



Friends,

This is my first time sending out the district newsletter. I cannot tell you how happy I am to be working with everyone at the district office and those of you who are clergy and laity in the local church. I spent the last six years in an administrative ministry position at the Baltimore-Washington Conference. As this new ministry progresses for me in the North East District office, I hope to put a second edition of this newsletter out so it becomes more of a bi-weekly newsletter instead of a monthly newsletter. I will also be tweaking the look of the newsletter over time. We hope you like it and value your input. If there is something you want to share with everyone, [please let me know](#).

As you know, there has been much change in the district office and if you are like me, change is always hard. It takes time to process. So I just want to thank you in advance for your grace during this time of transition. I also want to thank our current district superintendent, Tim Smiley, for his support over the past few weeks. I will miss him as he ventures to his new appointment in July.

Over the next few days, I will be out of the office celebrating my daughter's high school graduation and closing on our house in the Baltimore Area. I will officially be a Jacksonville resident on June 3 once I sign the papers!

I am excited to be in ministry with all of you and look forward to meeting many of you at Annual Conference in just a few short weeks. - Pam Mullay

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## **District Superintendent Message**

As we say goodbye to Tim, he has a final message to share with the district. Please [click here](#) to read his June message to the district.

## **Annual Conference**

We are only weeks away from Annual Conference. When you visit our website, you will find a multitude of information from the schedule of the day to tickets to Disney. Please take a few minutes to [check out the website](#). Don't forget to download the [AC workbook](#) before you head to Orlando!

## **Workforce Development Program**

The Workforce Development Program is a free program that is offered through the Catholic Charities of Jacksonville. They help the unemployed and underemployed achieve financial stability through job readiness training and job referrals. For more

information about how your church can partner with their program [download their brochure](#) or [visit their website](#).

## Save the Date for Lay Servant Ministry Training

The fall Lay Servant Ministry Training will be held on September 23-24, 2016 at Howe Memorial UMC in Crescent City. The Basic Lay Servant class and two Advanced Lay Servant classes will be offered. Registration will open in the coming weeks.

## Welcome Ashleigh McAllister

The district office would like to welcome Ashleigh McAllister as the new part-time assistant. Ashleigh joined us about two weeks ago and is familiarizing herself with the workings of the United Methodist Church. She can be reached via email at [flumc-ne2@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-ne2@flumc.org).

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## Mark Your Calendars

- June 16-18, 2016 - [Annual Conference](#)
- June 28, 2016 - Moving Day (*for those transitioning clergy*)
- July 1, 2016 - New District Superintendent Jay Therrell begins
- July 20, 2016 - [Junaluska Singers @ CrossRoad UMC](#)
- August 1-4, 2016 - [Festival of Wisdom & Grace Conference](#)
- August 11-12, 2016 - [Global Leadership Summit](#)
- September 23-24, 2016 - District Lay Servant Ministry Training

Blessings to you all for a wonderful week. Please feel free to share this email with others in your congregation.

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