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Date: December 28, 2020  
To: Northern Illinois Annual Conference clergy and churches  
From: Bishop Sally Dyck  
RE: Redistricting Announcement

At our recent virtual annual conference session on November 14, 2020, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference voted to reduce the number of districts (and district superintendents) from six to five, effective July 1, 2021. You can find the letter sent out on November 18, 2020 explaining the history and process of this action [here](#).

Let me remind you that the *Book of Discipline* states that the annual conference decides the number of districts and the bishop, in consultation with the Cabinet, draws the lines for the districts (par. 415.4).

On December 17, 2020, the Cabinet and I approved the redistricting plan. [Click here](#) to see the full redistricting plan and interactive map and [click here](#) to see lists of churches in each district. As you can see, the names of the districts are Lake North, Lake South, Prairie Central, Prairie North, and Prairie South. I am setting the boundaries of these districts as of December 31, 2020. Any additional reconsiderations may be submitted, with a rationale, to your current district superintendent by January 15, 2021. The interim bishop and Cabinet will make a final determination by January 31.

In addition to setting the boundaries, I am also announcing the following appointments to these new districts, effective July 1, 2021:

Prairie South – Rev. Brian Gilbert  
Prairie North – Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer  
Prairie Central – Rev. Jeffry Bross  
Lake South – Rev. Jacques Conway  
Lake North – Rev. Brittany Isaac

I thank you for your spirit of cooperation in making this change. Again, I encourage you that you not let redistricting be a distraction as much as an opportunity to align anew so as to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Sincerely,



Bishop Sally Dyck

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