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Download the full list of appointments - 2020 (.pdf) Bishop Scott J . Jones announces the following appointments: July, 2020 Doris Hamble of Connors Goodwill retire August, 2020 Jodie Chung of Sugar Land, Parkway UMC, associate pastor to dislike Kate King-Turner of Harleton to unfriendly Heather Veles from vacation to St. Stephen's UMC Susie Bird of St. Stephen's UMC, Associate Pastor st. Stephen's , Chaplain Memorial Herman Jim Leggett from Grace Fellowship to Retirement September, 2020 Rob Renfro of Woodlands UMC Associate retired BJ Hightower from Houston Methodist Hospital to retired Kelly Eldridge of Kingwood Strawbridge UMC, associate pastor of memorial Herman Chaplain residence, Strawbridge UMC Rachelle Lee-Yofroom LOA Methodist Hospital chaplain Debbie Miller of Unaffuned danville (LS) Emmanuel Echolsroom , Vask Wierenda Flanagan from dislike of the Jones Memorial October, 2020 Lyle Dabney of Ext. retired Daniel Lumey of associate pastor Crist College St. associate pastor Woodlands Elizabeth Duffin of associate Dir. Clergy Excellence FUMC Missouri City Deborah Hoboldt of Atascocita Sr. Pastor associate Dir. Clergy Excellence Mike Tyson of the Center for Congregation of Excellence at Atascocita Marty Verschel of FUMC Missouri City FUMC Houston associate Kimberly Constant of Woodlands UMC Judy Kelfstrom from Kirbyville to the unprincected Raymond Vermillion of Laneville to the uninjusted Lindsey Runyan M UMC Associate Jesse Keatona of 100 W. St. NW. Paul Unmakessed (CLM) Ray Walker out of dislike of Tecarcn St. Pauls (LS) Mike Wang of Chapelwood Associate to Oikon NFC Roger Hefner from McCrory Chapel to Avinger, Harris Chapel (CLM) Cynthia White of Avinger , Harris Chapel to McCrary Chapel (CLM) Nov. 2020 Terry Bebermayer of FUMC, Friendswood retired Artie Kadar from mission field coordinator FUMC Pasadena, Hispanic church initiative will be Reed from FUMC Pasadena to TAC property manager Brandi Horton from FUMC Houston Associate Cypress Trails Stephanie Wilkins of Chaplain Blueridge Tim Gough from St Andrews, Carthage, Murvail to Murvail JB , St Andrews, Carfage Rick Aguilar from Unaffiliated to Kirbyville Valda Combes from Salem to unfriendly Sandra Jones from dislike of Salem (LS) Lorne Bradley from expanding the ministry: Caring Grace to seven Leave Carl Roberts from Obscure to Okwood, Lanley (LS) December, 2020 Luis Ramirez from Cypress Trails Syder Bayou Grace Frank Coates from Lake H5 Houston retires Frank Coates from retired Cooks Pointa Russell Martin from Williams Memorial Associate to the Lake Houston Enid Henderson of Jones Memorial Lawyer Ebenezer Rita Sims of Edom, Mount Sylvan retire Ray Prince of Mims Chapel, WRS retire January 2021 John Newsom of Cedar Bayou Grace Frank Coates from FUMC, Jefferson, Smithland UMC retired Paula Berens of Stuart Meme. BUFFALO, Rosa. UMC sent retired Francis Hydra of Ebenezer to retire Richard Karl of Gilmer Beatty to unremarkable Ray Prince from a retirement in Charlton by Jill Krone of the inconspicco mims chapel, WRS (LS) Kimberly Orr Windsor Village Associate General Sec. She was born and raised in Miami, Florida. She was acting on a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida in family, youth and community sciences. She is passionate about anti-racist work, preaching and women's rights. Harlan Redmond Harlan was born and raised in New Orleans. He served in the U.S. Army for five years and is an Iraq War veteran. He holds a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership from Azusa Pacific University and a master's in teaching with a focus on urban education from the University of Southern California. Harlan served as executive director/director of Harambe Preparatory School, a Christian elementary school for low-income students, for seven years. Harlan is currently entering his third year at Princeton Theological Seminary in the Master of Divinity program. He and his wife, Nonyamka, have three sons. Nikki Zimmerman Nikki, an Atlanta native and UNC-Chapel Hill graduate, has spent most of her life in the Southeast. After graduating from UNC, Nikki moved to Nashville as part of the 2016 Teaching Corps for America. Nikki is now a senior at Princeton Theological Seminary and is passionate about anti-racism work in and through the church, as well as missionary entrepreneurship. When she's not in church, Nikki can be found either on the run or in Plato's thawing closet. Casey gets his masters in divinity at Drew Theological School and with Riner, VA. They are called to grow and walk with others; they distinguish between the truth and the calling of God in their lives. They see God most in the community and in nature and direct their sense of justice through complete equality and opportunity for all creation. They believe that through the community, all can seek and find the deeper truth of God and be there for each other in this walk. They look forward to serving and seeing what the future will find out. Carolyn was born and raised in Kearney, New Jay, but also lived in California and Georgia. She was a commercial general corrector of claims for many years before being able to earn a master's degree in divinity from Drew University. Carolyn also holds a B.A. degree in early childhood education and a teaching certificate for students with disabilities. Her passion for service helps people walk away from Christ, as well as social justice for immigrants, low-income people, and the elderly. Carolyn loves reading, writing and spending time with her son Spencer, her lifelong friends and her dog Snaps. Eliezer Franchi born in Jersey City and lived in Puerto Rico, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental technology and a master's degree in environmental health from the University of Puerto Rico. Eli's call to serve at the United Methodist