



CHANGES

Dear Three Notch'd District:

I am writing this from Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, where I have been spending the week at "DS School." Over the course of the week, I have been learning with fellow District Superintendents (as well as Directors of Connectional Ministries, Assistant to the Bishops, among others) across our connection. We have been learning the skills required to be a DS as well as reflecting on growing trends in the church and our broader connection. Admittedly, it's been a very full week. As one bishop put it, "it's like drinking from a fire hose with a straw!" While I haven't absorbed all that needs to be learned, I'm extremely grateful for the valuable teachers, colleagues, and insights.

One of the main themes of the week is that we are in a season of change and transition. The church doesn't look the way it did 5-10 years ago. This means that we can't use the same strategies that worked a generation ago. We are in a new season of mission and ministry and we need to adapt accordingly. I admit that as a new DS, this is both terrifying and exciting. It would be much easier if we had a tried and true blueprint to follow. Of course a season of change also means it there is space for creativity and thinking outside the box. It allows space for new ideas and encourages innovation. I've been reflecting on what that means for our Three Notch'd District in this next season. How do we stay true to our first call, the call we took at our baptism, and listen for God's invitation to a new thing?

The good news for us all is that despite changes and transition, ups and downs, the one thing that will never change is the steadfast love of the Lord that never ceases, (whose) mercies never come to an end. (Lamentations 3:22) While we may not have a blueprint for the future, I pray this promise can anchor us as we face the task before us.

Peace,

Rev. Grace Han
Three Notch'd District Superintendent

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**THREE NOTCH'D
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BOLDLY FORGING DISCIPLESHIP PATHS

Kit Packing: August 8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens. In October the Central Virginia Mission HUB will celebrate its tenth anniversary! God has been there every step of the way.

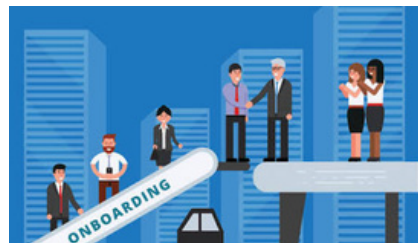
Things looked pretty bleak in the beginning, but God has continually provided funds, storage facilities, and trailers to transport supplies. The HUB has been able to offer hope to countless people around the country. Yes, the kits packed right here in Culpeper go to disaster areas all around our country. Most of the folks working with the HUB are aging out. It is increasingly more difficult to do the physical work that is required. **Please pray** that the folks working with the HUB will be able to continue until we find new leaders, for the people who have been dedicated to the success of the HUB for the past ten years, and that someone will step up to lead the HUB. We would welcome someone from Culpeper UMC or another church in the Three Notch'd District to take over the operations of the HUB. The HUB has had an awesome ten years, and we thank God for blessing them in so many ways. **NOTE: There is a packing event this Sat. Aug. 8, 9:00am, at the Culpeper UMC (1233 Oaklawn Dr, Culpeper) pavilion.** All ages are welcome! For more information, please contact Darryl Lam, darryllam@comcast.net.



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.



Onboarding with D.S. Han: Aug. 31-Sept. 2

You are invited to be part of On-Boarding our new DS Rev. Grace Han to the Three Notch'd District. On-Boarding is a unique opportunity for **all laity and clergy** and the DS to learn about each other, discuss hopes and dreams for the district, share concerns, and identify areas for future focus. It is early team building at its best.

Please register your attendance using this [LINK](#).

Laity sessions will be held:

- Monday, August 31, 7:00-9:00pm, Aldersgate UMC, 1500 Rio Rd E, Charlottesville
- Tuesday, September 1, 7:00-9:00pm, Trinity UMC, 900 Forest Ave, Richmond

Clergy sessions will be held:

- Tuesday, September 1, 10:00am-12noon, Aldersgate UMC, 1500 Rio Rd E, Charlottesville
- Wednesday, September 2, 10:00am-12noon, Trinity UMC, 900 Forest Ave, Richmond



National Day of Prayer: August 29

You are invited to participate in the National Day of Prayer on Saturday, August 29, 10:00am. This will be held by Zoom and is open to all men with the goals of praying with faith and trust in God, uniting men across the nation, and praying for protection, peace and a bright future for every child. Join five jurisdictions of United Methodist Men in this prayer event. Register [HERE](#).



