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DISTRICT DISPATCH

A NEWSLETTER OF THE THREE NOTCH'D DISTRICT

Greetings from our New District Superintendent

Dear Three Notch'd District:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a true joy and privilege to be able to greet you as your new District Superintendent! As I've started getting to know the ministries, churches, and communities of the Three Notch'd District, I have already been blessed and inspired by the faithfulness, joy, and outreach of our District. I'm excited to learn more about our churches and communities and look forward to those opportunities to come.

I know seasons of change and transition are always bittersweet. Saying goodbye is difficult, and meeting new people is hard work. But I am encouraged by our shared identity and purpose that binds us together as one body in Christ, and pray we can trust in God's steadfast love that endures forever. I especially want to thank Rev. Dr. Hyo Lee, our former District Superintendent, for his faithfulness and ministry over the past 6 years. I am grateful for his leadership and we pray for good and faithful ministry as he serves at Bon Air UMC.

I know I'm not the only one facing transition, as many of our clergy and churches are also starting a new appointment season. I pray with you and for you for God's guidance, for relationship building, and the Holy Spirit to move in and through our churches and communities.

Finally, I'm looking forward to meeting you all in the upcoming weeks and months. There are a number of opportunities coming up, including on-boarding receptions at the end of August (more information to come), and possibly a fun outing! I'm praying for our shared ministry in the Three Notch'd District, let's do this!

Peace,

Rev. Grace Han

Three Notch'd District Superintendent



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Update on Kits for Conference

On June 6, the following kits were collected by our district: 2,353 hygiene kits, 266 menstrual kits, and 270 cleaning kits for a grand total of 2,889 kits! We are especially grateful to Darryl Lamb and Kip Robinson and their volunteers for coordinating the collection sites on June 6. Pictured above are the amazing folks from Mineral UMC who packed 280 kits on June 2!

Congratulations to Clergy and Churches

At Annual Conference June 17-20, we celebrated the following clergy: Rev. Chris McDonald (West Hanover Charge) and Rev. Brandon Zobel (New Song UMC) who were recognized as new local licensed pastors. Also, Rev. Alli Koehler-Masavisut (Bon Secours St. Francis Chaplain Resident) was recognized as a provisional deacon.

We also celebrated these churches: Charlottesville First UMC and the Madison Rose Park Charge were recognized as Green Churches. Southwood Mission and Rev. Jair Serrano and St. Matt's North and Rev. Chip Joseph were recognized as new New Faith Communities (pictured below). Gum Spring UMC continues to receive Strategic Salary Support and Asbury Church Hill UMC will receive this support starting in July.



Southwood Mission



St. Matt's North

Opportunities to Give

Two opportunities to give were lifted up at Annual Conference:

The MJ Kim Fund for Immigrant Clergy - The MJ Kim Fund is named for Rev. Myung Johng "MJ" Kim, the first Asian-American pastor to be ordained elder in the Virginia Conference and supports the unique needs of our immigrant clergy. This fund will help clergy as they navigate the costly immigration process. You can donate [HERE](#) or mail a check payable to VAUMC with AC Offering in the memo to: VAUMC, Attn: Conference Treasurer, 10330 Staples Mill Rd, Suite 100, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Endowing United Methodist Theological Education - Churches are encouraged to participate in **Miracle Sunday October 11** and take an offering for this fund. The Endowing United Methodist Theological Education is an opportunity to help our Methodist siblings in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines as they pursue their studies and further their ministry and service to the local church. More information will be shared next month.



National Hour of Prayer July 11

You are invited to participate in a Virtual National Hour of Prayer on Saturday, July 11, 7:00pm. This will be held by Zoom and is open to all men with the goal of seeking God, lifting up men, and transforming lives. Join five jurisdictions of United Methodist Men in this prayer event. Register [HERE](#).



Mission u 2026 July 24-26

The United Women of Faith are excited to have you join them at New Creation UMC, Chesapeake, **July 24-26**, for their Mission u. This year's theme is "Experiencing Emmanuel" and participants can register to be in person or on Zoom. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Youth Wesley Heritage Trip

Rev. "Gil" Lee (Ivy Creek UMC), five youth (pictured left and on page one) and two adult leaders traveled to London last month as part of the students' confirmation journey. The group walked nearly 50 miles, through places important to Methodist history, through the streets of London and Oxford, places where John and Charles Wesley studied, worshiped, and gathered with fellow members of the Holy Club. It was, in every sense, a journey that strangely warmed their hearts. For more info about the trip, email GiilLee@vaumc.org.

PAUMCS On the Road: August 5

Church admins and other interested persons are invited to the PAUMCS On the Road workshop Wed. Aug. 5, 10am-12noon at Good Shepherd UMC, 9155 Hungary Rd, Henrico, to learn about Canva. This is a great option to learn as Publisher is being phased out. Register [HERE](#).



Children's Ministry Lab: August 15

On Saturday, August 15, 10:00am-3:30pm, "The Children's Ministry Lab: Combining Community-driven Innovation and Theologically-grounded Connection", will be held at Discovery UMC, 13000 Gayton Rd, Richmond. Join others from the Virginia Conference for this workshop

designed to help your congregation envision and execute truly innovative and transformative children's ministries. Led by Ministry Incubators' Kat Bair, project manager of our conference's Hatching Faith Cohorts project, this highly interactive workshop will be built on design thinking, community development, and discipleship principles that are both nationally tested, and informed by Kat's deep engagement with our specific context. The cost is \$35/person and includes lunch. Register [HERE](#). For more information, contact Rev. Chad Beck, chadbeck@vaumc.org.



Jim Wright Memorial Golf Tournament: September 14

The Jim Wright Memorial Golf Tournament is a heartfelt event dedicated to honoring the memory of a cherished Woodlake UMC community member and usher for over 30 years, and avid golfer, who passed away in October 2022. The event is a testament to Jim's enduring impact and a beautiful way for friends, family, and the community to come together in his honor benefiting Belmont Pantry and The Closet. Ladies and Gentlemen are encouraged to register [HERE](#). \$125 per person or \$480 for group of four. Deadline: September 5. For more information, contact Bob Eastep, raeastep@aol.com or 804-307-2306.

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