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I am ordained deacon in full connection serving as the children, family and youth minister at Walnut Hills United Methodist Church in Urbandale. I am a certified Director of Christian Education and a trained Stephen Ministry leader. As a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan College and Scarritt Graduate School in Nashville, TN; the ministry of faith formation, discipleship and outreach has been my calling. I have served churches in

Nevada, Des Moines, Dubuque, and Grinnell for over 30 years, a lifetime calling. Issues of particular interest include listening to the voices of children and youth, helping the church and community experience the love of God that all may be able to live in a just world (free of poverty, suffering and violence), and creating a church that is open and accepting of all. Meaningful experiences in my faith journey include Christian Educator and Deacon Retreats, being a part of a covenant group, and serving on the team to establish Women at the Well Congregation in Mitchellville Prison. I currently am serving on the District Committee on Ministry, and on the Commission on General Conference, which is planning the 2016 event. Activities that keep me centered include music, devotional reading, and exercise. My vision for the church is that we can live out our mission statement, speak the truth with each other in love, and follow the call of Jesus to share ourselves in ministry with those on the margins in the world.