



# San Francisco Episcopal Area

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Effective November 1, 2023, Rev. Dr. Kristin Stoneking will assume the position of the Director of Ministry Innovation and Congregational Vitality in the California-Nevada Conference.



*The Director of Ministry and Innovation and Congregational Vitality will lead in the work of planting communities of faith, innovating ministries and strengthening vital congregations each with highly effective lay and clergy leadership in and through the California-Nevada Conference of The United Methodist Church. This important ministry is carried out in partnership and collaboration with the bishop and district superintendents. The Director of Ministry and Innovation and Congregational Vitality reports directly to the bishop.*

The Rev. Dr. Kristin Stoneking received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Rice University, Houston, TX, in 1990. She received her Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, in 1995. She received a PhD from Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, in December 2020. The focus of her PhD was Interdisciplinary Studies in Interreligious Education and Nonviolence. Her Dissertation Title was, *A Multifaith Pedagogy for Peace: Experiential Learning in Multifaith Residential Communities*

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*through Comparative Theology and Nonviolence.* She also participated as a Fellow in The Pluralism Project of Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, in 2010

In her service as an ordained elder she founded the Multifaith Living Community at the UM-related campus ministry at UC Davis in 2008 which today provides housing for students while also providing an income flow for the ministry. She served as the lead developer of this project as well as its director while also serving as the campus minister.

A native of the state of Kansas, she served appointments at Centenary UMC and Asbury UMC in the Kansas Conference as well as an appointment to Joyce UMC in Chicago in the Northern Illinois Conference. In the California-Nevada Conference in addition to her UC Davis campus minister appointment, she has served Epworth UMC in Berkeley, CA.

While serving at Epworth UMC in Berkeley she Maintained 100% conference tithing and led the Bay District in tithing in 2022. She initiated a dialogue that led the church to declare itself a Sanctuary Church and adopt a Sanctuary mission statement. The church went on to accompany 17 persons seeking asylum. She also initiated a process of racial justice engagement resulting in the formation of a Truth and Racial Reckoning committee and Racial Justice Action mission statement. She extended her support to the creation of the “Beyond February” project, in which church members created an art/tribute installation as a witness to persons of color killed by police violence and called for continued advocacy against such violence.

In her connectional ministry she has served as the Chair of the Council on Finance and Administration of the California-Nevada Conference. She presently also serves on the Locke Leadership Award for Innovative Ministry selection committee, a part of the Leadership Ministry of Wesleyan Impact Partners at the Texas Methodist Foundation based in Austin, TX. She has served as a field education mentor for the Pacific School of Religion and Claremont School of Theology.

**Effective November 1, 2023, Rev. Sun Hee Kim will serve as the Superintendent of the Bay District.**



*District superintendents assist the bishop in the administration of the annual conference. They are elders in full connection appointed by the bishop to the cabinet as an extension of the superintending role of the bishop within the annual conference through the same disciplines and in accordance with their responsibilities designated in the Book of Discipline of the UMC under the supervision of the resident bishop (§53. Article VIII and ¶ 403.2)*

A native of Korea, Rev. Sun Hee Kim received a B.A. in Christian Studies from the Ewha Women's University, in Seoul, Korea, in 1992. She went on to receive an M.A. in Christian Studies also from the Ewha Women's University in 1994, with a specialization in Systematic Theology with a focus on gender/culture/socio-economic perspective. Granted a full tuition and stipend scholarship she was able to attend Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. In 1997 she graduated from Perkins, Magna Cum Laude, with her Master of Divinity. She is credentialed as an Administrator and Trainer in the Intercultural Development Inventory and Global Competency Inventory and received her Certified Interculturalist Trainer credential from the Institute of Intercultural Communication.

Her previous appointments include:

Senior Pastor, Hillsdale UMC, San Mateo CA July 2019 to 2023

Associate Pastor, St. Paul UMC, Fremont CA July 2010 to 2019

Senior Pastor of Walnut Avenue UMC, Walnut Creek, CA July 2007 to June 2010

Associate Pastor of New Vision UMC, Millbrae, CA July 2002 to June 2006

Associate Pastor of Oakland Korean UMC, Oakland CA  
February 1999 to June 2002  
Resident Chaplain of Lubbock Methodist Hospital, Lubbock TX  
1997 to 1998  
Associate Coordinator of Asian Women's Resource Center,  
Seoul, Korea 1994 to 1995  
Associate Campus Minister, Ewha Women's University Chapel,  
Seoul, Korea 1992 to 1995

In her connectional ministry she has served in several leadership positions in the California-Nevada Conference including service on the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Committee on Episcopacy, and the Conference Clergy Leadership Development Committee which she has chaired. She has also served on the Bay District Committee on Superintendency, and as a Circuit Leader. Beyond the Conference she has served as a Board member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. She has also served as an Intercultural Leadership Consultant serving local churches, districts, annual conferences and at the greater denominational level, including intercultural training for candidates in the ordination process. Ecumenically she has represented the California-Nevada Conference on the California Council of Churches.

**Effective November 1, 2023, an Elder and Deacon Team will lead Hillsdale UMC in San Mateo, California**



With the appointment of Rev. Sun Hee Kim to the Cabinet, Bishop Carcaño has asked retired Elder Peter Lau and Deacon Sina Vuna to serve as a team in leading Hillsdale UMC until June 30, 2024. We are excited to learn from their servant leadership in partnership with the laity of this faithful congregation.