Church was confirmed by his pastor and the local community. Eliezer works on a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) from Drew University School of Theologicals. He is a Methodist for life with a gospel heart captured by Jesus and the power of His transformative love. He is a proven leader in the corporate world and the church. Tricia Piazza is a licensed local pastor who has served as a church in the Skylands area since 2013. She served part-time for several years working full-time as an analyst at Toys-R-Us and has been blessed to serve in the full extent of the ministry for the past few years. She is currently assigned a part-time job at Grace UMC in Dover and will continue with that appointment as well. It unites diverse people through worship, Bible study, prayer, and mission so that we can grow in spiritual maturity and discipleship and are willing to share the good news about God's inclusive, never unhelpful love through Jesus Christ. Randy Clower served in Wesleyan Church for more than 10 years. Randy has gifts in Church planting, teaching, and accepting students. He served in South Carolina, New Jersey, and most recently serves in Ohio. He is a graduate of Widener University in Business Administration, Wesley Seminary in Indiana, and is ordained at Wesley Church. Randy is married to Judy his amazing wife is a registered nurse and ministry partner and they have two adult children. Charles Perez served as senior pastor of the first UMC in Dover for 11 years and associate pastor at Morristown UMC, focusing on Nuev Esperance's Latin American ministry for four years. His gifts include church landings and creative and innovative service such as Holy Hoops, Homeless Service in Dover and Nueva Esperance. He has a love of serving non-church/de-church and youth. Charles and his wife have four children. Robert (Rob) Zuckerman has served as CFO of Kipling Brand, a VF corporation brand since 2011. He also served as CFO and director of several other organizations. Rob is a member of the Free United Methodist Church, where he is chairman of the Church Council and his wife if he is an administrative assistant to the church. They have been active united Methodists for most of their lives. Rob will start on June 22. As director of small groups for GNJ, a role she will continue to fill, Gina collaborates with pastors and is cute in developing relationships through small groups and forming faith ministries. Gina is guided by her passion for the local church and the belief that God's grace is carried over in authentic faith communities under the guidance of the Spirit. She's excited to be back at Simply Grace UMC as Pastor. David K. Ravinder is elders in GNJ. After graduating in India, he completed postgraduate and postgraduate studies in pastoral theological services at Princeton Theological Seminary. He recently resigned after serving GNJ meetings for 35 years. David taught pastoral theology at various colleges in India, Singapore and the US. He is married to Sarith, and together they are blessed with three adult children and six grandchildren who live in Central New Jay. Manolo has served churches in Greater New Jersey for the past 20 years. He loves to serve in various abilities as a lay man, a local church pastor and district superintendent. Manolo, as friends call him, will continue to serve Christ and only Christ, as he says. Manolo is proud of the spouses of Pastor Lisa, a father of two and grandfather of five, and he loves books and music. He maintains that he is a living witness of the power of healing the grace of God and wants to live to testify of it. Jisu was born in South Korea and spent most of his youth in New Zealand. Back in Korea, he earned a B.A. degree in counseling from Gandong University and an M.Div. degree from Methodist Theological University. He got his second M.Viro to Drew Theological School and is currently pursuing his D.Min. there. He has served at Arcola KUMC as a youth pastor since 2015, he has a heart for the local church and is passionate about apprenticeships and pastoral care. Jisu is happily married to his beautiful

wife Sion, and together they are blessed with a wonderful four-year-old son Jojin. Ray Schmeling has a passion to share Jesus with others, teach the Word of God, and reach out to the less fortunate. He is the second career pastor in his 27th year and will add St. Luke's along with his appointment at UMC's Jerseyville in Frihold. He served as head of the local fraternity of pastors and in the executive committee of the ordained ministry. He graduated from Wesley Seminary School. He and his wife Joanne have two children, two grandchildren and a Jack Russell Terrier. Yun Young is a member of UMC's First Christ at Hasbrouck Heights. She was born in Seoul, Korea and was raised in Makati, Philippines. He holds bachelor's degree in fine arts from Centennial Colleges, Hackettstown, New York, and a Master of Divinity from Drew Theological School. She served churches in New York and New York as an associate in several opportunities and has a passion for unchurched. She believes that food can feed souls and comradeship in Christ transforms. They and her husband, Chantha, started a family in Brooklyn, New York. They have a 6-year-old son, Chansen. A native of South Jersey, Joanna holds a B.A. degree in social work from West Chester University, M.Div. from the Eastern Theological Seminary and D.Min. from alliance theological seminary. She has served for the past 20 years as a cross-cultural worker who leads a team in West Africa that serves the physical and spiritual needs of an unattainable group of people. is passionate about sharing God's stories to build up the Body of Christ. Jonghwa began his first service in 1999 and was ordained in South Korea in 2002. He served Calvary Korea United Methodist Church as associate