

Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble to become Iowa's Bishop

The Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy has assigned Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble to the Iowa Area of the church. He will serve as the spiritual leader of the state's 192,000 United Methodists beginning September 1, 2008.



Bishop Trimble succeeds Bishop Gregory Palmer, who has been the Resident Bishop of the Iowa area since 2000. Bishop Palmer was assigned by the Committee on the Episcopacy to the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference.

The announcement of Bishop Trimble's assignment to Iowa was made at the conclusion of the Consecration Service on July 19. Earlier, Bishop Trimble had been elected to the episcopacy on the twenty-fourth ballot of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference on Friday, July 18, 2008.



Please forward all prayer requests to Sue at the District Office. If you would like the prayer request to go out on the District email list, please indicate that.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mark and Janice Young, on the loss of Janice's mother. Mark is the pastor at Ottumwa, Wesley.

L. Duane Churchman, who recovering from heart surgery. L. Duane is a retired pastor on the South Central District residing in Ankeny.

Linda Reida, who is recovering from surgery. Linda is the pastor at Seymour/Promise City.

Bill and Judy Poland, as they welcome their first grandchild, Alexa Grace who was born July 9.

Bishop Gregory and Cynthia Palmer, as they begin their Episcopal ministry in the Great Rivers Conference in Illinois.

Myron Brockmeyer, who will be undergoing surgery to remove a blockage. Myron is father of Diane Brockmeyer, Secretary to Bishop Palmer.

All those affected by the storms in Iowa.

Special Mission Event Minutes

A one (1) hour educational training regarding "*Giving to Missions*" and a detailed presentation of 2008 Rainbow Covenant Program "*On the Road to Mission*" led by Janice Bolger, South Central District Mission Education Representative & Rainbow Covenant Contact for the South Central District of the Iowa Annual Conference was held on July 20, 2008 at the Medora UMC.

Pastor Jerry Kramer shares that he would like to "express his appreciation for the time, energy and efforts of Janice to share with the assembled group information regarding giving to missions". 23 individuals were in attendance from 6 churches. Pastor Jerry states, "I would encourage other churches to conduct such sessions as many expressed their appreciation for hosting such an event with a special "thank you" to Janice for her leadership.

