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**Bishop of the Wisconsin Conference  
1992 – 2004**



**Bishop Sharon Zimmerman Rader**

Sharon Zimmerman Rader was elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference meeting at Adrian, Michigan in July, 1992, and assigned to be the presiding bishop of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. She was reassigned to the Wisconsin Annual Conference for a third four-year term at the 2000 Jurisdictional Conference.

Bishop Rader is a graduate of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and North Central College, and received an honorary doctorate from Adrian College. She was ordained a Deacon in the Detroit Conference and an Elder in the Northern Illinois Conference, and has served parishes in Northern Illinois and West Michigan. She has been a part of the West Michigan Conference Staff and was Superintendent of the Grand Rapids District at the time of her election. She currently serves as Secretary to the Council of Bishops.

Bishop Rader is married to Dr. Blaine Rader, a pastoral counselor and clergy member of the West Michigan Conference. They are parents of two grown children, Matthew and Mary, and three grandchildren.



**Bishop of the Wisconsin Conference  
2004—2008**



**Bishop Linda Lee**

Linda Lee was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 9, 1949. She was ordained Deacon by Bishop Dwight E. Loder and was ordained Elder by Bishop Edsel A. Ammons. She was elected to the Episcopacy at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference on July 14, 2000 in Middleton, Wisconsin, and assigned to the Michigan Area. She was assigned as Bishop of the Wisconsin Area at the 2004 North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

A graduate of United Theological Seminary (M.Div-1984 and D.Min-1994), Bishop Lee began her ministerial career as a chaplain intern at Adrian College prior to her graduation from seminary. She was appointed to serve Residence Park UMC, Dayton, Ohio (1982-87), and then served as assistant to the dean for educational administration at Methodist Theological School. She also served as an associate pastor at Central UMC, Detroit, and pastor of Conant Avenue UMC, Detroit, prior to being named to the Detroit Conference cabinet. Bishop Lee served as chair of Black Clergywomen of the UMC (1996-98) and has been a member of many conference committees. She has also served as a speaker for numerous schools, retreats, and conferences, and was elected twice as a delegate to General Conference.

Bishop Lee is married to Lamarr V. Gibson, and the couple has three children.



## **Elected to the Episcopacy 2004**



**Bishop Hee-Soo Jung**

Hee-Soo Jung, a clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference, was elected to the Episcopacy on June 15, 2004 by the North Central Jurisdictional Conference meeting in Davenport, Iowa. He was assigned to serve the Chicago area for the 2004-2008 Quadrennium.

Bishop Jung was born April 19, 1955. He was ordained a Deacon in 1989 and an Elder in 1992 in the Wisconsin Annual Conference. He earned the B.Th. Degree from Methodist Theological Seminary, Seoul, in 1979, the M.A. Degree from Dongguk University Graduate School in 1982, and the Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994. Prior to coming to Wisconsin, he served Methodist Churches and Ministries in Seoul, Korea, and United Methodist Churches in Texas and California. In Wisconsin, he started the University Korean UMC in Madison, and later served at Madison: Calvary and East Troy: St. James. He was United Methodist Chaplain at the Madison Area Hospitals from 1993-1994, and then received an appointment as Assistant Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Kangnam University, Seoul, Korea, from 1994-97. He returned to Wisconsin to serve as Superintendent of the Nicolet District from 1997-2004.

Bishop Jung is married to Rev. Im-Hyon Jung, a clergy member of the Wisconsin Conference. They have two children, Jae-Hugh and Jae-Joon.

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