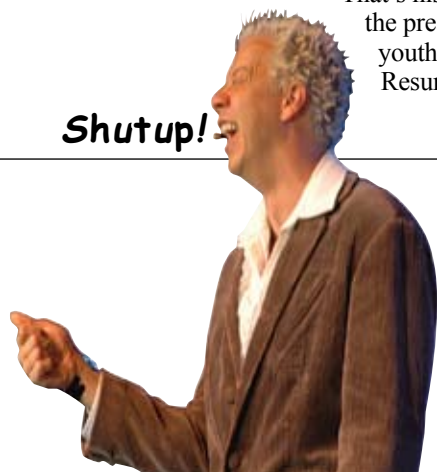


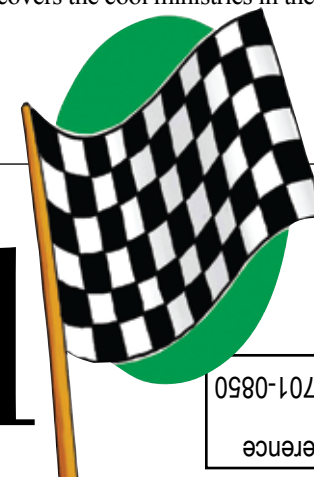
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4 new superintendents will be appointed in June



Graves



Hubble



McKee



Taylor

Dearing will move to Chattanooga

One-third of the appointment cabinet will be replaced this June as four new district superintendents take their places and one veteran is assigned to a new district.

Bishop James Swanson has announced the projected appointments of:

- ▶ **David Graves**, Kingsport District
- ▶ **Mike Hubble**, Abingdon District
- ▶ **Adam McKee**, Oak Ridge District
- ▶ **Meg Taylor**, Wytheville District

In addition, Fred Dearing is projected for assignment to the Chattanooga District, leaving his current post in Kingsport District.

Outgoing superintendents include two who will retire: Al Bowles, Chattanooga District, and Ken Henderlight, Oak Ridge District. Kim Goddard of the Abingdon District and Charles Starks of the Wytheville Dis-

trict will receive new appointments.

All 2009-2010 appointments will be fixed on the final day of Annual Conference, June 17. Holston Conference has 12 districts in all.

The Rev. David Graves, age 51, has served as senior pastor at Ooltewah UMC, Cleveland District, since 1998.

Previous appointments include: Mountain View/St. Matthew, Kingsport District (1997-1998); St. Matthew, Kingsport District (1994-1997); and associate at Hixson, Chattanooga District (1989-1994).

He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (B.S., 1984), and Candler School of Theology (M.Div., 1990).

The Rev. Mike Hubble, age 59, has served as senior pastor at Keith Memorial UMC, Cleveland District, since 2002.

Previous appointments include: Red Bank, Chattanooga District (1998-2002), Gray, Johnson City District (1989-1998); Reynolds Memorial, Abingdon District (1984-1989); First Hillsville, Wytheville District (1978-1984); First Pulaski, Wytheville District (1975-1978); and Unity/Chilcutt (1972-1975), Cleveland District.

He is a graduate of Hiwassee College (AA, 1970), Tennessee Wesleyan College (B.A., 1972), and Candler School of Theology (M.Div., 1974).

The Rev. Adam McKee, age 56, has served as pastor at Lennon-Seney UMC, Knoxville District, since 2003.

McKee transferred to the United Methodist Church as an elder in full connection in 2006. His previous appointments in the Baptist Church include: First Baptist, Chattanooga (1996-2002); Shiloh Baptist, Blackstone, Va. (1994-1996); Chaplain Services of Virginia, Richmond (1993-1996); minister of youth at

Heads up

▶ Bound for Sudan

"The Call" newspaper and "The Call 2" e-news will be on hiatus as editor Annette Spence travels with a conference mission team to cover Holston's mission work in Yei, Sudan.

The March newspaper is canceled and will return with the April edition.

The weekly e-news will be canceled during the weeks of Feb. 16, Feb. 23, and March 2. The e-news will resume during the week of March 9.

▶ Small churches

The General Board of Global Ministries classifies a small church as having fewer than 200 members. Seventy-seven percent of Holston's 906 churches fit that description.

A new Holston seminar has been designed to help small churches with their unique challenges. See page 4 for info on the "GREAT Small Churches" event (April 17-18 in Johnson City) or visit smallchurches.holston.org.

▶ 55 or older

Want to know where you can rub elbows with two bishops at once? The Jubilation retreat for older adults features Bishop Ken Carder as keynote speaker and Bishop Richard Looney as Bible study teacher. See page 4 for info on this annual event (March 29-31 in Kingsport), or visit jubilation.holston.org.

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