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Pastor Katie has been the lead pastor at Immanuel UMC since July 2014. She enjoys preaching and sings with the choir and praise teams. Her primary goal is to help people find ways to live out their discipleship, whoever and wherever they are. As someone with many unchurched/de-churched friends, she is constantly aware of how the church needs to adapt to reach new people. Katie is passionate about engaging worship and loves to connect

with others through social media.

Her work as the Imagine No Malaria Coordinator helped her understand benefits of a global and connectional church. She was inspired as churches of all shapes and sizes in Iowa worked together for God's Kingdom and our impact on lives and communities in Africa.

She serves on the conference and jurisdictional Rules of Order committees, on the Annual Conference worship team for 2014/2015, and worked on the Strategic Priorities for the IAC.

The General Conference will be faced with many tough decisions and one of Katie's gifts is being able to listen to various perspectives and seek a third way forward. She feels called to hold in tension the "both/ands" of piety/social holiness, tradition/innovation, body/spirit, local/global.

Katie likes to garden, disc golf, crochet, and writes in her free time. She has published two bible studies: [Three Gifts, One Christ](#) and [The Lord Is Our Salvation](#) and blogs at www.salvagedfaith.com. She and her husband, Brandon, have two cats - Tiki and Turbo.