in its approach to ministry.

Jay Brown will be serving as the **Supply Pastor at Billingsport United Methodist Church, Paulsboro, NJ**

Jay is a well respected member of our conference and the Gateway South district. He is a faithful leader in First UMC of Williamstown. He has served in many positions in and beyond the local church. He is the former Co-Lay Leader of the Greater NJ Annual Conference. He is an officer in the General Board of Global Ministries of our denomination. He currently heads the Certified Lay Ministry course of our conference. He and his wife Janet reside in Williamstown, NJ.

Billingsport United Methodist Church is a small congregation located in Paulsboro, NJ. In recent years it has been served by the staff of the Clonmell UMC. It will now become a single-church assignment. Billingsport UMC is a church that features monthly fellowship activities, community outreach through food distribution, weekly Bible study and a relaxed, informal style of worship.

Robert W. Tomer has been appointed to **First United Methodist Church of National Park, National Park, NJ**

On June 30, 2013 Robert W. Tomer will formally retire as an ordained Elder, after 42 years of experience in pastoral ministry. He grew up in Burlington and all of his ministry has been spent in southern New Jersey. He currently serves as Senior Pastor at Clonmell UMC in Gibbstown.

Throughout his years of service he has participated in Board of Ordained Ministry, Conference CF&A, Conference Trustees, Relay staff and other positions. He has served as mentor to several candidates and newly-appointed pastors. He has been assisted in his ministry by his wife Dorothy, who he met at Malaga summer camp. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. He is well known for his gardening and for skill in decorating worship centers. He is looking forward to “retirement” and his new appointment.

National Park United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is an active church in a white suburban community. The church has inspiring worship. Weekly attendance averages about 35 - 40. It has gone upward in recent years. The service is a relaxed traditional style of worship. Church news is shared on the website. The church is active in mission projects, community outreach and involvement in Camden. They distribute food baskets twice a year. A growing children’s ministry has been developed recently with cooperation from the neighborhood school. The congregation provides a community VBS. There is some small group ministry, particularly around Bible study.

Jere L. Hopkins-Doerr has been appointed to **East Pennsauken United Methodist Church, Pennsauken, NJ**

Jere L. Hopkins-Doerr's commitment to servanthood within our United Methodist Church has evolved over the years and continues to take new directions. She has served in urban ministry at The Neighborhood Center, RESPOND INC. and as a US2 in Boston. After attending Princeton and Drew Seminaries, she has served as a diaconal minister, local pastor, deacon and/or elder at First Vineland, Atco – Tannsboro-Pine Hill, Central: Pt. Pleasant Beach, Epworth: Palmyra and Pemberton UMC plus prison ministry and Capital District Mission Team. After retiring in 2012, she is excited about a new opportunity to serve part time. Jere and Michael are looking forward to being the parents-of-the-bride in 2014 and enjoying owning and decorating their first home.

The East Pennsauken United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is a historic congregation over 100 years old. It is located in a suburban neighborhood. The church was relocated and the current facility was build in 1960. The congregation enjoys lively worship and great small group fellowship. The church is centered on its Bible studies, prayer ministry, community outreach and emphasis on hospitality. Its prayer blankets have been sent all over the world. Active mission outreach into Camden is a vital part of the church.

Steven B. Shuster has been appointed to **Sicklerville United Methodist Church, Sicklerville, NJ**

Steven B. Shuster has expressed excitement about the opportunity to lead the ministry at the Sicklerville United Methodist Church! He has indicated that in his pastoral journey he has been blessed to serve churches in Pine Hill, Hammonton, Audubon, and Millville. He and his wife, Christine, have three children, Josh (and wife Bethany), Amanda, and Victoria. As a family they enjoy watching movies and traveling to Lancaster County to shop and visit family. His interests

in the church include story telling, meeting new people, and envisioning new ministries. Steve said, "I look forward to the new possibilities this transition will provide."

Sicklerville United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is approximately 20 minutes from center city Philadelphia in the suburbs of southern New Jersey. The church membership of over 450 is dynamic and ethnically diverse. The church has four different worship services and 3 styles of worship. Multiple generations make up the congregational body that enjoys a wide variety of children's, youth, young adult and adult Sunday school programs as well as small group Bible studies to develop discipleship within the body. SUMC's Vacation Bible School is well developed as well as a kid's summer basketball league. These programs have been wonderful outreach programs to the surrounding community. The church operates a Christian school, the South Jersey Christian Academy (SJCA) offering a pre-k through middle school education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Eric Helms has been appointed to **St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Thorofare, NJ**

Eric Helms was born and raised in Indiana. After graduating from Wabash College, he completed his M.Div. at Duke Divinity School, where he met his wife, Kristin. They moved to New Jersey in 2004 so Kristin could pursue a PhD in Old Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary. Eric and Kristin have two children, Kate (6) and Zachary (3). Eric has served at Windsor UMC, Grace UMC in Wyckoff (Associate Pastor), and at Somers Point UMC. He is passionate about presenting the gospel in fresh ways and creative ministries that move the church beyond it's building to connect with people who have previously been unlikely to enter.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District. It is a growing congregation in Thorofare, a suburban, blue collar community, located along the Delaware River in Gloucester County, NJ. In recent years the congregation has expanded and renovated its sanctuary to accommodate the attendance at the relaxed, blended worship. St. Paul's is known for its many outreach ministries. They host homeless families, work in Camden projects, go out into the area, help provide for local residents, and participate with other churches in the area. The congregation is intentionally welcoming and is now ready to welcome its new pastor.

Ronald E. Smith has been appointed to **St. John's United Methodist Church, Turnersville, NJ – Effective January 1, 2014**

Ronald E. Smith has been appointed to the St. John's United Methodist Church in Turnersville, NJ, effective January 1, 2014. He is currently President of the Francis Asbury Society, after serving for 13 years as a professor and President of Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Miss. While in Jackson he founded a new church and within 3 years it reached 250 members attending. He is founder of the Francis Asbury Institute. He began his ministry as a pastor in the Greater NJ Annual Conference. Dr. Smith has earned a BA from Asbury College, M. Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary, ThM. from Princeton Theological Seminary, Master of Philosophy and Ph.D. from Casperson School of Graduate Studies, Drew University.

Ron has been married to his wife Dorena since 1982, and together they have two adult daughters, Katie and Laura Jane.

St. John's United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District in Turnersville, Southern New Jersey, 22 miles from Philadelphia, and 20 miles from Camden. St. John's is a vital church with a wide variety of ministries in a suburban community, always opening its doors and reaching out to others to join them in ministry and worship. Weekly attendance averages 415, with both a traditional service and a contemporary worship each Sunday. The church operates a preschool nursery program, with an excellent VBS program for close to 300 children. With a strong emphasis on missions, St. John's UMC is blessed with a very strong children's ministry and a vibrant youth ministry for high school and middle school students. Wednesday nights feature a free dinner, open to the community, where 350+ gather for fellowship, choir, and youth programs. Presently, over 20 small groups gather during the week, studying God's Word.

Edwin F. Hann, III has been appointed as Associate Pastor to **St. John's United Methodist Church, Turnersville, NJ**

Edwin F. Hann, III is a Retired Elder who will be serving as Associate Pastor of St. John's UMC in Turnersville. His primary responsibility will be in the ministry of providing pastoral care. He retired at the 2013 session of annual conference, after having served the Cranford UMC since 2003. He previously served in Brick UMC, Freehold UMC, Haddonfield UMC as Associate, Avalon and John Wesley-Swainton. He is married to Rev. Carol Freeman Hann who is a Retired Deacon. Together they live in Voorhees, NJ.

St. John's United Methodist Church is located in the Gateway South District in Turnersville, Southern New Jersey. It is 22 miles from Philadelphia and 20 miles from Camden. St. John's is a vital church with a wide variety of ministries in a suburban community. Weekly attendance averages 415, with both a traditional service (8:30 AM) and a contemporary worship (11:00AM) each Sunday. The traditional service features the adult choir, while the contemporary service blends outstanding contemporary music with worship. The church operates a preschool nursery program, with an excellent VBS program during the summer touching close to 300 children. The church has a strong missions emphasis. It has a very strong children's ministry and a vibrant youth ministry. Wednesday nights each week (except during the summer months) feature a free dinner, open to the community, where 350+ gather for fellowship, choir, and youth programs. Presently, over 20 small groups gather during the week.