pastor in 2004 to 2012 and served as Emmanuel UMC at Ocllin and Ambury UMC in Collingwood from 2012 to 2015. For the last five years, he has served FKUMC with Cherry Hill as an associate pastor. He has a loving family with his wife Jiha and three children, two boys and a girl, Yubin, Yuhan and Yuna. Dongkue was born and raised in South Korea. He has a Virgin from a Methodist theological school in South Korea. He is a master of church ministries at the Perkins School of Theological Services. He served as assistant pastor at UMC Korea Arcola. He is passionate about preaching, teaching and nurturing ministries. He and his wife, Jore, have two sons, Moses and Philip. He loves playing tennis to spend time with family and friends. Minho was born and raised in South Korea, where he majored in postgraduate and postgraduate studies. He received a master's degree in divinity from Drew Theological Seminary. He will continue to serve the Appenzeller Memorial Nairi UMC along with his new destination. He previously served as assistant pastor at Korea's UMC Arcola. He has a passion for preaching, teaching, and educating God's people. Minho loves reading spiritual books, playing tennis and spending time with his family. He and his wife, Soohai Kim, have a five-year-old son, Andrew, and a two-year-old daughter, Hana. As Holy Spirit in charge, Vanessa has served as GNJ pastor since 2013. She currently pastors Magnolia Road UMC in Pemberton and UMC St. Paul in Mt. Holly. She is chairman of the GNJ Commission on Religion and Race. Graduate of Drew Theological School in 2020 recently received a master's degree in sacred theological. There she worked with religion and the Global Health Forum. He holds bachelor of arts and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Rutgers University, as well as a master's in divinity with Drew. She loves having fun, traveling and dancing. She is the mother of two wonderful sons, Anson and Aaron. Tom is a native of South Jersey, living in Cumberland and Cape May counties. He attended Bridgeton HS, Pfeiffer College (BS), Glassborough State College (Education Certification), Cheney State College (grad) and Wesley and United Seminaries (COS). He taught high school for 13 years and worked at Prudential for 24 years and served in St. Petersburg: Wesley UMC, Wildwood Crest/North Wildwood UMC, and Delmont/Leesburg UMC, where he will continue to serve. The three-point charge is a new and exciting opportunity he's looking forward to. There is no such thing as retirement when in His service. Bill taught physical education at a local elementary school for 38 years before serving the Communities of Dennisville/Southern Dennis UMC, Deerfield/Woodruff UMC, Trinity Marmor, Newport UMC and Delmont/Leesburg UMC, where he will be Serve. He is He His wife enjoys raising and training puppies for Seeing Eye and attending nursing schools and homes with our therapy dog. They have four throped children and five grandchildren Thomas Novak settled in Estelle Manor in 1998 with his wife of 29 years Denise. He is the proud father of two children: Daniel, who serves as a trustee at UMC's Mays Landing and the Rev. Tori Fletha, who serves at Minotola UMC and UMC's Piney Hollow. He has been working at Verizon for 31 years. He began serving Eldora UMC in 2010 and in 2014 Belleplain UMC was added to the charges where he would continue to serve. Tom graduated from CoS at the United Seminary in 2017. He has a passion for rural churches and youth service. His hobbies outside the Church are fishing, hunting and camping. Rosemary served as Ballard United Methodist Church in Asbury Park through mosaic ministries. She holds an M.Div. degree from Drew University Theological School, a B.A. in business management at Thomas Edison State University, a certificate of clinical pastoral education at the Capital Health Trauma Center and study with the National Plan for hispanic Ministry. Rosemary served as a hospice chaplain for Greenwood House Hospice. She was blessed with the opportunity to serve on the GNJ Youth Council, Hispanic Emmaus, El Commit Hispano and the creator's seat. Rosemary is married to Jesus Gonzalez, and they have two children, Jesus (14 years old) and Selena (8yrs). Andrew graduates from Georgia Judicial University with a degree in accounting, and will attend Drew Theological School starting in August to pursue M.Div. He has a background in audio, tax and public theater and believes that the love and grace of God is available to everyone. Andrew became a certified lei-servant in 2017 and served as a trustee of the local church, treasurer and young adult delegate at the Annual Conference. He began his prison service and helped start a modern service at his home church. In his spare time, he loves to sing and is an avid Broadway fan. Sean Lelyon has an M. Div. from Drew University, a B.S. in health science management with Excelsior College, and 4 units of clinical pastoral education. He currently serves as a licensed local pastor in expanding the ministry into a Samaritan health and hospice. He is a lifelong Methodist and has served in Church leadership for more than 15 years. He served at Tuckerton UMC as associate pastor, Brookville/West Creek UMCs, and as interim pastor at UMC's Ballard last year. He likes to be outdoors, cook food, music and spend time with his family. He has three children: Zipporah (6), Thomas (4), Abehail (3) and a dog, Coco. YoungHak Lee (he/he) has a passion for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and embodying the God Kind. He believes that this world can be a better place with the teachings of Jesus Christ. Living in the U.S. since the age of thirteen, Young Haq served in various ministries: campus ministries, chaplain of the army, youth and children of children Currently serving multicultural fees, YoungHak is a senior at Drew Theological