



Rev. Ronell Howard Appointed Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church

February 4, 2018

During services on February 4, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson Gary Walther made the following announcement.

It is my joy to share with you today that Bishop John R. Schol has appointed Rev. Ronell Howard as the new pastor of our congregation. Rev. Howard will begin her new responsibilities on July 1 of this year. As a United Methodist Church, we are a part of an appointment system. Our congregation's Staff Parish Relations Committee has met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Rev. Howard to better get to know her and to ask questions.

Rev. Ronell J. Howard, a native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was raised in New York City and serves the body of Christ with great passion and deep compassion. Ronell is a graduate of the State University of New York at Stony Brook with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature. Upon graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary, she was awarded the Jagow Award for Excellence in Speech and Homiletics and selected to serve as a Pastoral Resident at Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, New York, in the Transition into Ministry Program (TiM). Rev. Howard currently serves as pastor of the newly merged Cornerstone Community United Methodist Church in Norwalk, Connecticut. She is excited to serve this new community and can't wait to see all that God will accomplish in this patch of his vineyard!

We also want to thank our current pastor, Rev. Preston, for her time of service with us, and wish her well as she begins a new chapter in her life's journey.

Our new pastor will work with us and the conference so that we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Bishop Schol, District Superintendent Dyson and the leaders of the Greater New Jersey Conference will work with us to continue to grow as a vital congregation. I know you will join the bishop, our new pastor and me in helping to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.