Northern Shore

Alan S. Darby has been appointed to **St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Brick, NJ**

Alan S. Darby is a South Jersey native, born in Ocean City and raised in Haddon Heights. He is a graduate of Westminster College (New Wilmington, Pa) and Gordon-Conwell Theological

Seminary. After seminary Alan served as campus ministries staff with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and has served UM churches in Sharptown, Collingswood, Elmer, and Sicklerville. He and his wife, Beverly, have 3 grown children: Chris, Andy, and Bethany. Chris (and Jill) have 1 daughter, Andi Jane (4 1/2). Personal interests include music, sports, reading and spending time with grandkids. Alan's passions for the church include dynamic worship, nurturing Bible Studies in small groups, developing leadership (especially with youth and young adults), effective evangelism, world missions, and vital service of Christ and His church through Spirit-gifted ministry.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Brick is located in the Northern Shore District. It is a vital congregation which is Christ centered and scripture based. They hold two worship services every Sunday, contemporary and traditional, with an average attendance of 270. They have a Christian school on their campus for pre – school to eighth grade. There is a strong Sunday School and youth program with a full time youth director. Their music program includes a 30 member adult choir, three youth choirs, a bell choir and praise team. They have a strong recreational program consisting of softball, volleyball and a father-son basketball teams. This church is a host site for Sandy relief and is engaged in many other mission projects.

Michael Kim has been appointed to **Christ Church United Methodist, Fair Haven, NJ**

Michael Kim was born and raised in Korea and moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, in 1975, with his family. While he was volunteering during the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Korea, he met his lovely wife Rachel. They have three daughters: Joy (23), Sarah (22), and Rebecca (18). Michael has a B.A. in Christian Counseling and received his MDiv. from New York Theological Seminary. He has served the following United Methodist churches: the Korean Community Church of Englewood; Dingmans Ferry (PA); and Waldwick (NJ). Michael believes that the church grows when we commit ourselves to God, to radical hospitality, to excellent worship, and to spiritual growth, by utilizing one's unique gifts given by God; and by sharing our love of Christ with our community and people through "Team Ministry."

Christ Church United Methodist is located in the Northern Shore District, in Fair Haven, NJ. It is an intergenerational church that welcomes everyone. There is one blended service each Sunday with no bulletin. They celebrate Holy Communion every week and also have a faith-based discussion group. The church has a garden whose produce goes to the Lunch Break program in Red Bank. They have an active Sunday School with many activities for children. The Wednesday women's knitting group has made thousands of items over the years for newborn infants. The church is also home to a community nursery school.

George N. Zigich has been appointed to **First United Methodist Church of Farmingdale, Farmingdale, NJ**

George N. Zigich was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and attended the Fox Chase United Methodist church while growing up. He undertook his theological studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and Duke Divinity School. He has served churches in Oaklyn, Turnersville, Belford, Egg Harbor Twp., and Allentown. George and his wife Theresa have two children: Shayne, age 12, and Alaina, age 5. He enjoys exercising, hiking and fishing with his family, reading, and watching episodes of the Clone Wars with his children. George strives to continue growing as a student of Jesus. His calling is to empower men and women to grow as students of Jesus as well, and become the kind of person Jesus was. Their lives will then become an expression of life in the kingdom of God.

First United Methodist Church of Farmingdale is located in the Northern Shore District. It was established in 1827 and is the most-used location in the community of Farmingdale New Jersey. Sunday worship service is family-friendly and is a blend of traditional and contemporary style. The laity actively participates in weekly services. They host a full time Day Care, Preschool, & Pre-K on site. Farmingdale is a mission-oriented church. They participate in local missions like Joshua House pantry and Jerseyville homeless men's project. We also participate in global missions in Latvia, Haiti and Liberia. They have a vibrant Sunday School and active Youth Group. Their music ministries include a chancel choir, bell choir and youth chime choir.

Clark Lynn Callender has been appointed to **St. John's United Methodist Church, Hazlet, NJ**

Clark Lynn Callender is a fourth generation Methodist minister. A native of New Jersey, he received his undergraduate degree from the Manhattan School of Music and his graduate degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served pastorates in Flanders, Bergenfield, Bernardsville, and Manahawkin. His wife, Traci, is a reference librarian with the Ocean County Library. They have two daughters: Samantha – a senior at Richard Stockton College, and Rachel – a freshman at Kean University. Callender's hobbies are antique auto restoration and bicycling.

St. John's United Methodist Church, Hazlet is located in the Northern Shore District. It is a vital congregation with a variety of ministries in a suburban community. There are two worship services each Sunday, traditional and contemporary, with an average attendance of 200+. The church has a strong music ministry with a senior choir, bell choirs, and a praise band. It is a church engaged with missions. Over 3,000 people have come to help with Sandy relief thus far. They are the hosts to many conference meetings and events.

Wade Jackson has been appointed to **Squankum United Methodist Church, Howell, NJ.**

Wade Jackson was raised in Wayside, NJ and has been a lifelong Methodist. He graduated from Stockton State College and was working in the business world as a corporate accountant when he received the call to ministry. He has attended the West Grove UMC in Neptune and served in

a variety of lay leadership positions. He participated in and graduated from the first Lay Missionary Planting Network Program held in the GNJ Annual Conference. He is working through the process of candidacy and licensing while continuing to work full-time. He currently lives in Shrewsbury Township, NJ, with his wife Megdon and their daughter Taylor.

Squankum UMC is located in the Northern Shore District. It is a small congregation that is growing. They have a children's ministry including a pianophone group and Sunday School. They help to feed the homeless at the Jerseyville UMC.

Larry R. Kalajainen has been appointed to **Island Heights United Methodist Church, Island Heights, NJ**

Larry R. Kalajainen is a native of western Pennsylvania, but married a New Jersey girl, Carol. He earned degrees at the University of Pittsburgh, Asbury Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Drew University. He was ordained Elder in the Methodist Church of Malaysia in 1974, while serving with the Board of Global Ministries, and joined the Southern New Jersey Conference in 1977. He has served three pastorates in New Jersey - Highlands/Sea Bright, Bordentown, and New Brunswick - one in Sarawak, E. Malaysia, one in Paris, France, one in Maine, and one in New York. He has published several books and taught at four seminaries as an adjunct. He has cultivated a serious avocation in fine-art photography, is an avid and eclectic reader, a serious "foodie" and cook, and will, if pressed, admit to a fondness for late-night reading of spy novels and murder mysteries. He and Carol have two daughters and four grandchildren.

The Island Heights United Methodist Church is located in the Northern Shore District. It is situated in a quaint setting near the Toms River. There is one traditional service each Sunday morning with an average attendance of 110. This church has an active United Methodist Men as well as United Methodist Women. They are a mission minded congregation who participate in a variety of mission projects. Each year they sponsor a house tour for the entire community and raise almost \$25,000. They have a Sunday School and youth program. Currently they are involved in Natural Church Development.

Eugene A. Chamberlin has been appointed to **Calvary United Methodist Church, Keyport, NJ**

Eugene (Gene) was born in Dover, NJ. He grew up in the Glendola section of Wall, NJ and it was there that his spiritual journey began. Gene started serving the Lord as a youth at Calvary Baptist Church in Belmar, NJ. He praises God for his wife Ellen whom he met in 1990. Together they entered into ministry at the First UMC of Bradley Beach where they co-led the MYF from 1998 - 2005. Gene is a Licensed Local Pastor currently enrolled in COS. He and his wife have four beautiful children and have been co-pastoring the Bradley Beach and Belmar FUMCs.

Calvary UMC in Keyport is located in the Northern Shore District. It is a small congregation that has a generous heart. They reach out to the community and feed folks in the aftermath of

Sandy. They have an active UMW, a thrift shop, and Sunday School program. The church is home for 12 step programs, NA and CA.

