

Human Resources Announces Field Outreach Ministers

The Human Resources Committee of the Iowa Annual Conference is pleased to announce the eight, new, Field Outreach Ministers. Interviewed and recommended by lay and clergy teams representing the eight new districts and approved by the Bishop, the Field Outreach Ministers will begin serving on July 1, 2007.

Northwest District – Sarah Kitterman Stevens



Sarah Stevens graduated from Morningside College and later Claremont Graduate University where she was awarded a Masters of Religion with a focus on Women's studies in Religion. Recently she has been the Project FAITH Coordinator for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. A member of Grace United Methodist Church in Sioux City, Sarah has also been Chair of worship planning for the Annual Conference Session. She will be a partner in the Northwest District ministry team with the Rev. Bernabe Colorado, District Superintendent.

North Central District – Jonathan David Gaul



Jon Gaul is a graduate of Morningside College and the Perkins School of Theology where he earned a Master of Theology degree. Since July 2001 he has been the Senior Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Sioux City. He has served the Winterset, Patterson, and Emmetsburg United Methodist Churches as well as a two-year tenure as the Ft. Dodge and Des Moines bi-district Field Minister of the Conference Council on Connectional Ministries (CCMC). Jon will partner in the North Central District ministry team with the Rev. Dennis Tevis, District Superintendent.

Northeast District – Jaymee Glenn-Burns



Jaymee Glenn-Burns is a graduate of the Iowa State University and Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, where she was awarded a M. Div in 1985. She also received a Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling from the University of Northern Iowa. She has served as a Youth Services and Grief Counselor and Visitation Pastor for Cedar Valley Hospice and Waterloo First United Methodist Church. Her appointments include St. Timothy's United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls and Mechanicsville United Parish/Stanwood Union Church.

Jaymee will partner in the Northeast District ministry team with the Rev. Anne Lippincott, District Superintendent.

East Central District – Jill L. Sanders



Jill Sanders is a graduate of Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, and the Western Theological Seminary, from which she received a Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies. She is currently enrolled in a D. Min. program at Western. She is currently the Connectional Field Minister for the Cedar Rapids and Dubuque Districts. She was appointed to the Colesburg United Methodist Church (1994-2000) and has served the Calvary and Second Reformed Churches. Jill will partner in the East Central District ministry team

with the Rev. James Hanke, District Superintendent.

Southeast District – Philip H. Carver



Philip Carver is a graduate of Cornell College and the University of Northern Iowa, where he received a Master of Music degree in composition. A member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Iowa City, Phil has served as the Connectional Field Minister for the Muscatine and Ottumwa Districts since 1996. Prior to that time he was the music and program director for Oakwood United Methodist Church, was a member of the cadre team for the Conference Council on Ministries, and was the Secretary/Justice Troubadour for the Des Moines Area Urban Mission Council. Phil will partner in the Southeast District ministry team with the Rev. Rose Blank, District

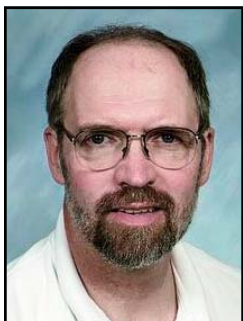
Superintendent.

South Central District – Paul M. Smith



Paul Smith is a graduate of Simpson College and the St. Paul School of Theology, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree, with a concentration in pastoral ministry. In 1999 he was appointed to Wesley United Methodist Church in Ottumwa. He also served in the United States Air Force. Paul will partner in the South Central District ministry team with the Rev. William Poland, District Superintendent.

Southwest District – Edward A. Kail



Edward Kail is a graduate of Luther College and the Princeton Theological Seminary, from which he was awarded a Master of Divinity, with a concentration in pastoral care. Since August 2000 he has been the Lead Pastor of Faith United Methodist Church in Gilmore City. Ed has been an Instructor and Chair of Town & Country Ministries, Director of the Course of Study School and Director of Field Education for the St. Paul School of Theology, Superintendent of the Ottumwa District, and Pastor and Parish Director of the Mount Ayr Larger Parish. Ed will partner in the Southwest District ministry team

with the Rev. Brian Milford, District Superintendent.

Central District – Martha Hill DiSilvestro



Martha Hill DiSilvestro is a graduate of North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, and the Yale Divinity School, where she earned a Master of Divinity degree, with a focus on pastoral leadership. She is currently enrolled in a D. Min. program at Northern Seminary, Lombard Illinois. Since July 2001 Martha has been the Connec-tional Minister for the Des Moines and Ft. Dodge districts. She was Senior Pastor of the Carol Stream United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of Palatine in the Northern Illinois Conference and was an adjunct faculty member (field education) at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Martha will partner in the Central District ministry team with the Rev. Wesley S. K. Daniel, District Superintendent.

Selecting the Field Outreach Ministers

The job description for the Field Outreach Ministers is an outgrowth of the reorganiza-tional decisions made at the 2006 Annual Conference Session. The Implementation Team worked with the Human Resources Committee to define roles and responsibili-ties of the members of the eight District Ministry Teams, understanding that the District Superintendent and Field Outreach Minister will work collegially. Once the description of the Field Outreach Minister (FOM) position was approved a national search was conducted and a significant pool of exceptionally qualified candidates was formed.

A screening committee, made up of members of the Human Resources Committee re-viewed the applications to determine which of the interested candidates would be inter-viewed and for which of the districts each might be best suited. (A profile of each dist-rikt was created to help inform the selection process.) Eight district interview teams were formed. Comprised of lay and clergy, they represented each of the new district geographical areas. Each team met with the applicants proposed to them by the screening committee. Subsequently the interview teams made their individual recom-mendations to Bishop Palmer, who then met separately with each of the eight nomi-nees to affirm the interview teams' decisions.

Field Outreach Minister Job Description

In part, the "Field Outreach Minister (FOM) is a multi- focused generalist who works collegially with the Superintendent of the District to which s/he is assigned in a District Ministry Team to promote effective ministry in the district." Responsibilities will include "organizing and facilitating the effectiveness of the Ministry Action Teams and serving on district Stewardship Teams as well as a resource person for congregational devel-opment and revitalization, particularly in the area of outreach ministries, in the local churches."

Members of the Interview Teams

Jane Moen and Kay Ritter, Members of the Human Resources Committee, each chaired four interview teams. (This is in accord with the Iowa Annual Conference Rules of Order.) Bob Burkhart represented Bishop Palmer.

Members of the teams included:

Melba Akason, Bernie Aumann, Marilyn Aumann, Rose Blank, Wayne Burk, Bernie Colorado, Avon Crawford, Wes Daniel, Carol Duffe, Myrtle Felkner, Lillian Gallo-Seagren, James Hanke, Dot Hasler, Scott Hibben, Russ Husted, Gerry Kahler, Kiboko Kiboko, Kerrin Kirkpatrick, Anne Lippincott, Ivan Lyddon, Hugh Mckintosh, Brian Milford, Gary Nims, Christian Nygaard, Wally Paige, Neil Peck, David Peterson, William Poland, Hess Roorda, Herb Shafer, Janet Stephenson, Hugh Stone, Dennis Tevis, Bruce Ursin, Judy Wannan, Dave Weesner, and Cathy Whitlatch.