

Introducing:

Our New Superintendents



MICHAEL TRAYLOR

along with his wife, Amelia Cleveland-Traylor, coach the pastoral team, teach, preach, and strategize to deepen their discipleship activities. Michael has served as the lead pastor of Free Methodist congregations in Ohio and New York, as well as, district leader and on various administrative boards. Michael has degrees from Oberlin College, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cleveland State University, and Northeastern Seminary and received further leadership training at Weatherhead

School of Business in Cleveland and Spiritual Leadership, Inc. in Lexington, Kentucky. Michael is an ordained Elder in the Free Methodist Church and has had the privilege of serving on several short-term mission trips to central and southern Africa. In addition to his current ministry responsibilities, he is working full time as a Pediatrician at Cleveland Clinic and holds positions as Associate Professor at both Cleveland Clinic College of Medicine and Ohio University Heritage College of Medicine. Michael is an avid basketball and football fan.



AMELIA CLEVELAND-TRAYLOR

was born in Sandusky, Ohio. She was the valedictorian of the SHS Class of 1982. She then went to Oberlin College where she majored in chemistry and met her husband Michael. She received her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati and did her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Michigan. After residency training, she moved to Cleveland, Ohio to work for the National Health Service Corp. After this, she accepted a position working for the Cleveland Clinic. She received and answered a call for pastoral ministry May 2000 and was ordained as an elder in the Free Methodist Church in 2005. Her ministry responsibilities have included pastoral care,

praise and worship (worship leader), women's ministry director, youth ministry/pastor, small group leadership, and faith and fitness. Amelia served on the MEG Board and the MAC in the Ohio Conference. She was also a member of the Genesis BOA. She has been privileged to participate in short-term mission trips to Malawi, Kenya, and Rwanda (Africa). She most recently was associate pastor at Garfield Memorial Church, a very large multi-cultural and diverse church, where she and her husband were the pastors of discipleship. Amelia is a board-certified obstetrician gynecologist. She has held significant administrative positions professionally as the residency program director and lead physician at Rochester General Hospital. She has a special interest in indigent health care and women's health. Amelia became a certified group fitness instructor in 1998 and enjoys dance, Zumba, aerobics, music, basketball, and football (including the Cleveland Browns!). Michael and Amelia co-founded Christ Community Fellowship in Twinsburg, OH. After that, they served as Pastors of New Hope FMC (Rochester, NY). They have been married since 1987 and have two marvelous children (Matthew and Michaela). Matthew is a practicing attorney in Manhattan, NY. Michaela is junior at Howard University in Washington, DC.



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