School, as vice president of the Theological Student Association. His professional video editing skills help his faith community come together and cherish hope amid the COVID-19 outbreak. Fred Martz is currently serving in his fifth year at Dennisville UMC and UMC's Southern Dennis Trinity at Dennis Township in Cape Atlantic District and will add Tuckahoe UMC to his destination. Prior to that, he served for three years at UMC's Westville. He graduated from Palmer Theological Seminary with an MDiv degree. The key to his approach to service is knowledge and participation in the surrounding community. He loves gardening, poetry and spends time with his grandchildren. He and his wife, Peggy, feel blessed to serve the Lord and look forward to what God continues to reveal. Walter grew up in Glassborough. He graduated from Asbury College and Asbury Theological Seminary. It artistically engages multimedia in worship, most recently in Merchantville and Pennsauken UMCs. He loves cycling all over South Jersey. He is president of Shepherd's Farm, a 75-unit low-income senior apartment complex in West Deptford that opened in 2006 sponsored by UMC St. Paul and the Diocese of Camden. Walt and his wife Katie live in West Deptford, sharing retirement with their Bichons – Bailey and Elle May. They enjoy visiting family and grandchildren in Glassborough, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Concord, California Heidi's love for the Lord shows everything she says and does. Her core interests in pastoral service include creating excellence in worship, forming partnerships between communities and NGOs, pastoral custody of members and friends, and creating opportunities for families and children to engage their faith. Reverend Buck is known for his off-the-box style of modern Christian service. Heidi will be on loan at Virginia's annual conference to be more centrally located for her three adult children and six grandchildren. Mark (he/hc) was paperboy, chicken foundry, bartender, and pastor serving churches in Washington, D.C., Chicago and Jersey City (where he will continue to serve at Christ UMC). He firmly believes that the church is what you do, the issues are good, and the community can be built anywhere. Some of its content on social media was shared by Unvirtuous Abbey, Merle Haggard, Bill Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, and Preachers with Sneakers. Mark loves photography, graphic design, biking, crab rangoons, his wife Meredith and their energetic daughters, Eliza and Nora. He holds two degrees from Boston University. Heeyoung Lim serves Lyndhurst and UMC Korean Glory. At Lindhurst, he designed a lunch church for children on Saturdays that serves 20 children from the community. He also heads the Sunday School for Children and Youth in the ministry of Yed Nueva. Graduated from M.Vir. with Drew, received a B.A. degree from Kyung-He University in and worked in Seoul for a company that overs overseen its branch in Nicaragua. Heeyoung is a passionate minister of service to the people of God with creativity, building new ministries in the local church. Heeyoung lives with his wife Desun, and they have adorable boys, Ben and Luke. Tiffany Travia began serving the Lord from a young age. By the time she was fourteen was leading the worship and still does today. Tiffany currently serves as assistant pastor at Lifegate Church in Somers Point, New Jay. She also attends Palmer Theological Seminary, which is working on her MDiv. Tiffany has a passion for preaching and making the Word of God accessible by presenting the gospel in new and fresh ways. Among her hobbies are spending time with family and friends, movies and theatre. She resides in Waterford Works, New Joe with her husband Joe, son Isaiah and cat Phoebe. Anson serves on the Great New Jersey Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries. He led youth service at two United Methodist Churches and was a leader to serve on campus at NJIT, Rutgers-Newark and Essex County College. An experienced worship leader and musician, he served several churches for a decade. In addition to playing piano, guitar and drums, he's a vocalist. With a passion for business, economic empowerment and education, Anson holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He currently holds a master's degree in divinity from Drew University School of Theologicals. Pedro A. Pillot was born in Philadelphia and spent most of his childhood in South Jersey. He spent three summers as a camp counselor at Pinelands Center on Mount Misery. Before receiving his M. Virh at Drew Theological School in 2013, he served as a youth pastor at UMC Rockaways, a children's Bible study teacher at Union City UMC, and an intern at Conklin UMC (Southern River). He has served at Asbury UMC (Camden) since 2016. He is married to reverend Jackie Pillot, who serves Trinity UMC (Merchantville), and together they have a year-old daughter. John Lohr graduated from Glassborough State College and earned a master's degree from Harvard University. A native of Winland, he served Cumberland UMC and two United Methodist Churches in Massachusetts. He is a frequent guest speaker and preacher at churches across South Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania and served as an assisting professor of philosophy and religion at Rowan University. Michael Smith is a native of South Jersey who currently serves as superintendent of congregation and community viability in the Mountain Sky UMC conference and lives with his wife, Albre, and three children (9, 7,&5) in Fort Collins, California. He previously served as Senior Pastor of Clinton UMC (Clinton, New York) and UMC Tabernaly (Erma, New York) and as associate pastor of UMC St. Peter's (Ocean City, NJ). Michael uses creativity and innovation to increase vitality in every which he serves. He loves