Grace Pak has been appointed to **Embury United Methodist Church, Little Silver, NJ**

Grace Pak was born in South Korea and came to the U.S. with her family in her early teen years. She encountered Jesus Christ at the age of 12 and received the call to ministry. Grace is passionate about helping people connected to God through Christ and growing in their faith through intentional practice of spiritual disciplines in their daily lives. She also believes that the work of ministry is to enable and equip persons for ministry so that everyone has a share in expanding the Kingdom of God, bringing the transformation of the world. She has a BA in Psychology from SUNY@ Stony Brook, and M.Div. and D.Min. degrees from Drew Theological school. Grace and her husband and lifelong ministry partner, Dan, have two wonderful college-age children, Wesley (Senior at BU) and Emily (Junior at Pratt).

Embury UMC, located in Little Silver in the Northern Shore District, is located in a quaint historic suburban setting. It is a vital congregation with two morning worship services, contemporary and traditional. The church has a strong music ministry including a senior choir, a praise team, and a summer music program. There is outreach to new residents in the community. This congregation makes 1200 apple pies a year for missions and other worthy projects. It has strong fellowship with outreach to the community. It is also a very mission minded church, and has sent people on trips to Haiti.

Kyewoon Choi has been appointed to **Manahawkin United Methodist Church, Manahawkin, NJ**

Kyewoon Choi, born and raised in South Korea, came to America in 1985 with his newly married wife Sunwoo. He attended Michigan State University in a Ph.D. program in Economics for two years and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1990. He's served God's people in a cross-cultural/cross-racial ministry setting for 23 years: one in Michigan for seven years and the other, Little Silver: Embury, for sixteen years in New Jersey. Having a heart for local parish ministry, he is actively involved in mission trips with both youth and adults. He and his wife also have one 24-year-old daughter, Sarah.

Manahawkin United Methodist Church is located in the Northern Shore District. It is a growing traditional church with two worship services each Sunday that average 160 in attendance. This church is mission minded. They received a bequest and tithed a portion of it and with the money built a church and well in North Katanga. They have a weekday preschool with a waiting list for enrollment. They have a strong Sunday School as well as VBS. They have a strong music ministry with a senior choir and two bell choirs.

Lakesha R. Groover has been appointed to the **Northern Shore Cluster: First United Methodist Church of Belmar, Belmar, NJ; First United Methodist Church of Bradley Beach; Bradley Beach NJ; and Union Beach United Methodist Church, Union Beach, NJ**

Lakesha R. Groover is from Long Island, NY. She grew up in the African Methodist Episcopal church where she was very active in church ministry from a young age. During her senior year of undergraduate studies at Northeastern University, where she earned a B.A. in Human Services (with a specialization in Family and Children's Services), Lakesha received the call to ordained ministry. Following graduation, Lakesha began her M.Div studies at Drew Theological School where she is completing her final year. Lakesha has experience in various church ministries in both the A.M.E. and United Methodist Church. She has spent the last year as a Youth Pastor of a United Methodist congregation in Northern New Jersey.

First United Methodist Church of Belmar, First United Methodist Church of Bradley Beach and Union Beach United Methodist Church are embarking on a new adventure in ministry. They will be led by a pastoral team who will provide community outreach, youth ministry, creative worship and pastoral care. The team will help these communities continue to recover from the effects of Superstorm Sandy. The team will live in an intentional community so they can pray and plan together. We hope this model of new ministry will help us to grow these communities and then our Annual Conference.

John D. Di Giamberardino has been appointed to **St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Ocean Grove, NJ**

John D. Di Giamberardino grew up in Sewell, NJ and attended Mantua and Barnsboro UMC. At 12 he attended Delanco Camp and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. On June 18, 2011 he married his wife Paula. They have two children - Jayson age 17 and Abigale age 5. He has served the following churches: Friendship UMC, St.Paul's UMC, Port Republic, and he now serves St.Paul's, Brick and has been here for the last 10 years.

St.Paul's United Methodist Church, Ocean Grove is located in the Northern Shore District. It is a church located in "God's square mile". The church has an attendance of over 400+ every Sunday at their two worship services. There are approximately 15 different Bible studies with some having 25 or more in the group. They have a pre-school program with almost 80 little people. They have a unique relationship with the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association which involves joint services on the boardwalk in the summer with between 400 to 600 in attendance. This is a very mission minded congregation who reach out to the surrounding communities.

Eusun Kim has been appointed to **St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, Spring Lake, NJ**

Eusun Kim was "Made in the USA," and considers himself a "Jersey Boy" who itinerated as a Pastor's Kid throughout various parts of North Jersey. He graduated from Rutgers College, but more importantly met his lovely wife JaYoung while finishing his final credits there. He

answered his call to ministry in 1994 while serving as a youth pastor at Livingston KUMC, but has since served in various Anglo congregations in NY and NJ. He is very proud of his two beautiful daughters, Sofia 15, and Gabrielle 11. Eusun's family is no stranger to the pastorate; there are 12 in his family including his dad, Hae-Jong, and older brother Eugene. He became an avid motorcyclist logging on over 20,000 miles in the last 5 years.

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church - Spring Lake is located in the Northern Shore District. The church is located on a lake, in a picturesque setting with a meditation garden including a labyrinth. This is a growing, vital, congregation who is mission minded. Their UMW raises between \$12 and \$14,000 each year for missions. There are three active circles. There is a very strong music program with an adult choir of 20. They are very active in Sandy relief efforts through the Manasquan area. The youth support and operate a food pantry and are active in church service projects. The church has a number of small groups including a Member Care Group that visits shut-ins.

Blair Gould has been appointed to **Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, Toms River, NJ**

Originally from Stillwater, New Jersey, Blair Gould received a BA from Glassboro State College and then had diverse careers in acting, retail management, human resources and construction. In 2012, Blair was called into ministry and is currently pursuing an MDiv at United Theological Seminary. His wife, Joan, is a Music Together teacher. They have three children: Matthew (married to Kirby), Anna, and Rebecca. Blair and Joan have served as youth leaders at Manahawkin UMC since 2007 where they also lead confirmation classes, teach Sunday school and serve in a drama ministry. Blair enjoys bass fishing and is an accomplished oil painter.

Cedar Grove United Methodist Church is located in Toms River in the Northern Shore District. It is a small but spirit filled congregation that has the gift of radical hospitality. There is one Sunday morning worship service including an occasional choir. They have monthly dinners which reach out to serve the community. They have an active UMW. There are Lay Servants in this congregation. It's a mission minded group who help those in need.

Palisades

JongIn Lee has been appointed $\frac{3}{4}$ time to the **Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist, Bergenfield, New Jersey** and $\frac{1}{4}$ time to **Korean Community Church of New Jersey, Englewood, NJ**

JongIn Lee was born and raised in South Korea. He received a BA and MA from Hyupsung Theological School in Korea. He considers it a blessing that he met his lovely wife Eunkyong Kim during his time in Hyupsung. With his wife Eunkyong, he has a baby girl, Sophia Shinhye (14 months). He moved to the United States in 2005 and received an M.Div degree at Drew Theological Seminary. He is currently serving as Administrative Pastor and the Young Adult Ministry at the Korean Community Church in Englewood, NJ. JongIn believes that one of the

most crucial roles of the church is spreading the gospel and transforming the world together with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist is located in the Palisades District. It is situated in a richly diverse multi-ethnic community and the congregation reflects that diversity being 65% Filipino, 10% White, 15% Black including Caribbean Islanders and 10% other. The church has a wonderful music ministry, excellent fellowship opportunities and strongly committed lay leadership. It operates a pre-school program and offers weekly Bible Study and a monthly home Bible Study. It is outwardly focused and mission-minded.

Wilfredo A. Barrera has been appointed to **Congers United Methodist Church, Congers, NY** and **Garnerville United Methodist Church, Garnerville, NY**

Wilfredo A. Barrera, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines, is a retired ordained elder of the Northwest Mindanao Philippines Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. He served the church in the southern part of the country for almost 30 years beginning in 1964 before coming to the United States. His last appointment there as a District Superintendent ended in 1994. He received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1995. In 1996 he was appointed associate minister at the First United Methodist Church in Somerville, New Jersey, where he developed a Filipino mission outreach ministry. After his retirement in 2007 he was appointed to the Garnerville and Congers United Methodist Churches in Rockland County, New York from 2008-2012. After a one year absence to spend time with family in the Philippines he is happily returning to that same appointment. His wife Miriam is also a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and an ordained deacon. Their older son lives with his family in Missouri and their younger son lives in the Philippines. Wilfredo thanks the Lord for sustaining him with health, strength and joy to continue serving Him.