UMM 2026 Spiritual Retreat: Sept. 18-19

The United Methodist Men are excited to have you join them at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center, Harrisonburg, for their 2026 Spiritual Retreat, September 18-19. This year's theme is "B1, Inspire1: Men of Faith, Sharing their Faith" and participants can register [HERE](#).



Is God Calling you to Serve?



At the **Three Notch'd District Conference on Sunday, November 22**, we will nominate individuals for a three-year term on the District Board of Church Location and Building (DBCLB, for approval at the 2027 Annual Conference); nominate and approve individuals for a three-year term on the District Leadership Board (DLB); and approve District Lay Members to Annual Conference (will be held in Harrisonburg from June 16-19, 2027).

We are looking for people who feel called to share their gifts with the district for these important positions.

- For the DLB, people who are analytical, like numbers and policies, not afraid of accountability, and are big picture thinkers are needed.
- For the DBCLB, people who are strategic and visionary, in touch with the community throughout the district, have a history of growing ministries or businesses, real estate experience, entrepreneurial spirit, and not afraid of experimentation are needed.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve. **Please click [HERE](#) to apply for either of the Board positions.** The District Lay Members to Annual Conference form will be available soon. Thank you.

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. This fund will support the unique needs of our immigrant clergy, especially as they face the challenges and expenses related to navigating our nation's immigration process so that they may serve our churches and their communities. 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.



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Endowing United Methodist Theological Education - Uniting UM Congregations Worldwide
United Methodist leaders are inviting 30,000 worldwide congregations during 2026 into a God-led, Holy Spirit-empowered six-week emphasis to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously. The emphasis will equip congregations through worship and small group study to extend the vision of the church and receive a special offering to help support 500 students annually to prepare for pastoral ministry across Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. In Virginia, the six-week series begins September 6 and culminates on Miracle Sunday, October 11, with a special offering. By equipping pastors, teachers, and lay leaders, the Church invests in leaders who will guide communities with wisdom, compassion, and courage. Every church is encouraged to receive an offering on October 11, 2026, to support theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. Worship & Small Group resources may be accessed [HERE](#). This endowment will help churches of every size and culture grow spiritually, deepen their witness, and join in God's mission with bold love, joyful service, and courageous leadership.



Gospel Sing

On June 30th, despite the coming heat wave, 35 joyous community members gathered to praise God at the Madison UMC Outdoor Pavilion. We began the evening with hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Rev. Liz Petry (Madison-Rose Park Charge), Rev. Hosub Sung (Little Fork Circuit), and Elliott Petry provided special music and testimony. Those gathered also participated in a singalong.

*"Then sings
my soul!"*



WEST END CLUSTER YOUTH
2026/2027
KICK OFF CONCERT
FEATURING TOMORROW HAS COME MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH AT 5:30PM
 HOSTED AT GOOD SHEPHERD UMC
 9155 HUNGARY ROAD

DINNER, MUSIC & MORE PROVIDED
 \$5 PER PERSON
 REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/WEC2627KICKOFF](https://bit.ly/wec2627kickoff)
 OR USE THE QR CODE:




Lay Servant Training: Sept. 19

The Valley Ridge District is offering Lay Servant Ministry Training on Sat., Sept. 19, 8:30am-4:30pm, at Greenville UMC, 126 Main St, Greenville, VA. The following courses are available: Basic Lay Servant, Spiritual Gifts, and Public Prayer. The cost is \$15/course. To register, click [HERE](#).



Cybersecurity: Sept. 16

The VA Chapter of PAUMCS (Professional Administrators of the UM Connectional Structure) is sponsoring a Zoom meeting with Rob Jett (GCFA) on "A Church's Survival Guide for Cybersecurity" Wed. Sept. 16, 7:00pm. All interested persons are invited to attend. Click [HERE](#) to register and receive the Zoom link.

DS Installation Service: September 20

Everyone is invited to celebrate DS Grace Han at her Installation Service Sunday, September 20, 3:00pm, at Shady Grove UMC, 4825 Pouncy Tract Rd, Glen Allen. Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson will help lead worship and DS Han will share a message. We hope to see you there!

Cluster Charge Conferences start October 6

The 13 Cluster Charge Conference dates have been shared with all clergy appointed/assigned to a local church. Charge Conferences are held annually and are mandatory. This fall, Cluster Charge Conferences will be held in person. All clergy and at least two leaders from each church are required to attend but all interested persons are welcome. DS Han looks forward to seeing you there! Please visit <https://threenotchd.org/events-directory/> for the list of dates. Questions? Email TNDistrict@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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