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Rev. Barry Robison will serve as Director of Relationships and Stewardship Development of the United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania (UMFPA) beginning July 1, 2023.

Rev. Robison steps into a role that will strengthen the relationship of the Foundation with churches and organizations primarily within the Susquehanna Annual Conference. He is an encouraging and spiritual-driven administrator with a proven record of commitment and responsive leadership within the Susquehanna Annual Conference.

Barry, retiring from active ministry on June 30th after 41 years, has served 5 parish appointments and most recently completing 8 years as the Harrisburg District Superintendent of which the last three were Dean of the Cabinet of Susquehanna Annual Conference. Barry has been a 40-year member of the Chi Rho Singers, the ministers' choir of the Susquehanna Conference of The United Methodist Church. During his years as an active clergy member of the Susquehanna Annual Conference he has served on numerous boards and agencies and brings a plethora of experience. Barry earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Robert Morris University and a Master of Divinity from The Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Barry's new role will be to engage the local church and organization leaders and others by serving as a representative of the Foundation's services and ministries. The mission of the Foundation is to build a foundation for thriving and faithful churches and agencies in the Western Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Annual Conferences. The Foundation through its commitment to the principles of Christian stewardship of financial resources, empowers individuals and organizations to respond as disciples of Jesus Christ in financially supporting Christian ministries.

The Foundation's role is to complement and reinforce the stewardship ministries of the churches, agencies, and programs primarily of and within the Western Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church by:

- providing responsible and faithful investment management for churches and agencies
- enabling planned giving through which individuals can support Christian ministries
- offering education and support in financial stewardship and leadership

Barry, and his wife Joni, of 42 years, have three children, Benjamin (deceased 1991), Lindsay, and Gabriel. They also have two grandchildren with a third one on the way. Barry's interest and hobbies include, reading, hunting, golfing, Star Trek, bowling, singing, playing handbells, traveling with Joni, rooting for Penn State, the Steelers, Penguins, and yes, even the Pirates.