Congers and Garnerville United Methodist Churches are located in the Palisades District. These two small congregations with a rich history are situated in Rockland County, New York. The Congers church has a multi-ethnic congregation with strongly committed laity. The Garnerville church is a nurturing community of people who deeply care about each other. The churches share a youth pastor and a love for music. Both churches have strong Sunday School programs.

Myung Sun Han has been appointed to the **Yobel Korean United Methodist Church, Demarest, NJ**

Myung Sun Han was born and grew up in South Korea. In 1999 he moved to the United States. He studied at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Korea, Drew, Fordham and Wesley Theological Seminaries. Myung Sun has served Monmouth Grace UMC, Cherry Hill First Korean UMC, Old Orchards UMC and the Korean Community Church in Englewood. Currently he is proud of being one of the few three-point charge pastors in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, serving at Bernardsville UMC, Gladstone UMC and Calvary Korean UMC. Ordained

in the Korean Methodist Church in 1999, he transferred his clergy membership to GNJAC in 2011. Together with his lovely wife, Eunkyung “Grace” Woo, they have two active boys: Jason Sungjin (age 7) and Chris Woojin (age 3).

Yobel Korean United Methodist Church is located in the Palisades District. It is a friendly, family-oriented Korean congregation that worships in Demarest, New Jersey, a suburban community about ten miles west of the George Washington Bridge. The church values its fellowship and Bible Study programs and is mission-minded. It worships on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 PM and has Morning Prayer services Tuesday-Saturday at 5:30 AM as well as a Wednesday mid-day Bible Study, a Wednesday Evening Prayer group and a Friday evening Prayer Service.

Sung Hoon Ahn has been appointed to the **Korean Community Church of New Jersey - United Methodist, Englewood, New Jersey (Effective March 3, 2013)**

Sung Hoon Ahn, an ordained Elder, has been serving as the Director of Connectional Ministries of the GNJAC. He served as the Palisades District Superintendent from 2004 to 2011 and the dean of the cabinet for three years. He previously served two different cross-cultural appointments. He earned a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from New York University and another Master's Degree in Divinity from Drew Theological Seminary. He is currently working on the Doctorate in Ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. He is happily married to his wife Cindy and they have three sons: Joseph (24), Victor (22), and Daniel (20).

The Korean Community Church of New Jersey (KCCNJ) is located in the Palisades District. It is approximately 15 minutes from the George Washington Bridge in the suburban community of Englewood, New Jersey. The church membership of approximately 1,200 members is drawn from the surrounding geographical area. The church has six different worship services, 4 in Korean, one in Spanish and one in English. The church also offers an early Morning Prayer service and Wednesday night Bible study. Multiple generations make up the congregational body that enjoys a wide variety of children's, youth, young adult and adult Sunday programs as well as small group Bible studies. The church operates a five day a week nursery school and a weekday after school and preschool program which have been a wonderful outreach to the surrounding community. The church is very mission-minded and has been active in overseas missions.

Jessica Campbell has been appointed to the **United Methodist Church of Franklin Lakes, Franklin Lakes, NJ**

Jessica Campbell is a mother of three wonderful boys, a proud wife of a fellow clergyman, and is passionate about faithful ministry in the UMC. While she is actively involved in the denomination, her heart is in the local church. She particularly enjoys helping laity utilize their gifts, deepen their spirituality and engage in justice ministries. She is happiest when she is developing relationships with people and listening with them to hear how God is at work in

their life. Jessica studied at Princeton Theological Seminary and has served Round Valley UMC in Lebanon, NJ and Theills UMC in Thiells, NY.

The United Methodist Church of Franklin Lakes is located in the Palisades District. It is a welcoming and inclusive church community that offers programming for all ages. This church of 200 members places a high value on excellent worship, hands-on mission experiences and its children and youth programs. The church has a heart for ministry in the City of Paterson and works extensively with CUMAC and Camp YDP in that city. The church is musically inclined and outwardly-minded.

Barbara Hoffman has been appointed to the **United Methodist Church of New City, New City, NY**

Barbara Hoffman grew up in Bristol, PA and was raised in the Methodist Church. She is a graduate of The College of NJ and Princeton Theological Seminary. She is a certified Spiritual Director and has a passion for Spiritual Formation, Education, and Pastoral Care. She believes God has called her to a ministry of love, compassion, and reconciliation. A former artist, she brings a creative flair to her approach to ministry, and is theologically progressive. She and her husband, Dan, have two sons and a dog, named Riley. She loves being with people, singing, the creative arts, and history.

The United Methodist Church of New City is located in the Palisades District. New City, the county seat of Rockland County, New York, and its surrounding communities have been served by the UMC of New City since 1828. The congregation is diverse and welcomes persons regardless of background, national origins, ethnicity, race, age, gender or station in life. The church is active in mission projects, including partnering with an interfaith network in a Safe Haven sheltering of homeless guests during the winter months; regular participation in the Christian Outreach Project and in Volunteers in Mission; and hosting AA and NA groups. The church has an active United Methodist Women's unit.

Cynthia Stouffer has been appointed (full time) to the **United Methodist Church of Pearl River, Pearl River, NY**

Cynthia (Cyndi) Stouffer has her roots deep within the United Methodist Church and specifically the GNJAC. Graduating from Ithaca College with a bachelor degree in Music, Cyndi spent ten years teaching music and leading music ministry before following God's call into pastoral ministry. She graduated from Drew Theological Seminary in 2011 and has been serving the Pearl River UMC and the Suffern UMC for the last two years. Cyndi has a passion for ministry that is rooted in our identity as God's beloved and calls us to grow deeper into that identity as we seek to be Christ's tangible love in our world. Her husband Steve is an instrumental music teacher in the Westfield public schools. Along with their two sons, Sean (13) and Mark (10), they love to camp, geo-cache, and make music together.

The United Methodist Church of Pearl River is located in the Palisades District. Situated in an upper middle class community with a commuter train into New York City, this congregation of predominately Anglo members is open and hospitable and places a high value on its fellowship together. Recently the church has been growing in membership and now numbers over 80 in Sunday worship. There are two adult Bible Studies and a confirmation program for youth. The church is very mission-minded and ecumenically engaged. It has a wonderful music ministry and committed lay leadership. Its worship service is spirit-filled and reverential.

E. Robin Mitchell has been appointed to First and Trinity United Methodist Churches in Stony Point, NY

Born and raised in India, in the parsonage family of Ruby and Eric Mitchell (who served as a United Methodist Bishop), Robin lived in Asansol, Bangalore and Bombay, where he earned his B.A. He values his ancestry as an Anglo Indian - a mixture of Indian, Scottish, English and Irish strands - and his heritage of India, a land of incredible diversity. It is no wonder that he loves cultural diversity. He delights in world travel, is an avid photographer, is fascinated by the visual and musical arts and loves sports. This month is the 34th year anniversary of his marriage to the Rev. Beth Whalley Mitchell who serves Tenafly UMC. They have a son, Eric Algernon Mitchell and daughter Meredith Whalley Mitchell Hustler, both married in the last 9 months, thereby giving them a new daughter, Megan and a son, Samuel. Robin bleeds Methodist, is a child of the worldwide UMC and has served in India, the Philippines, Germany and the USA. His heart for mission and the world church is indicated in 14 years as Mission Secretary of the NNJAC, as a director of GBGM, and later service on its staff. He has earned the Rel.D. from Claremont School of Theology and a M. Phil and Ph. D. from Drew University. Robin witnesses to the whole gospel for whole persons based on the Jesus Manifesto (Lk. 4:18-21), the Great Commission (Mt. 28:16-20) and the Greatest Commandment (Mt. 22:36-40). These lead Robin to ask himself the question, "What does it profit a person if she/he earns election to the theological, or liturgical or ecclesiastical halls of fame but falls out of relationship with God and/or neighbor?"

