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Dear Members and Friends:

I am pleased to announce the appointment of the new Aurora District Superintendent, Rev. Jeffry Bross, effective July 1, 2018. Rev. Bross follows Rev. Dick Wisdom who has been appointed to Plainfield: First United Methodist Church, also effective July 1, 2018.

I want to thank Rev. Wisdom on behalf of the annual conference for his years of service on the Northern Illinois cabinet. He served the DeKalb District from 2011-2013 and then the Aurora District from 2013-present. As part of his superintendent responsibilities, he has been active on the Red Door project and the liaison on the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Rev. Bross has served as the Associate at Batavia UMC and then the founding pastor of Flowing Grace United Methodist Church which chartered four years ago. He has served on the Aurora District Committee on Ordained Ministry as well as the conference Board of Ordained Ministry. He has a passion around the "Day of Call" which is an emphasis for our annual conference to help people articulate and respond to a call to ministry.

Jeffry has a "can do" attitude and will continue to be accessible to clergy and churches for support and connecting with others to learn and grow in ministry. As someone who has successfully started a new church, he will help both the cabinet and local churches rethink new ways of being church. Flowing Grace is largely comprised of people who have no United Methodist background and since many in our churches don't either, or are unaware of our tradition and practices, he will assist in urging a more United Methodist way!

Opportunities for saying "thank you" to Rev. Wisdom and "hello" to Rev. Bross will be publicized later.

Sincerely,

Sally Dyck

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