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Dear Friends,

I'm writing to share with you the news that the Bishop is appointing me to serve as the Executive Director of the GNJAC Stewardship Foundation beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

One of the principles of the United Methodist Church is our Connectionalism, we do not stand alone as a congregation but are part of a network of congregations that all work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Connectionalism has always been a part of my DNA as a UM and so to serve in the wider church of the Annual Conference it will allow me to fully live out one of the values that has been so important to me as a UM pastor.

The years I have served here at Princeton UMC have been a blessing to me. I have appreciated worshipping with you, learning and growing in study groups together, reaching out in mission in Christ's name, and sharing in the joy of fellowship. You are a congregation that has been open to new ministry and programs and I have delighted in having the opportunity to try new things with you. I think of developing Stephen Ministries, a successful Capital Campaign and resulting building improvements, Cornerstone Community Kitchen, and The Feedtruck Café.

I am already in prayer as I hope you will be about the appointment of the new Senior Pastor. In this time in the life of this congregation a new pastor will bring different gifts that will help you to move forward in new directions for ministry. In the next couple of weeks let's be in prayer for the Bishop and cabinet as they discern the next right person to serve as PUMC's Senior Pastor.

Over the course of the next, probably two weeks the Bishop and Cabinet (the District Superintendents) will identify someone who has the gifts and graces to serve as Senior Pastor of this congregation. That person will then meet with the Staff Parish Relations Committee to be sure it looks like a good match. Once that is determined the person will be announced in worship the following Sunday.

Sharing in ministry here at Princeton UMC with this congregation and in partnership with staff colleagues has made a profound impact on my life and ministry. I covet your prayers for Don and myself in this time of transition. We will be praying for you as you begin a season of change.

Blessings,

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