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Dear Members and Friends of Northern Illinois Annual Conference:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the new Chicago Northwestern District Superintendent, Rev. Brittany Isaac, effective July 1, 2018. Rev. Isaac follows Rev. Zaki L. Zaki whose next appointment will be announced later.

I want to thank Rev. Zaki on behalf of the annual conference for his years of service on the Northern Illinois cabinet. He served the Chicago Northwestern District from 2012-present. In addition to his responsibilities as a district superintendent, he has reached out to immigrant and refugee communities, including Arabic-speaking communities.

Rev. Isaac came into ministry after being a store manager for Starbucks Coffee Company in Chicago for eight years. She led a team of 35 people, managing the daily operations of the Chicago flagship store, setting records for sales, improved customer service as well as acting as interim store manager during crisis transitions at other stores. Following a call to ministry and seminary Brittany built a congregation from 0 to over 200 as one of the sites of Urban Village Church in Chicago. In addition to her Starbucks experience, she has demonstrated supervisory skills through her supervision of 5 seminary interns and 1 church planting resident at Urban Village. She has also participated in strategic work in the annual conference as a major contributor to the design of the new organization.

Brittany brings a strategic outlook to ministry, often being the person in the room who asks the questions that open up a new vision and solution. She balances both progressive and evangelical understandings of our Christian faith and ministry. Again, like with her new colleague, Rev Jeffrey Bross, she brings to the cabinet table, local churches, clergy and the annual conference the perspective and experience of doing church differently!

Opportunities for saying “thank you” to Rev. Zaki and “hello” to Rev. Isaac will be publicized later.

Sincerely,


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