

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING THROUGH STAFF TRANSITIONS

Bishops Appoint Two New Conference Superintendents

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Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and Bishop Steiner Ball have appointed two new Conference Superintendents effective July 1, 2024. The two new Superintendents bring a wealth of knowledge and a commitment to effective ministry in the United Methodist Church with clergy, laity, and local churches.



The Rev. Dr. Lillian Smith has been appointed to the Altoona Supervisory Area. Dr. Smith has held positions throughout the General Church and in local churches. Since 2016, Lillian has been serving as pastor of Cheverly United Methodist Church, Cheverly, MD. Lillian has also served as Pastor at St. Matthew's UMC of Valley Forge, PA and as Lead Pastor at the historic Tindley Temple in Philadelphia, PA.

Lillian served as the Director, Connectional Ministries and Executive Director of Congregation Transformation with the Eastern PA Conference.

While on staff, part of her portfolio was working with "High Potential Churches", "Large Church Initiative" and "Next Level Ministries."

Lillian has served as Associate General Secretary, Division on Ministries with Young People with the General Board of Discipleship. She also held the position of Director, Ministries with Women and Persons of Color with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Lillian is the author of *Words to Live By: Wisdom Keys that Can Change Your Life*. She recently contributed a chapter to the book, *I'm Black, I'm Christian, I'm Methodist*. Her most recent book is ***Rooted Again: Re-Establishing Forgotten or Abandoned connections with God and God's Kingdom Mandate***.

She received her Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary. Lillian will be on loan to the Susquehanna Conference from the Baltimore Washington Conference.



Rev. Daniel Wilt will be appointed to the Williamsport Supervisory Area effective July 1, 2024. Daniel is currently the pastor of St. Paul's UMC, Lewisburg. He has been the pastor at St. Paul's since 2017. Prior to that appointment, he was the pastor of Chambersburg, St. Johns.

Daniel has been and continues to be very active in the life of the Susquehanna Conference. Daniel has served on the Bishops' Committee on Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Daniel has spent three years as a church camp counselor and an additional four years as Dean. For the past four years, he has been serving on the Camping and Retreat Ministries Board.

Daniel is currently serving on the Equipping Vital Congregations/Growing Spiritual Transformational Leaders Committee. He has been serving on this team since 2018.

Daniel is also the Chair of the Lewisburg District Committee on Ministry. With the realignment of Supervisory areas, this DCOM encompasses former Lewisburg District churches now in the State College, Williamsport, and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Supervisory Areas.

Daniel is the co-chair of the Annual Conference Worship Team along with Mindy Gochnaur. Daniel is a graduate of Valley Forge Christian College and earned his Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary.

While their appointments will officially begin July 1, 2024, as they are able, they will begin meeting with the Appointive and Coordinating Cabinet.

We know that you will be praying for these new Conference Superintendents as they prepare for their new ministry opportunity. We invite you to welcome them and their leadership when they officially begin serving among the people and churches of the Susquehanna Annual Conference.