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Living Water

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From Your District Superintendent

Dear Friends,

For years I have written, as most pastors have, newsletter articles wondering if anyone actually reads them. I called them “Parson to Person”, having stolen that from another pastor early in my ministry. Now that I’m a DEE ESS I’m not sure what to call it!

Let me begin by saying how glad I am to be on the Five Rivers District with you. Friends old and new have welcomed me very, very well, and I am grateful for you and to you. As I’ve mentioned before, it feels like coming home in many ways since the old Ottawa District was where I spent 1/3 of my ministry before heading to Parsons, Topeka and Salina.

Once upon a time way back then, I was in a pastor’s workshop with Dr. William Sloane Coffin, pastor of Riverside Church. High cotton. One thing he told us was that we should read a lot. “Your church members don’t have time to read. So read for them. And then tell them what you’ve read.” I’ve tried to do that over the years. And I’ll continue to do that on the district. I’ll try to tell you in these little articles some of what I’ve been reading, hearing, seeing, experiencing as a DEE ESS—and you can take from it what you will. I’ll even be interested in hearing what you think about it. So here goes:

In his book [The Triple-Soy Decaf-Latte Era](#) (we had to read that for a Cabinet retreat), Alpesh Bhatt says:

The emerging world in which we live is a conversation, not a message. A message seeks to fill all the available space and squeeze out anything that competes with it. The point of real conversation is to create new space, to open up possibilities that a single individual—or organization—could not have created on their own.

That’s nothing new to those of us who try to practice Holy Conferencing, is it? So....let’s talk.

David Watson

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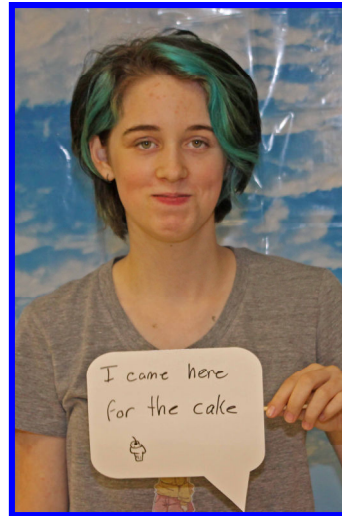
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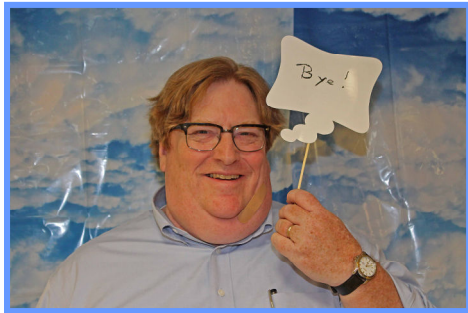
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Saying Goodbye to Rev. Dennis Ackerman and family

Rev. Jim Hopwood presents outgoing DS Rev. Dennis Ackerman, with a tachometer. The theme of his Going Away party was **Flight** as Dennis has his pilots license.



The Ackerman's daughter Abbey has grown up in the 6 years they served 5R



Rev. Dan Norwood ~ Centenary/Linwood



Debbie, Abbey and Dennis Ackerman



Rev. Hyun Jung Choi ~ Overbrook and Sam



David Wasserfallen ~ Lay Servant Registrar and 5R Leadership Team



Muriel Rayson, Zondra Waymire, and Sara Mitchell from Ottawa UMW



Ray and Donna Salzwedel ~ District Committee on Superintendency ~ Humboldt UMC

Welcoming our new DS, Rev. David Watson and his wife Karen

Installation Service for our new District Superintendent ~ Rev. David Watson

On July 12th, we shared in the installation, worship and time of fellowship for Rev. David Watson.

His sermon that day was ***"The Only Prerequisite for Resurrection"***

Bishop Scott Jones led the Covenant Service and the District Committee on Superintendency presented Rev. Watson with the Symbols of Ministry.

We want to thank a few folks that contributed greatly to that day.

Trumpet solo: Ron Matthews

Accompanist: Dorothy Matthews

Ottawa 1st UMW: Zondra Waymire and Sara Mitchell

Ottawa 1st Admn. Asst.: Ronda Stiefel (she graciously helps behind the scenes with everything)

Sound Tech: Rick Johnson

Communion Setup: Louise Ratliff

District Committee on Superintendency Representatives: Chairman ~ Rev. Loren Drummond, Rev. Kathleen Symes, District Lay Leader ~ Helen Burkett, and Jeannie Driver. Other members that have provided ongoing help with the selection process are Retired Chairman ~ Rev. Jim Hopwood, Skylar Dickey, Bonnie McAdam, Ray and Donna Salzwedel.

Lyndon Sewing Circle: Paula Anderson, Kathy Davis, Janet Howard, Susan Kritikos, Mindy Loveless, Nancy Rewerts, Barb Schattak, and Marcia Wischropp. For their extreme skill and patience in putting together all the fabric from each of our churches to make the lovely patchwork stole.

The stole represents all of the churches in our district with a different pattern of fabric all quilted together to represent Five Rivers District. ***Stunning work women!!! Thank You!***

Hands of Glory: Led by Carolyn Elder

Ottawa 1st UMC: and Rev. JC Kelley for hosting us on numerous occasions

I ask forgiveness if I forgot anyone.



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Events

August 7th ~ District Office Closed

August 14-15 ~ Lay Speaker Training in Topeka District

Aug. 21-28th ~ New DS Bootcamp at Camp Junaluska, NC

Aug. 24-26th ~ District Office Closed for Admn. Asst. training in Lincoln, NE

Aug. 25th and 27th ~ Right Start Orientation to the GP for pastors new to the GP. Various places around the Conference.

September 10th ~ Clergy Meeting

9:00 a.m. to Noon. All clergy are encouraged to attend we will go over Church Conference schedules and paperwork.

September 12-13th ~ Project Revolution

Details and registration on next page.

Five Rivers District Prayer Calendar

Aug. 2	New Church Lawrence/KU Campus Ministry Senior Pastor: Rev. Jacob Cloud Associate Pastor: Rev. Mike Marcus
Aug. 9	Edgerton Rev. Cynthia Meyer
Aug. 16	Ottawa 1st Rev. JC Kelley
Aug. 23	Pomona/Vassar Rev. Julie Freeman
Aug. 30	Eudora Rev. Lyle Seger

5R Clergy Birthdays

Aug. 14th	Rev. Joni Raymond
Aug. 15th	Rev. Kate Cordes
Aug. 16th	Rev. Bill Driver
Aug. 23rd	Jessica Gooch
Aug. 28th	Rev. Marti McDougal
Aug. 29th	Rev. David Ragland
Aug. 30th	Rev. Changsu Kim

Through The Cracks ~ *Project Revolution 2015*

Five Rivers District Youth Rally

Begins Saturday, September 12th. 5 pm, Ends Sunday, September 13th. 10 am

First United Methodist Church, West Campus, 867 Highway 40, Lawrence, KS



- 7th through 12th grade
- Overnight Youth Rally
- Crazy Fun Games
- Live Concert with Drew Markley
- Amazing Worship
- Lots of New Friends

Register by August 20th and get a free Project Revolution T-Shirt

Register online. Pay \$15 online or at the door.

<https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/ProjectRevolution2015>

Stuff to bring: Health Waiver <http://5riversds.com/463145>

Sleeping bag and pillow, washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, snacks to share (peanut free), friends and lots of enthusiasm.

One Safe Gatherings certified adult must accompany each group of 1 to 6 youth.

Wanna Know More?

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