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Dear Clergy and Laity of the Susquehanna Conference,

Grace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of Our Brokenness and Hope of the World!

What a joy and blessing it is to announce the appointment of the Rev. Troy T. Howell as Superintendent of the Williamsport District effective July 1, 2018. Rev. Howell will succeed the Rev. Beth Jones, who will complete her eighth year of District Superintendency on June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Currently, Rev. Howell is serving as the Senior Pastor of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, where he has been since 2008. Under his leadership, Aldersgate Church has continued to grow spiritually, as well as numerically, as a highly vital and spirit-filled congregation in mission. During his tenure in his current appointment, the congregation has demonstrated exemplary faithfulness and fruitfulness. Aldersgate Church is one of the strongest and most thriving churches in the Susquehanna Conference. Rev. Howell is a spiritual leader with a pastor's heart who builds up a church that is amazingly effective in fulfilling the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Appointive and Full Cabinet members are very excited by his willingness to respond to God's call to serve as District Superintendent.

Previously, Troy was the pastor at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church for seven years and six years at Messiah Church, Shippensburg. Prior to entering pastoral ministry, he was a public information writer with the PA House of Representatives and a reporter with The-News-Sun. He also once served on the staff of the Pennsylvania House Speaker. His variety of life experiences, along with his superb pastoral gifts and graces, will serve him well in his new responsibility. I firmly believe that God will richly bless our conference, as well as the Williamsport District, in and through him and his ministry as Superintendent.

Troy is the father of three children, Samantha, Justin, and Richelle, and he has eight grandchildren. His home church is Trinity Church, New Cumberland. I am sure that you will join me in prayer for Troy, his family, Aldersgate UMC in Mechanicsburg, and the Williamsport District as they live into this time of transition. Please also join me in expressing gratitude to Troy for being willing to follow God's call upon his life to serve as a District Superintendent for such a time as this.

With You in Christ's Ministry,

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Jeremiah J. Park