First and Trinity United Methodist Churches are located in the Palisades District. First United Methodist Church is a picturesque country church filled with loving people who deeply care about one another. The 179 year old congregation is steeped in tradition but continues to reach children through vital ministries. Whether it is the weekly Sunday School, or annual Vacation Bible School, this church deeply cares about discipling the next generation. While the average attendance is small, their heart for God and neighbor is large. First UMC is deepening its passion for evangelism and connecting more effectively with its surrounding community. It continues to partner with its sister UMC in Stony Point to radically meet the needs of those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Trinity United Methodist Church has a strong passion for social ministries and outreach. With only a small membership list, the congregation has reached over 1,000 people with their ministries in the past year. The congregation supports a food pantry, kid's clothing closet, and

hosts a homeless program. Trinity also allows community arts groups to utilize its facilities to further reach the area. The congregation is being more intentional about sharing their faith with, and welcoming, their neighbors. Currently, the congregation is offering the only Sunday night contemporary service in the North Rockland area. Trinity UMC continues to partner with its sister UMC in Stony Point to radically meet the needs of those affected by Hurricane Sandy.

K. Kale Yu has been appointed **part-time to the United Methodist Church of Suffern, Suffern, NY**

K. Kale Yu is an elder from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and is an Assistant Professor of History at Nyack College, a Christian college in Nyack, NY. He earned degrees from Clark University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Columbia University. Prior to moving to New Jersey, he served a church in the Poconos for five years. His wife, Julia, is a medical doctor with the Park Medical Group. They have four children: Elli (11), Elgin (9), Ella (7), and Ellen (5).

The United Methodist Church of Suffern is located in the Palisades District. It is a small, theologically progressive congregation committed to the equality and worth of every person regardless of sex, age, race, ability or financial status. The church enjoys learning about other faiths and accepts people no matter where they are in their faith walk. The church is very mission-minded and committed to the community of the greater Suffern area, especially to its food ministries.

Bernie Khaw has been appointed to the **Thiells United Methodist Church, Thiells, New York**

Bernie Khaw started out life as a research manager in chemical engineering near Seattle, WA. Even though that career was very rewarding, he always felt the Holy Spirit's calling to serve in Christ's ministry. Through God's gracious and mysterious ways, Bernie was led to his first appointment as a pastor in the South Georgia Annual Conference in 2006, and ordained as an elder in full connection in 2009. Bernie and his wife Ruth were born in Burma from Chinese parents, and became U.S. citizens in 1977. Ruth is a retired medical technologist, and currently serves as the organist/pianist at Millen UMC in Millen, Georgia. Their son A.J., daughter Bliss, and son-in-law Dan recently settled in Brooklyn, NY.

Thiells United Methodist Church is located in the Palisades District. The congregation is theologically and ethnically diverse. Founded in 1784 as an English mission to Native Americans, the present day church is greatly committed to the care of its members and dedicated to making disciples of Jesus Christ. It has a strong music ministry, weekly Bible studies and many youth and young adults participating in the life of the congregation. It provides a thrift shop as both a service to the community and for support of its mission programs. Committed lay leadership strengthens the ministry of this church, which exhibits a wonderful spirit of fellowship and hospitality.

Daeil Min has been appointed **part-time to the United Methodist Church of Waldwick, Waldwick, NJ**

Daeil Min was born in 1980 and raised in Seoul, South Korea. He grew up in the way of John Wesley since his father is a Methodist pastor in Korea. He studied at the Methodist Theological University in Seoul and received a BA at Wesleyan University in the Philippines in 2008. In 2011 he completed a Clinical Pastoral Education program (level 1) at the Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ and in 2012 he received his M.Div. from Drew Theological Seminary. He met his lovely wife Jimin in the Philippines and the couple have been given an adorable baby girl named Hailey, born July 2012 by the grace of God. Daeil has been serving as the youth/young adult pastor at the Appenzeller Memorial Nairi United Methodist Church in Woodland Park, New Jersey since 2009.

The United Methodist Church of Waldwick is located in the Palisades District. It is the mother church of United Methodism in Bergen County, New Jersey. It has an historic sanctuary, built in 1787, which houses a contemporary ministry that actively seeks to minister to its community. It offers weekly Bible Study, family concerts and many diverse fellowship opportunities throughout the year. It is noted for its strong music program. The church is very mission-minded and active in many community and area-wide outreach programs.

Sung Il Lee has been appointed to **Appenzeller Nairi Korean United Methodist Church, Woodland Park, NJ**

Sung Il Lee was born and raised in South Korea. He received his B.Th and M.Th at the Methodist Theological Seminary (Seoul), a D.Min at the Union Theological Seminary (Manila), an STM at Drew Theological Seminary and a D.Miss at Asbury Theological Seminary. Ordained in the Korean Methodist Church in 1986, he transferred his clergy membership to GNJAC in 2008. He served Korean churches for 13 years as an ordained pastor, military and hospital chaplain, and missionary to the Philippines. After moving to the United States, he served Korean immigrant churches for 17 years at Minnesota Evangelical UMC, Bethany: Wayne UMC and Livingston UMC. He recently celebrated 30 years of marriage to his wife Jung Ae Lee. The couple have two children: a son Wooju and a daughter Peace Lee with her lovely husband Young P. Lee. Sung Il is passionate about leading congregations in missionary churches for the advancement of the Gospel.

The Appenzeller Nairi Korean United Methodist Church is located in the Palisades District. It is situated in the suburban community of Woodland Park approximately 20 miles west of the Lincoln Tunnel. The church membership of 172 is drawn from the surrounding geographical area. The church has three Sunday morning worship services, a Wednesday evening service and Morning Prayer services six days a week. The congregation is composed largely of first generation Korean immigrants. It has fine facilities for ministry. It offers retreats in summer and

winter and a yearly summer mission trip. The church is organized into eight cell groups that meet monthly.

Pamela James has been appointed as **Associate Pastor** to **Grace United Methodist Church, Wyckoff, NJ**

Pamela James was crafted by the Master Weaver with enthusiasm and high energy and birthed into the world by the late Lucretta Neal. She has been given the priceless gift of two children, Shannon and Curtis. Pamela grew up in Jersey City, lived in Paterson for eighteen years and currently resides in Wayne, NJ. She has the honor to nurture and care for many parts of God's Mosaic as a school nurse. She is a daughter of St. Philip's United Methodist Ministry and Christ Church UMC, both in Paterson, NJ. New York Theological Seminary helped equip her to answer the call to ministry with a MDiv degree in 2011. She is currently on her third Clinical Pastoral Education unit at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. The Sustainer has given her a love for people and a thirst for souls to know the Redeemer in a deeper way through mission, prayer walks and prison ministry. She enjoys nature, reading, writing, sports and having fun.

Grace United Methodist Church is located in the Palisades District. It originated in Paterson, New Jersey and still has strong ties to Paterson through its mission outreach. It typically worships 225 persons each Sunday in three separate worship services. It has a strong educational program, youth and children's programs and is a Stephen Ministry congregation.

Raritan Valley

Evan W. Rohrs-Dodge has been appointed to **Summerfield United Methodist Church, Belvidere, NJ and Colonial United Methodist Church, Oxford, NJ**

Evan W. Rohrs-Dodge was born and raised in a small town along the northeastern coast of Maine. He earned a B.A. in History from the University of Maine at Machias and a M.Div. from Drew Theological School. He is a member of the Order of Saint Luke, and is passionate about liturgical scholarship and practice. He is a member of the New England Conference, and will be commissioned to the Order of Elder during New England's June conference. Evan is enthusiastic about rural ministry, and desires to bring energy, vision, and love to small-membership churches. Evan is married to Amanda, who is a student at Drew Theological School. Evan will be overseeing the ministries at Colonial and Summerfield in addition to his ministry at Port Colden and Broadway United Methodist Churches.

Colonial United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is in Warren County and is located in a building that was formerly a mill, on the site of Oxford Furnace, built in 1741. The furnace was the third in Colonial New Jersey and the first constructed at a site where iron ore was mined. From these historical roots, Colonial has ministered to many generations of United Methodists. The church serves the Oxford area and celebrates its vibrant Sunday School and youth ministry.