spending time with his family, music, music, and philadelphia eagles. Sanghong (Sam) Choi served Mendham UMC in Mendham and Morristown Korea UMC in Randolph as a two-point charge pastor, and has served the Skylands district as an elder chair for the past 4 years. He earned a M.Virever degree from Drew Theological School, was ordained in 2014. While studying theology, he wrote/translated and published several books on computer science and science, mostly for children. He likes to find ways the Gospel is delivered creatively and efficiently in different walks of life. He and his wife, Katie, have two children, Kevin and Hyunmin. Esther D. Morales was born in Guayam, Puerto Rico and raised in three generations of the Methodist family. She has served as a certified local pastor for the past six years, and she currently serves at Emanuel UMC in Union City and UMC Park in Weehawken. She is a full-time student at Drew University, where she pursues M. Viro. She is passionate about serving the community through outreach programs such as ESL classes, grieving support groups and the arts. Esther has also been a special needs educator for 36 years. She is a proud mother of two sons, and grandmother of three grandchildren. Eung Ok Cha earned a bachelor's degree and a bachelor's degree from Theological School of Hipsung University in South Korea and completed MDiv, and S.T.M at Drew Theological School in 2010. She has 20 years of experience from various ministries from South Korea and the US, and she currently serves Wildwick UMC as a local pastor and will continue to do so. She has a strong passion for delivering God's words and love, and for accepting disciples of Jesus Christ! Her supportive husband, Danielle is a professional table tennis coach &mp; A chef, and they have two children, Jacob (9 years old) and Irene (7). Holly Paul is a licensed local pastor and certified candidate on her way to ordination. Holly is currently studying at Drew University, working at M.Div. Holly served at Montana UMC in Phillipsburg, UMC Centenary at Lambertville and UMC's Livalve in Ringos, New Joe. Holly is passionate about preaching, pastoral care and the development of various ministries connecting communities with their local communities. Holly continues her work as an emergency critical veterinary nurse, enjoys camping, hiking with her two dogs and is still involved in shooting sports in her spare time. Paul Fenn is a licensed local pastor who is currently enrolled in a training course at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He was born and raised on UMC's Broad Street in Burlington and currently serves Buddtown UMC in Southampton, where he will continue to serve. He is happily married to his wife Patti, and they have four throes. Katherine Jordan-Latham is a lifelong Methodist from Brooklyn, New York. She is passionate about creating multicultural and intergenerational spaces through worship and communication. At GNJ, she served as associate pastor of multicultural service at Monmouth Grace UMC and on Just Grace UMC. Katherine has a B.A. from Drew University in Pan-African Studies and Religion, and M.Div. of the New York Theological School. She is married to a public school teacher and a mother to a very active baby. Han Kil Kim has been serving Calvary KUMK since 2017. He is passionate about leading praise and inviting children to Jesus Christ. He believes that God called him to make disciples and transform the world through the local church. In the summer, he earned a B.A. and Th.M degree from Methodist Theological University in Seoul, South Korea, and in the summer will graduate from Drew Theological School with M.Div. Han enjoys coffee and doughnuts with people he loves and spends time with them. Sarah Borgstrom Lee began her church work in youth service in 2010 and has been serving churches ever since. Her passions in the ministry include helping to cultivate deliberate spiritual disciplines and leading brain assault sessions. Sarah earned a M.Virgo degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2015, and a B.A. degree in psychology and a minor in ceramics from Arkady University in 2008. Sarah is married to Josh Lee, has a wonderful son Jeremiah and is looking forward to welcoming another son very soon! Alicia Gray has a passion for helping people face transformation and healing so that they can experience everything God has for them. She got her MDiv. with Wesley Theological Seminary in D.C. and is currently an associate pastor at Eventistauna and Pattenburg Churches. She also holds a master's degree in print journalism from Northwestern University, a master's degree in intercultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary and a bachelor's degree in English literature from Wellesley College. She has a wide background that reflects her diverse interests and skills, including her work as a hospice chaplain and missionary in Paraguay. Ray Schmeling has a passion to share Jesus with others, teach the Word of God, and reach out to the less fortunate. He is the second pastor of his career, however, he is now in his 27th year serving in the role. He is both a lifelong Methodist and lifelong resident of New Jay. He served as head of the local fraternity of pastors and in the executive committee of the ordained ministry. He graduated from Wesley Seminary School. He and his wife Joanne have two children, two grandchildren and a Jack Russell Terrier. Jean McMullan felt the urge to serve at the age of 10. It is a narrative preacher who loves leading worship, both traditional and modern. She loves church music, including classical, pop-can, and almost everything in between. She is passionate about hospitality and inclusion. From 1985, Jean served in meetings in West Virginia (1985-1989) and New Jersey (1989 to the present). She graduated from Drew Theological High