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My name is John Rothlisberger, a member of Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, Fredericksburg, Iowa. I am currently serving as treasurer in my local church and have also served on the SPRC, Finance Committee, Building Committee, and as Co-chair of the Church Council.

A retired superintendent of schools, I began my career teaching in the classroom sixteen years prior to becoming a principal/technology coordinator, and later a superintendent. After retirement and while participating as a student in the School for Lay Ministry, I was asked to serve as an interim superintendent at the Postville Community School District. The experience of serving in the Postville Schools became a life changing experience for me.

I have become active as the Northeast District Representative on the Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors Committee and Iowa JFON is now offering a quarterly legal clinic in Northeast Iowa. I am also serving as a facilitator for the Healthy Church and the Healthy Small Church Initiatives in the Northeast District. Graduating from the School for Lay Ministry in 2013 brought me to serving as dean at the Simpson Campus, where I assumed those duties in January 2014.

I am a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Navy, and am currently serving in the public sector as a trustee on the Northeast Iowa Community College Board of Trustees. The United Methodist System has been instrumental in helping me recognize God's call to servant leadership in the public sector as well as within the church.