



Chaplain (COL) Tom Carter
U.S. Army Retired

William T. “Tom” Carter has been a member of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference since 1963 and served as a United States Army Chaplain for 28 years. Upon retirement from the Army in 1993 he served as the Conference Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries. In 2002, Tom went to Nashville, TN to work at the United Methodist Endorsing Agency (UMEA), General Board of Higher Education.

Over the years Tom served the church and the agency in various roles of responsibility (i.e., regional endorsement interview chair; consultant; Interim Director of Endorsement; and finally, Director of Endorsement and Endorsing Agent). He retired from UMEA December 31, 2014, having earned great respect for his outstanding leadership and service amongst colleagues; church leaders; and most importantly, the endorsed community which he so dearly loved.

Tom and his wife Judy currently reside in Winter Park, FL. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. In Tom’s spare time he enjoys gardening and woodworking.



Rev. Junius B. Dotson
General Secretary

A recognized visionary leader in church revitalization, the Rev. Junius B. Dotson is the General Secretary (chief executive officer) of Discipleship Ministries, an international agency of The United Methodist Church. He began his tenure on July 1, 2016.

Prior to his present position, Rev. Dotson was pastor of Saint Mark United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas, where he was instrumental in transforming the church into a 3,500-member multi-campus congregation.

Rev. Dotson received his undergraduate degree in political science, with a concentration in economics, at the University of Texas at Arlington. He earned his Master of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. Dotson was ordained in June 1992.

Rev. Dotson served on the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Revitalization Taskforce of the Kansas West Conference (now part of the Great Plains Conference). He has served as facilitator for the Fitzgerald Program, a Discipleship Ministries program to

equip pastors to begin start-up congregations. From 2009 to 2012, Rev. Dotson served on the Board of Directors of Discipleship Ministries where he was chair of the New Church Starts/Path1 division of the agency. Rev. Dotson also served on The Wichita Food Bank Executive Board and was appointed by the governor of Kansas to serve on the Kansas Sentencing Commission.

Rev. Dotson's ministry has been featured in *The San Jose Mercury News*, *The San Francisco Examiner*, *The Sacramento Bee*, religious journals and segments on CBS Radio's "The Osgood File," as well as on NBC affiliate KRON in San Francisco.



Rev. Harold "Russell" Ewell II

Rev. Ewell serves as Associate Pastor of The Village Church of St. Louis (UMC) and as Co-Chair of The United Methodist Association of Ministers with Disabilities. As a person with a disability in pre-ADA America, his personal and systems advocacy skills began to develop the day his parents enrolled him into Kindergarten. Ophthalmologists and educators forewarned, "Blind students could not succeed in integrated classrooms." So "don't dream of one day seeing your son graduate from high school."

Proving conventional wisdom wrong, Russell graduated from Normandy Sr. High (St. Louis MO), earned a B.S. in Sociology from Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville), and in 2009 he distinguished himself by becoming the first blind student to graduate from Eden Theological Seminary in its 168-year history. Russell also has the distinction of being the first blind person to be ordained in the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Russell works to assist people with disabilities to become full and productive citizens. He gives talks across the country on Disability Advocacy and Awareness, The Disability Rights Movement, The Intersections of Religion and Disability, and The Intersectionality of Disability Theology and Black Theology. Russell is a tireless advocate for a more liberating and inclusive theology of disability. He is passionate about empowering the disenfranchised and assisting all people in realizing their potential, purpose and worth in The Church and society.





Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
Resident Bishop

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson is a native of Baltimore, Maryland and serves as the episcopal leader of the Philadelphia Area of the United Methodist Church, which includes the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference and the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lebanon Valley College, a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. Prior to her election to the episcopacy in 2008 she served as a pastor in the Baltimore-Washington Conference since 1980. Her churches included a 4-point rural circuit in Frederick, MD, a suburban Baltimore congregation, a campus ministry at Gallaudet University and for 20 years she was the pastor of the Christ UMC of the Deaf. Bishop Johnson has a particular passion for ministry with people with disabilities. During her tenure as a bishop she has served as a board member on the Commission on the Status and Role of Women and on the General Board of Church and Society. She authored a UMW “Mission U” study book: “The Church and Disabilities” in 2014. She is married to the Rev. Michael C. Johnson, a United Methodist pastor, and they have two adult sons, Peter and Gabriel.