School in 1992 and was ordained an elder in 1994. Among other opportunities of GNJ management, she participated in School licensing from 2000 to 2018. Soohai Na has a great passion for teaching children about the love of Jesus, sharing God's grace through music and caring for the community and the world through mission. For more than 10 years of her worship, leading the experience includes the privilege of serving on a nationwide touring service band called Anointing in Korea back in 2009-2010. Sooa currently serves as pastor of hoboken community church. She graduated from Methodist Theological University in Seoul, Korea with a bachelor's degree in theological services, and earned a master's degree in divinity from Drew Theological School, where she met her husband, Youngkwang Jun, a talented leader of worship. Jisun Nam serves as the Korea Community Church as an associate pastor. She has been involved in the family ministry for more than 20 years and is passionate about supporting the spiritual growth of the younger generation. She majored in Education and Christian Studies before listening to M. Viro at Drew Theological Seminary. She is currently pursuing an S.T.M degree from Drew with a major focus on preaching. She believes that God called her to serve to listen to and sustain the made words of God. Jesun and her husband, Kenneth, live in Ridgewood with their three children: Neri (16), Nicholas (13) and Irene (11). Anna Thomas is a dedicated pastor who has served GNJ for more than 17 years, including in county-level leadership and conferences. It has a passion and commitment to reach all people in the name of Christ. It has D.Min from Drew with a focus on community leadership through transitions in the ministry with immigrants. It leads churches in understanding, embracing and upping the mission of developing disciplines locally and globally, as well as engaging followers in worship, community, and service. She firmly believes in working through team building and collaboration. She is married to Sashil and they have a son Joshua. Johan Baik served as pastor at Master Church, UMC's North Hunterdon, and as director of the young adult and adult cell group at Calvary KUMC. Johan earned his M.Virh degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and completed his clinical pastoral education training at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He also completed a student training school at the University of Nations in Kony, Hawaii. He is passionate about preaching, creative worship and pastoral care. He is happily married to his wife Sunny and his two children, Eileen, 14, and Joshua, 13. Rachel Callander is a licensed local pastor and certified candidate for ordination at the Annual Conference of Greater New Jersey. She currently serves the United Methodist Churches of Long Beach Island. She studied at the Academy of Performing Arts OCTVTS as an acting major, has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in a theatrical performance with The University of Kian, Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and in complement to her masters, in ecumenical research by bossy of the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Switzerland. Josh Hughes currently serves as pastor at Deerfield and Woodruff UMCs. He used to be at two UMC churches in Ohio with a focus on children, youth and discipleship. Josh likes to focus on building relationships with people in the church where he serves, as well as connecting with other pastors. He has a deep passion to preach the gospel and help others find who God created them to be. He wants to focus on discipleship in the church where he serves, as well as connecting with the congregations around the church for Christ's sake. Hyun Kim was born, raised and educated in South Korea. Her lived cross-cultural experience was formative in the ministry, embodying beauty in diversity and harmony in difference. She has served in ministries from Pre-K to adult groups, most recently with West Grove UMC in Neptune, where she will continue to serve alongside her new appointment. Hyun got acquainted with his master's degree in divinity from Drew Theological School and is currently a PhD candidate in theological and philosophical studies at Drew. She is passionate about the scriptures living and meaning for the daily life of her congregation. Jeong Lee has served as pastor of the Good Shepherd Church since 2013. He was recently ordained as an elder. He earned bachelor's and bachelor's degrees from HyupSung University in Korea and M.Div. from Drew Theological School. He loves to see people and community transform through word and fellowship in Christ. He loves to feel and find the presence of God in nature. He loves hiking and woodworking. Jeong Odzin is married to Anjunking pastor Camdar Cliff of UMC in Khaledon, and they have an 8-year-old daughter, Sophia. They like hanging out with a furry friend, Cherry. Juillon (Julie) Lee served as music director at The Ambury United Methodist Church in Little Silver and, most recently, as a pastor at Ballard United Methodist Church in Asbury Park through mosaic ministries. She was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea. She earned an M.Div. degree from Drew Theological School and her M.A.R. from the Yale School of Divinity in Liturgical Studies. She is passionate about educating the people of God and sharing God's love for the community. In her spare time, she enjoys baking desserts. Julie currently lives in Palisades Park with her husband Michael and their three-year-old son Nathaniel. Rosario was born in Puerto Rico and her faith journey began in childhood. She earned a master's degree in divinity with certificates from Hispanic and urban ministries at the SMU Perkins School of Theological Services in Dallas, Texas, and earned a master's degree in sacred theological