Summerfield United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is a traditional church that is both old-fashioned and enterprising. The church is located in a long-established, rural area of Warren County and is a community center for local activities. Part of the Francis Asbury Parish, the congregation is a host site for Interfaith Hospitality Network. Worship and Bible study are priorities for this faithful congregation.

Edward Kim has been appointed to **Bountiful Korean United Methodist Church, Berkeley Heights, NJ**

Edward Kim is coming to New Jersey from Virginia and Maryland where he served the Baltimore Central Community Church. He graduated from Hanover College in Indiana and earned his Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary with an emphasis in Congregation Life and Mission. He and his wife Christine have daughters.

Bountiful Korean United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It provides a welcoming environment in Berkeley Heights and the surrounding area. With members averaging in age between 30 and 50, our worship services are contemporary while retaining traditional components essential to authentic worship. Worship services are both intimate and passionate with lots of praise and prayers. Our missional goal is to reach out to the un-churched and the ex-churched who have lost interest in churches and to make disciples of Christ. We believe that all disciples are called to ministry for the kingdom of God. Our aim is to answer this call through our worship, Bible studies, and small group gatherings.

David L. Ledford, III has been appointed to **Diamond Hill United Methodist Church, Berkeley Heights, NJ**

David L. Ledford, III is 25 years old and from Bound Brook, NJ. Born and raised into a devoted Christian family, God has always been a major part of his life. The loving and nurturing household he grew up in developed him into a mature young man who received an Associate Degree in the Art of Teaching in 2008 and a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education in 2010. After substitute teaching for two years, he answered God's call to ministry and began attending Drew Theological School in January 2012. He is anxiously anticipating the beginning of his ministry at Diamond Hill UMC.

Diamond Hill United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District, in Berkeley Heights, NJ. A church with a rich tradition of education and outreach, this small congregation continues to offer traditional worship and opportunity for Bible Study. It is a warm and welcoming congregation.

Kyle Cuperwich has been appointed to **Bernardsville United Methodist Church, Bernardsville, NJ and the United Methodist Church of Gladstone, Gladstone, NJ**

Kyle Cuperwiche grew up in East Brunswick, NJ and is a life-long United Methodist. He committed his life to serving Jesus Christ in the 8th grade and heard the call to ministry as an Elder during his college years. He is currently finishing his studies at Asbury Theological Seminary. He has served on staff at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in East Brunswick as Pastoral Assistant, as a co-chairperson for the Raritan Valley Ministries with Young People, and as a young adult representative for the Raritan Valley district at Annual Conference. Kyle has a passion for reaching out to those who don't know Christ and guiding others into a greater love for God and neighbor.

Bernardsville is a small congregation located in the Raritan Valley District. It is in a lovely town in picturesque Somerset County. The church is mission minded and has always enjoyed excellent music as part of its traditional worship. A primary focus of its ministry is the Palmer School, established in 1982 and accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

The United Methodist Church of Gladstone is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is a small, historical congregation in a lovely town that is the center of activity in the larger farming community. The church is mission minded and always has been a presence in this community. It is known as the site of the Thrift Store for the Matheny Medical and Educational Center, a special hospital and educational facility.

Regina Yeske has been appointed as **Associate Pastor of Education and Evangelism at Clinton United Methodist Church, Clinton, NJ**

Regina Yeske will be working with the members of Clinton United Methodist Church in addition to her ministry at Bloomsbury United Methodist Church. She is passionate about reaching the unchurched and has developed a unique ministry to young adults called the Wine Cellar. Gina and her husband Stephen have a love for hospitality and are a welcoming presence in the community.

Clinton United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is a vibrant, growing, vital congregation serving Hunterdon County since 1839. CUMC is committed to being a missional church, embodying God's love through our worship, witness, and service in the local community and around the world. The congregation offers two distinct worship services: one contemporary and one traditional. There is an active education program for children & adults, vibrant youth ministry, dynamic music ministry, and vital outreach and mission programs. More than a gathering place, CUMC is committed to being the church in the world as we strive to live missionally in our homes, communities, schools, and workplaces.

Darryl D. Duer has been appointed to **Cranford United Methodist Church, Cranford, NJ**

Darryl D. Duer was born in New Jersey and raised in Highland Park. He attended Asbury University in Kentucky and graduated in 1984 with a degree in English and History. He spent

three years in Kentucky as a teacher and school principal. Sensing a call to ordained ministry, Darryl attended Palmer Theological Seminary. He has served churches in New Gretna, Ocean City, Long Branch, Glendora, and most recently in Edison. He is married to Janis and is the father of four adult children. Raymond, the oldest, lives in New York City. Sarah is a senior at Occidental College in Los Angeles. James is a sophomore at Rutgers University. Jennifer is a freshman at Furman University.

Cranford United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is a vibrant congregation that offers many opportunities for participation in small groups. The music program is central to the two styles of worship that are offered each week: contemporary and traditional. The congregation has a vision to be a church that embraces and shares God's love through the congregation and community. It fosters a mission-minded culture in which people are inspired to help others. The Christian Connection is an after school program whose mission is to provide the community with a safe, nurturing Christian environment. The church is committed to the spiritual growth of its participants and to making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Margaret Kaleh has been appointed to **Dunellen United Methodist Church, Dunellen, NJ**

Margaret (Peg) Kaleh is a licensed local pastor from the Upper New York Conference (formerly Western New York Conference). She completed the course at Duke Divinity School at North Carolina. She has been serving in New Jersey since 2009. Peg worked in Hospice care before answering God's call to full-time ministry. Her passion is to share whatever God has given to her with others. She has a heart of gratitude to serve. She is part of a large "Brady bunch" family, which is what brought her to New Jersey, where she has felt very welcomed.

Dunellen United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is centered in the borough of Dunellen, which is a limited area of one square mile. The customs and cultures of the early families can be observed in community life today through their descendants still living here who have preserved the "village characteristics" of Dunellen. The United Methodist Church is at its center, serving the community's spiritual and social needs.

Lori Beth Caulfield has been appointed to **North Hunterdon United Methodist Church, Hampton, NJ**

Lori Beth Caulfield holds a B.A. in Communications from the University of Pennsylvania and will graduate from Drew Theological School's Master of Divinity Program this month. Her ministry experience includes teaching Community Bible Study in Paris, France; Flemington, NJ; and Edna Mahon Women's Correctional Facility in Clinton, NJ. She also has over ten years' experience as a human resources manager for various Fortune 100 companies. Beth was raised by native Alabamians all across the continental U.S. as the family transferred frequently with her father's corporate career. She and her husband Dr. Tom Caulfield have been married for 22 years and have three children: T.J. (16), Amber (14), and Camille (3). Beth has a heart for sparking relationships with Jesus Christ and encouraging reliance on the Holy Spirit.

The North Hunterdon United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It represents the rural Hampton area as the merged congregations of the historic Hampton, Glen Gardner and Norton churches. The church offers a vital worship experience with both traditional and contemporary elements. It is welcoming, spirit-filled and biblical with many fellowship opportunities. The congregation is community minded reaching out to those in need through the Thrift Shop and other mission opportunities.

Frances Preston has been appointed to **Christ United Methodist Church, Piscataway, NJ**

Frances Preston came to pastoral ministry after years in lay leadership while raising a family and working part-time. She received a B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania and an M.Div at Drew University. She has served churches in New Jersey and Holland. Francie is passionate about worship, teaching, social justice, and walking with others on their spiritual journeys as the means to making and growing faithful disciples. She is married to Sam who teaches part time at NYU; they have four grown sons and four grandchildren. Francie's hobbies include knitting, hiking, music and reading.

Christ United Methodist Church of Piscataway, New Jersey is in the Raritan Valley District and is situated just minutes from Rutgers University. Our mission is to make disciples for Christ and provide opportunities for spiritual growth. Our worship services include a range of music, other acts of praise, thanksgiving and proclamation. We seek to emphasize spiritual growth and Christian service. Sunday School classes for children, youth and adults are offered between the two Sunday services. The members of Christ United Methodist Church put their faith into action by responding to those in need in New Jersey and around the world.

