



Wisconsin Conference Appoints New Director of Connectional Ministries

Sun Prairie, WI -- Rev. Dan Dick of Nashville, Tennessee has accepted the position of Director of Connectional Ministries for the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church to start July 1, 2009. Rev. Dick follows Rev. Sue D'Alessio who is leaving the director position to join the staff of the California Pacific Annual Conference in July.

Rev. Dick is well known to many in Wisconsin. Most recently, Dan served as Research Coordinator with the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. During his 14 years at the General Board, he has come to Wisconsin at least once a year for 12 of those years leading and consulting in a variety of ways. Rev Dick is recognized nationally as a consultant, trainer, speaker and author. He has specialized expertise and extensive experience in congregational and conference planning and development, research, systems thinking, critical thinking, consultation and strategic planning. Dan also brings experience and training in spiritual direction, stewardship and Christian education and leadership development grounded in spiritual gifts. Dan possesses these and other expertise needed to fill this important leadership role in the Wisconsin Annual Conference.

In announcing Dan Dick's acceptance of the position, Bishop Linda Lee said, "We are delighted to welcome Dan Dick to our conference leadership team. Dan brings a tremendous depth of experience and passion for ministry. He will be a great asset in providing leadership to help us live out God's vision to transform the world for good."

The Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church, with headquarters located in Sun Prairie, is a connection for ministry linking all United Methodist clergy and the 480 congregations in Wisconsin. For more information, contact Michele Virnig, Director of Communications, at mvirnig@wisconsinumc.org or 888-240-7328.