theological and master's degree in philosophy with concentration in biblical studies, edict, gender and sexuality from Drew Theological School. Rosario stands for justice and equality and has served local multicultural and dedicated churches. She is a lawyer in Puerto Rico and worked for CPA. She participated in startup churches, missions and other ministries, including worship services, small groups, Bible study and discipleship. Jesse Rywh is currently serving Broadway and Port Colden UMCs in Warren County. Originally from Ocean City, NJ, Jesse's passions in the ministry include youth, small groups, a camping ministry and an AV. He loves innovation to help the church connect and engage with the community. He believes that God has called the Church to be the hands and feet of Christ here on earth. Jesse will begin his senior year of seminary at Drew University in the fall. It has a professional background in the field of IT. When you're out of the office, Jesse is enjoying camping, cooking and coffee. Valenska Trinidad was born and raised in Puerto Rico. She moved to New Jae with her daughter 17 years ago. She is currently pastor of Primera Iglesia Methodist Unida Wesley in Trenton and Chambers UMC Hamilton. She enrolled in a course studying at Wesley Theological Seminary in D.C. One of her passions is working in a mission while forging authentic relationships with the community, and she is currently chairman of the National Plan of Hispanic Hispanic Ministries at GNJ. Marissa was born and raised in California and studied at california Lutheran University, where she achieved her B.S. in biological sciences and computer information systems. Before hearing her challenge to service, she worked as a molecular biologist for fifteen years. Hearing God's call to her life, she received her M. Virgin. With Drew Theological Seminary. She served as chief of staff at Bishop Janes UMC and has served as Neshanic and Sergeantsville UMC since 2018. Marissa is passionate about the mission and helps communities communicate with their communities. Elaine is the second career pastor to serve in Cranford, Denville, Springfield and is currently at Dumont in Calvary UMC, where she will continue to serve alongside her new appointment. Elaine earned a master's degree in divinity from Drew Theological School. Her greatest joy is to help people experience God's love and then share it using their unique gifts creatively. She believes that the church best serves God as an interfaith body, collaborating in our communities to bring to justice, compassion, healing and fun! Elaine is a proud mother of two children and Nana to her three grandchildren. She loves cooking, traveling, reading and adventure! Anna Gillette is an ardent speaker who feels called to lead the congregation in clarifying and achieving her vision of service. She deeply loves creative and passionate worship and Bible study training for all ages. She served in Marlton United Methodist Church, Princeton UMC and UMC Centenary in Lambertville. She and her husband Trey are graduates of Princeton Theological Seminary, and her husband there is an employee. They have three boys: Eric, who lives with his wife in Lubbock TX and Anna's first grandiose Jeffrey, who is a student at Rowan College, and Peter, who is a senior at Rider University. Joseph Yueng currently serves as director of the campus ministry at Rutgers University for the United Methodist Church and associate pastor at the United Methodist Church in New Brunswick. He and his wife, Sam, moved to New Jersey in 2018 from Washington, D.C., where he attended Wesley Theological Seminary. They were slowly conquered by NJ's excellent ethnic eateries and local craft beer. On January 28, 2020, Sam and Joe blessed astrid Rose's beautiful and healthy daughter. She joins a furry older brother in the family, Tagu, a 14.5-year-old black Pomeranian. Taegun Wang has served churches in GNJ since 2000, including the generous Korean UMC, South Jersey's Korean UMC and Bethany Church (Fort Lee Campus). In 2006, he was ordained as an elder. He loves God, church and people. He has a criminal trial for calling for the parodies of local churches. He earned a master's degree in theological seminary from Seoul, Korea, MD at Drew Theological School, S.T.T.M. from the Union of Theological Seminary, New York, and studied early Christian history in a doctorate at Drew. He is married to Hunsok and has three daughters, Kayla, Catherine and Christine. Amanda Gemence serves UMC at Mount Tabor. She earned an M.Div. degree from Drew Theological School, and is currently pursuing her D.Min. there. Amanda is co-chair of a team of ministries that gnj, coaches local churches through the restoration process, and was a member of the GNJ Way Forward Commission. Her ministry revolves around her firm belief that God is love, and that Jesus may come, that all may have life, and abundantly his (1 John 4:7, John 10:10). She lives with George, her husband of 15 years, and their 10-year-old son, Gregory Gabriel Martone, is a recently ordained elder and currently serves as Pearl River UMC as interim pastor. Gabriel served Frankford Plains UMC, UMC's Broadway in Franklin Township, and UMC's Port Colden in Washington NJ, and as an associate at UMC Central in Lynwood NJ. Gabrielle owns her M.Div. of Princeton Theological Seminary and B.A. in Religion from Smith College. She was an intern at the Red Bird Mission, sat on westap's Young Leaders Advisory Board and is a community coach for Skylands Walk to Emmaus. Gabriel is deeply passionate about mission, advocacy and community development. Myungim Kim has a strong track record with planting the church and developing leadership through her experience with the General Council of Global Ministries as a communications territory for Asia and as executive secretary appointed to coordinate