Drew A. Dyson has been appointed as the **Coordinating Pastor at Finesville United Methodist Church, Phillipsburg, NJ**

Drew A. Dyson grew up in Ocean Grove, where he discovered his call to ministry as a member of St. Paul's church. He has served the church in a variety of capacities: as a youth director, local church pastor, denominational executive in youth ministry, and seminary professor. He brings to his ministry a heart for the missional renewal of the church, a passion for ministry with youth and young adults, and a joyful love of preaching and bringing the Christian faith to life for people of all ages. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Clinton UMC. Drew holds a B.A. from Eastern University and an M.Div. and Ph.D. (Practical Theology) from Princeton Theological Seminary where his research focused on Wesleyan missional theology and emerging adults. Drew lives in Clinton with his wife, Rev. Diane Dyson and two amazing children, Jeremy (15) and Allison (13).

Finesville United Methodist Church is located in the Raritan Valley District. It is a lovely chapel in the small historic town it serves. The area is near the Delaware River and is surrounded by family farms and beautiful homes. The congregation has sought to reach out to

those in need; for many years it has been the site of a food pantry that serves as many as 60 people each month.

Skylands

Jessica Stenstrom has been appointed to **Denville Community Church, Denville, NJ**

Jessica Stenstrom was born in New Jersey and raised in Ocean County near the shore. While she didn't grow up in the church, she sensed God calling her to ordained ministry shortly after becoming a member of Lacey UMC. She will graduate from Drew Theological and be commissioned this May. She has been a Pastoral Assistant at Denville Community Church since May of 2010 and prior to that worked at Monmouth Grace Korean UMC as a Children's Pastor and Sunday School Coordinator. Jessica's passions for ministry include helping young people experience God, developing creative and innovative worship experiences and reaching new people in the community and inviting them to know Jesus.

Denville Community Church is located in the Skylands District. It is an active, growing congregation in Morris County, NJ. The congregation has a strong children's ministry, a nursery school, and youth ministry. There is a dynamic mission/outreach program that engages the congregation locally and beyond the community. Denville Community Church is truly connected with its community and is actively engaged in serving persons from the area in a variety of ways. In addition to their traditional Sunday morning worship service, a new contemporary worship experience has been started mid-week. The growth of the congregation has brought the church to the point of needing an associate pastor.

Nancy Robinson has been appointed to **Grace United Methodist Church, Dover, NJ**. She will also be continuing in Lower Berkshire Valley.

Nancy Robinson was an active lay person and worked as Church Administrator at Vernon UMC when she answered the Holy Spirit's call to serve in pastoral ministry. In 2005, she returned to college and began the candidacy process. In 2007 she received her first appointment to Lower Berkshire Valley UMC. In July, 2013 she will graduate from the Course of Study Program at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Nancy and her husband, Michael, live in Vernon, NJ. They are the proud parents of Adam (married to Naomi), Sean (married to Christina) and Jessica. They have one grandchild, Samuel.

Grace United Methodist Church in Dover, is located in the Skylands District. Located in Morris County, New Jersey, it has been faithfully serving the community for 181 years. The congregation has two Bible studies, a church school for children through 4th grade, a Vacation Bible School, youth group, and a strong year-round stewardship emphasis. Grace UMC is a praying church. There is an active Thrift Shop, food pantry, and good support of missions beyond the local church. Following Hurricane Irene, the church's basement was totally

destroyed, but within a year this was rebuilt and improved while the church continued to support fully all of its mission commitments.

Patricia A. Piazza has been appointed to **Free Union United Methodist Church, Liberty Township, NJ and Vienna United Methodist Church, Vienna, NJ**

Patricia A. Piazza is a born and raised and born-again United Methodist from the northwest corner of New Jersey. She felt the call to ministry as a youth, but avoided answering for many years. Through God's great mercy, a second chance has been granted and she is following through with God's plan and begins her first year in pastoral ministry. She is the proud mother of a wonderful daughter, Maria, who has grown into a strong leader within the church. Patricia is deeply concerned with the need to spread the Gospel to the unchurched through hands-on missions and desires to encourage people to grow in their relationship with one another and with Christ through practicing intentional prayer, participation in worship, service, giving and witness.

The Free Union United Methodist Church is located in the Skylands district. It is a rural congregation located in Liberty Township in Warren County. The congregation has an annual average worship attendance of 47 persons, along with an active Sunday School of 20-25 children. There is weekly Bible Study for adults. A unique ministry of this congregation is a summer archery program for older children and youth that reaches over 100 young people in the area. The congregation is involved in a variety of hands on mission opportunities that reach out to persons in the local community and beyond.

The Vienna United Methodist Church is located in the Skylands district. It is a rural congregation located in Independence Township about five miles west of Hackettstown in Warren County. The congregation has an average worship attendance of approximately 25 persons. There is weekly Bible Study for adults. The congregation is involved in a variety of hands on mission opportunities, including a food pantry, that reach out to persons in the local community and beyond. The church has its historic building used for worship and a community center with large playing fields and a pavilion just a short distance away that is used by a variety of community organizations.

Luana J. Cook Scott has been appointed to **Milford United Methodist Church, Milford, PA**

Luana J. Cook Scott was born and raised in West Virginia, but found Jesus in NYC. She joined Washington Square UMC in 1994 at the age of 24, and graduated from Drew Theological School in 2000. She was recruited back to her home state of WV where she has served two appointments and in an extension ministry, and was ordained a Full Elder in 2006. She is married to Michael Scott and they have a 7 year old daughter Amelia. Passionate about social justice, she has chaired her conference Church and Society Board, sits on the WV Kids Count Board, and is active with legislative issues.

Milford United Methodist Church is located in the Skylands District. It is located in the county seat of Pike County, Pennsylvania. The congregation averages 85 worshippers on a Sunday morning at two worship services. There is a church-operated nursery school, an active Sunday School, and adult Bible studies/discussion groups. The church is used widely by the community, hosting 14 organizations such as AA, Al-Anon, a breast cancer recovery group, a bereavement support group, scouts, and others. The congregation is active in mission.

Richard Knox has been appointed to **The United Methodist Church at Newfoundland, Newfoundland, NJ**

Richard Knox is a preaching-teaching pastor who endeavors to involve everyone – children, youth, and adults – as he seeks to make the teachings of Scripture relevant to our lives through worship, witness, mission, and fellowship. He believes faith will help us understand the complex issues of our times and direct us to constructive action. In all ministries, we are encouraged by the powerfully transforming truth of God’s unconditional love for all. Rich has served at Morrow Memorial UMC, Roseland UMC, Vincent UMC, and Chatham UMC. He received his M.Div. from Duke University and his Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary.

Newfoundland UMC is located in the Skylands District. It is a rural church located in the township of West Milford where Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties meet. Average worship is 106 persons at one Sunday morning service. There is a new church-owned Daycare/Nursery School, Sunday School, an active youth program, adult bible study, solid lay leadership, and mission involvement on many levels. They have completed two successful Natural Church Development cycles. The congregation is active in mission and ecumenical endeavors. Relocated to their present location approximately 40 years ago, the church added additional educational space about 10 years ago as part of an envisioned multi-phased expansion plan.

David Tillisch has been appointed to **Delaware Valley United Methodist Church, Sandyston, NJ (continuing also in Frankford Plains UMC)**

David Tillisch is a native New Jerseyan who grew up in Hunterdon County. He graduated from Cook College/Rutgers University with an Economics degree, and went on to careers in retail management and business analysis. After wrestling with God, David answered his call to pastoral ministry in 2007, and enrolled in Drew Seminary’s Masters of Divinity program, which he looks forward to completing in May. He is married to Wen-Ling Lai, also a Drew Seminary student, and has two children, Anna and Geoffrey. David is passionate about connecting 21st century people with the message of Jesus Christ and positively impacting the church’s communities by building relationships and reaching out with Christ’s love.

