



# Northern Illinois Conference

## The United Methodist Church

### NIC CABINET CLEAR OPEN PROCESS 2021

*In the appointment making process Bishop John Hopkins and the Northern Illinois Annual Conference Cabinet seek to match clergy and congregations in order to fulfill our Gospel imperatives to reach new people and cultivate spiritual vitality. As part of our consultation process, we invite clergy to indicate their interest in those churches which we presently know to be open as of January 2021 for appointments beginning July 1, 2021.*

*Presently there are clear opens in the Aurora, Chicago Southern, DeKalb, Elgin and Rockford Districts. Open churches are listed below by district with a link to their website or Facebook page. If you want to know more about the church itself, please ask the District Superintendent.*

*As a clergy person, if you are interested in being considered for one of the churches listed, we invite you to send an email to the superintendent of the church, copied to your current DS, stating why you are interested and what gifts you think you bring to the setting.*

*The cabinet will add your interest in the open church to their process of appointment-making. Self-nominated clergy join with other nominations offered by the cabinet for discernment when discerning an appointment.*

*As the work of matching churches to pastors continues over the next 5 months, when a new appointment is announced in a Monday morning appointment posting, you may assume that the pastor's current church is now part of the clear open list. If you are interested in considering one of these churches for your appointive site you are invited to explore the church through their website and/or Facebook page and contact the District Superintendent of that church to learn more about the setting or to offer your name for Cabinet consideration.*