general conference mandate plans: the Asian-American Ministry of Language and the Pacific Island Ministry in the United States for the past seven years. She served as chaplain of Centennial College and three communities in GNJ: Newton, Totova and Pennington. She also served as Director Conference ties at the General Commission on Religion and Race in Washington. C has two adult children, Joe and Haijung. Jonathan Campbell serves as pastor of UMC's Old First in the West Long Division. He previously served as chief operating officer of CUMAC-ECHO, a major feeding and ministry center, in Paterson. He serves as peace coordinator with justice. He is also co-chair of the United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. Jonathan believes that the church is called to return the pattern of service found in Acts 2 to devote himself to God, prayer, scripture, Holy Communion, and service to others. He is blessed to be the father of three amazing young men, Jeremias (16), Nathan (13) and Christopher (11). Eric serves UMC's St Andrews, Toms River. He holds a PhD from TCNJ and M.Div from Princeton Seminary. Eric uses his entrepreneurial experience and missionary experience of Church planting to innovate new service strategies that make students strengthen churches, and influence neighborhoods for Christ. He is passionate about making Jesus known in new places for new people in each new generation. Eric is married to Amy, who works as hr director for Meals on Wheels in Ocean County. They have two teenage children, Austin and Colleen. Eric and the family love the beach, surfing, fitness and their three dogs. Frank Davis is an experienced pastor and currently serves as interim pastor at Leonia UMC. He served six other churches in Greater New Jersey and worked in a variety of capacities, experiences, and conditions, and did extensive work with young people at risk. Frank believes deeply that we are called to act in an eternal way, to love charity, and to walk humbly with God. He has a deep passion for social justice and champions those who cannot defend themselves. He wants to work with communities and clergy to develop spiritual leaders and grow vital gatherings to transform the world. Chuck received his master of divinity from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. From 2006 to 2015, he was a spiritual support adviser to Samaritan health and hospice care. He previously served at Carney Point, Quinton and Hancock Bridge, Turnersville and Delanco. He loves the church and believes that to transform the congest of the church you need to live in the abundance of God's grace; and believes that the church should be a friend to all. Chuck enlisted to marry Lana Cole, director of worship at St. John's in Turnersville, and between them they have four beautiful children. Brian Neville serves Hillsdale UMC. The native of Buffalo, N.Y., earned a master's degree in divinity from Palmer Theological Seminary. Brian finds his passion in helping people connect with God in every part of their lives, from ordinary to extraordinary. He also likes young people to discover that the church isn't boring - it's anything but! He is married to Emily, was ordained in 2014, and two beautiful boys, Davey and Halloran, aged 7 and 5. Brian previously served as UMC's first in Toms River as a lawyer and Chevs UMC as assistant pastor. Larry has been working in the ministry at GNJ since 2002. He earned a master's degree in divinity from Easter Baptist Seminary and a Doctorate in Service from Drew University. Participated in various roles at the county level and conference. Larry's view of the ministry is based on Matthew 22:36-40, and he is convinced that the church should be a bright center for the congest as it finds transformative ways to share the story of Jesus. He is married to Ginny, his beautiful wife of more than 25 years and is the father of David and Kyle, who have both recently got engaged. Alison has served as pastor of Franklin Lakes United Methodist Church since 2015. She believes relationships are the heart of service. She is passionate about spiritual growth through prayer, worship, and community building. Prior to attending Princeton Theological Seminary, she worked in New York for interfaith and economic nonprofits. Along the way, she received training in coaching and spiritual direction. Her writing has been published in several books and magazines. She and her husband Sayan have two children, Eva and Rose. They enjoy gardening, cooking and board games. Reverend Scott Bostwick holds a bachelor of arts degree from Monmouth University and earned a master's degree in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. He served several local churches at the Greater New Jersey Conference, including Hazlet, Lyndon, Bay Head and Eckoff. He ate GNJ areas across teams including DCOM, the strategic planning team and the Committee on Superintendentability, and at the conference level as co-chair of the conference's youth team and chairman of the conference committee on the inquiry. Scott and his wife Karen have two sons, Jason and Ryan, and dog Grace. Reverend William Williams, III holds an economics degree from Swarthmore College and a Master of Divinity from Drew University School of Theologicals. Prior to his ministerial assignments, Reverend Williams held a number of positions on corporate finance with increased accountability, including supervisory and coaching. He served in various roles in churches throughout Nebraska, Missouri Pennsylvania and New Jersey, including Gibbstown, Billingsport, Atlantic City and Westfield. Reverend Williams held senior positions in the South Central and Northeast jurisdictions. He is married to Joyce and is the father of eight-year-old Julia and five-year-old twins William, IV and James. James.

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