Delaware Valley United Methodist Church is located in the Skylands District, in Hainesville, New Jersey, northwestern Sussex County. It has served their community for 101 years. This growing congregation has an average attendance of 60-65 people. There is an adult choir. A Sunday School has recently been restarted, and there is a mid-week Adult Bible Study. The

congregation is closely connected to its community, and holds a variety of special services and programs designed to welcome new people such as a Veterans Day service, a live-nativity, and a Valentine's Day dinner for widows and widowers. In 2012, the Conference Commission on Archives and History honored this congregation for its excellent history published for its 100th Anniversary.

Juel F. Nelson has been appointed to **Succasunna United Methodist Church, Succasunna, NJ**

Juel F. Nelson was born in New Jersey and raised in Edison. She sensed God's call to ordained ministry at the age of 13, while participating in the conference youth program The Christian Outreach Project (COP). She attended Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia and Princeton Theological Seminary. She has served churches in Dingman's Ferry, PA and Franklin Lakes, NJ. She is happily married to Theodore (Ted) Nelson, who works in the field of logistics and transportation. Juel has a passion for Christ-centered ministry that embraces radical hospitality, spirit-filled worship, small group ministry and hands-on mission.

Succasunna United Methodist Church is located in the Skylands District. It is a vibrant, growing, vital congregation serving western Morris County since 1850. The congregation has an average worship attendance of 150 in two worship services, one contemporary and one traditional. There is an active Sunday School, VBS, youth program, adult Bible Studies, small groups and an active mission program locally and beyond. The church is actively involved ecumenically. The music ministry includes a praise band, a children's choir and an adult choir. Lay leadership within the congregation is strong, and participation among the laity in the mission and ministries of the church is high.

Extension Ministries

Hyekyung Pauline Kang has been appointed to **Extension Ministry at Drew Theological School as the Assistant Dean of Church and External Relations, as well as Director of Theological School Advancement, Madison, NJ (Effective June 1, 2013)**

Pauline was born in Korea and earned a BA and MA from Ewha Woman's University in Korea. She received her M. Div from Drew Theological School in 1988, her Th. M from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1998. She also received her professional certificate in Pastoral Counseling from the Blanton Peal Graduate Institute. She is currently a Ph. D candidate in Church Leadership at Fordham University. Her ministry experiences include an Associate Pastor at Korean Community Church in Englewood, NJ, Pastor in Charge at Mt. Horeb UMC and Springdale UMC in Warren, NJ, and Asbury UMC in Woodstown, NJ.

Drew Theological School is located in Madison, NJ. According to its website: Drew Theological School empowers leadership for a global Christianity of justice, ecumenism, and the integrity of creation. Its pastoral, spiritual, and conceptual disciplines grow within an intimate liturgical and communal context, one that sustains multiple relations of difference. Through its particular

historical commitments to African, Asian, African-American, Hispanic, and women's ministries, the Theological School remains faithfully rooted in its Methodist heritage. Drew nurtures Christian practices through vital partnership with local churches and international networks of education. Trans-disciplinary interpretation of text, tradition, and experience energizes its scholarly rigor. Drew engenders theologies responsible to the complex social realities of an interconnected world. Into that world Drew sends pastors, preachers and prophets, deacons, activists, and teachers.

Douglas W. Ruffle has been appointed as the **Associate Executive Director of Path 1, the New Church Starts Division of the General Board of Discipleship (Effective February 16, 2013)**

As the GNJAC Coordinator of Congregational Development since 2003, Ruffle has given leadership to the Congregational Development Team and has helped our conference engage in new church development, as well as systematic revitalization of existing churches. Ruffle has coordinated the use of the "Mission Insite" demographic resource tool for our conference and has engaged in hundreds of local church consultation over the years. He is also the author of the widely used Roadmap to Renewal: Rediscovering the Church's Mission, which was written during his tenure at GNJAC.

Based out of Nashville, Tennessee, "Path 1 is the United Methodist church-planting movement that encompasses national, regional and local levels of the denomination" (www.path1.org). In his new position, Ruffle manages, in consultation with the Executive Director of New Church Starts, the work flow of the Path 1 Team, projects, and budgets. He also helps tell the story of new church starts through a variety of media.

Jean Arlea has been appointed to **Extension Ministry as a Clinician/Recovery Counselor, St. Clare's Mental Health Facility, Denville, NJ**

A Commissioned Elder for the last several years, Jean's previous appointment was Associate Pastor of Chatham United Methodist Church. In that appointment she grew the youth and young adult ministry, as well as served the various spiritual needs of the congregation. Jean is now being appointed to St. Clare's Enhanced Outpatient mental health facility in Denville, NJ as a Clinician/Recovery Counselor.

St. Clare's Mental Health Facility is an institution with a Christian background that makes a point to be present to and honor a person's spiritual, as well as physical and psychosocial wellness. This position will be leading therapy groups, providing individual counseling and assessments, and providing case management assistance to clients who are mentally ill and/or chemically addicted to substances. This facility also requires that these tasks be engaged in while a clinician attends to the spiritual needs and wellness of the client. As the mission statements relays, "All patients/clients are beloved of God".

Jonathan Campbell has been appointed to **Extension Ministry as Operations Director at CUMAC, Paterson, NJ**

Jonathan Campbell will be ordained as an Elder at this year's GNJ Annual Conference. He received an M.Div and Th.M. at Princeton Theological Seminary. He met his wife, Jessica, also an ordained elder in GNJAC, at seminary. Jonathan has been blessed to serve the First UMC and Trinity UMC in Stony Point, New York for three years. He also serves as the Peace with Justice Coordinator for the Conference's Board of Church and Society. Jonathan is looking forward to living out Jesus' call to work for justice with those who live in poverty as the Operations Director at CUMAC. His three wonderful boys Jeremiah (10), Nathan (7), and Christopher (4) also keep his life busy and filled with joy.

CUMAC (Center for United Methodist Aid to the Community), located in the Palisades District, has been serving the City of Paterson for over 30 years. While an urban mission of the United Methodist Church, CUMAC serves all people without discrimination. A multi-service agency with a staff of 21 and hundreds of volunteers, CUMAC regularly feeds over 2,600 people a month through its food distribution programs. One in three of its clients are children, one in six are disabled and one in eight are senior citizens. CUMAC also operates a Community Closet which provides disaster relief to victims of flood, fire and domestic abuse, a Thrift Store where community members who are on the path of self-sufficiency can shop for necessities at a low cost, an after-school program, a tutoring and literacy center for at-risk middle-schoolers, and a Pathways to Work program that provides job training and employment counseling services.

Louis Strugala, Jr. has been appointed to **Extension Ministry as the Construction Director and Spiritual Advisor of A Future with Hope, Inc., Ocean, NJ**

Louis Strugala, Jr. grew up in a Christian home in East Brunswick. He became a United Methodist while living in Arizona in the 1990s. Before entering the ministry, he spent 20+ years as a general contractor. He began his life of service as a staff person at First UMC Asbury Park. He then was called to be a local pastor at a 3-point charge in Blue Anchor, Winslow and Elm. He currently serves Asbury UMC in Egg Harbor Twp. and Trinity UMC in Ventnor and is president of the Conference Board of Trustees. His resume also includes being a coach and NCD trainer. He is passionate about studying the Bible and putting faith into action by establishing feeding ministries. Methodist Church. Lou will provide the rebuilding teams with the tangible materials and plans necessary for construction and reconstruction; along with pertinent direction concerning safety and construction protocols. However, rebuilding is not limited to the rebuilding of the physical only; it includes the rebuilding of the spiritual as well. It involves listening to a multitude of stories, praying a multitude of prayers and sharing the love of Christ through the proclamation of the Gospel, not merely with words, but with actions-mucking out homes and churches, hauling sheetrock and breaking bread. It is within this context that these everyday tasks become sacred, become means of living out the Gospel imperative to love one another.

A Future With Hope, Inc. is a nonprofit organization created by the Greater New Jersey Conference of The United Methodist Church in response to the devastation left by Superstorm Sandy. Their mission is to provide relief and recovery to persons and communities in need, especially the elderly, low income, and disabled. In collaboration with civic, business, faith-based and governmental groups they will rebuild homes, lives and communities to build a future with hope (Jeremiah 29:11).