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Dear Friends,

For anyone who may have missed service on Sunday, we announced which pastors and ministers have been appointed to serve New Horizon UMC in the coming year. We are excited to report that Glory Tharp has been reappointed to serve as Lay Minister. Pastor Lisa Stamp has been reappointed to serve as our Outreach and Small Groups Pastor.

Unfortunately, Pastor Jacqui will not be reappointed to New Horizon UMC next year. The decision for her to leave is for no other reason than for her to move closer to family in England. As a church community, we have been blessed abundantly by Pastor Jacqui over the past two years and she will be sorely missed. Although our hearts are heavy, we are so happy that Pastor Jacqui will be closer to family and that she has an opportunity to share her passion and gifts in this next chapter of her faith journey.

In the United Methodist Church, appointments are made annually and are determined based on pastors' preferences, their gifts, and the specific needs of each congregation. The District Superintendent and a committee convened to prayerfully consider who would be a great fit for New Horizon in Pastor Jacqui's absence. We are excited to share that Rev. Tamara Isidore has been appointed as our next Senior Pastor. Pastor Tamara has served as Senior Pastor at Faith UMC in Bradenton Florida for the past four years, and she has been ministering in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church since 1997. Pastor Tamara is a proud mother of five adult children: Fernandez, Jean-Marc, Jesse, Taina, and Takaya. Pastor Tamara and her husband currently reside in the Tampa/Bradenton area but are originally from Haiti. When asked what she would like for New Horizon to know about her, Pastor Tamara provided the following statement of faith:

I am God's masterpiece, a work in progress maturing alongside the people of God daily as I spend time in prayer, meditation, worship, the Word, and community service. I would want my new church to know that my call is to inspire the community of believers without prejudice and to embrace the mission of the Church in making disciples for the transformation of our environment and thus of the world. My commitment to ordained ministry is an invitation into a relationship with God and humanity that is continuous as I serve God and God's people whether in Service, Word or in the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. The nature and mission of the church is to love God and love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

The church belongs to God. We belong to God. The nature of the church is a solid foundation. Therefore, my call to serve God and God's people is a privilege. I strive daily with the help of the Holy Spirit, to offer God my best. God has not failed me yet nor does God have any reason to. It is a great joy and an opportunity to be God's collaborator in ministry. The church belongs to God. Jesus calls it "my church". He is building His Church which is the community of believers and that's sufficient for me. Therefore, Christ's church is immersed daily in God's unconditional love which is God's grace as we, the people of God meet, grow, and serve God, making disciples for the transformation of the world.

These pastoral appointments will be effective starting in July, and Pastor Jacqui will be with us until June 23. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be planning a celebration of ministry for Pastor Jacqui, a formal welcome for Pastor Tamara, along with some meet and greet sessions once Pastor Tamara gets settled into her new role. If you should have any ideas or would like to contribute in some way to our celebratory events, please email me at kerrynewness@hotmail.com. We encourage you to take some time in prayer this week to lift up Glory, Pastor Lisa, Pastor Jacqui, and Pastor Tamara as they prepare their hearts for continued ministry and mission.

Blessings,

Kerry Newness
Staff Parish Chairperson