



Central District
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana

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Franklin Grace United Methodist Church

RE: Pastoral Transition and Appointment Process

Greetings in Christ's Name,

I write this letter as we conclude the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, that our assurances of God's presence will be revived and renewed in this new year of 2023.

I am aware a communication has been shared regarding the retirement announcement for Pastor Andy Kinsey, for which his pastoral service will conclude Franklin Grace UMC on June 30, 2023. After thirty-four (34) years of active service and forty plus (40) years in ministry, of which fifteen (15) years have been faithfully devoted to Franklin Grace UMC, I am sure this congregation will celebrate and send Peggy and him off well into their new calling of ministry and retirement. We will pray for them.

This letter is also to provide an update regarding the timeline and reiterate the appointment-making process. I would like to share that I met with a portion of the Staff-Pastor Parish Committee (SPRC) on December 12, 2022, when I listened to their concerns and desires, and discussed the completion of a church profile, which is part of the consultation process of appointment making. I am grateful for the fruitful and honest conversation and look forward to the continued exchanges with Chair of SPRC, Paul McNinch, and Pastor Jenothy Irvine, along with other members as they submit a church profile, which will be presented to Bishop Trimble and members of the Cabinet for prayerful discernment and decision-making.

As a congregation, I invite you to be in prayer as we seek God's guidance for the next appointed senior pastoral leader of Franklin Grace UMC, effective July 1, 2023. I believe that the members of SPRC may seek feedback for the profile, and I trust with the gathered information they will offer deep insights and honest perspectives regarding the needs for the next senior pastoral leader. Again, during this time, I ask you, as a faithful member, to recommit to Franklin Grace UMC

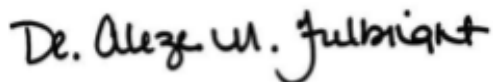
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through your consistent prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, so that the ministry can continue in strength during this season of transition.

I can assure you, when the time comes, there will be ample communication regarding who the lead pastor will be, and how you will have an opportunity to meet them; this will be shared through Sunday morning worship announcements, church mailing, and social media posts.

Please know that, as Superintendent, I carry the heavy burden of this responsibility and do not take it lightly. I pray that you will trust God and our United Methodist process for the appointment of your next senior pastoral leader.

Many Thanks and Blessings...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Aleze M. Fulbright". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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Note : Copies explaining the appointment process in the Indiana Conference will be on the Welcome Center at the church in the lobby and posted on the website of the church at www.franklingrace.org.