SERVICE FOR THE COMMISSIONING AND SENDING OF MISSIONARIES

General Board of Global Ministries
October 11, 2011
First United Methodist Church of Flushing
Flushing, New York
7:00 o'clock in the evening

Order of Worship

Prelude "Prelude in G Major" Benjamin J. Rhodes, organist

Composer: Felix Mendelssohn

Introductory Statement

Bishop Bruce R. Ough
Resident Bishop, Ohio West Episcopal Area
President, General Board of Global Ministries

Processional* "Go, Make of All Disciples"

1. "Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

2. "Go, make of all disciples," baptizing in the name
of Father, Son, and Spirit, from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,
redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

3. "Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay
until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,
revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

4. "Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command.
"Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.

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MUSIC: Henry T. Smart
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Who Are Missionaries?

Rev. Jorge Luiz F. Domingues
Methodist Church of Brazil/
New York Annual Conference
Deputy General Secretary, Mission & Evangelism

Entrance of the Candidates

"Lord, I'm Available to You"

Ms. Jamila Sabares-Klemm, soloist

WORDS and MUSIC: Carlis Moody, Jr.
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Opening Prayer

Rev. Judy Chung
California-Pacific Annual Conference
Associate General Secretary, Missionary Services

Words of Welcome

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park
Resident Bishop, New York Episcopal Area

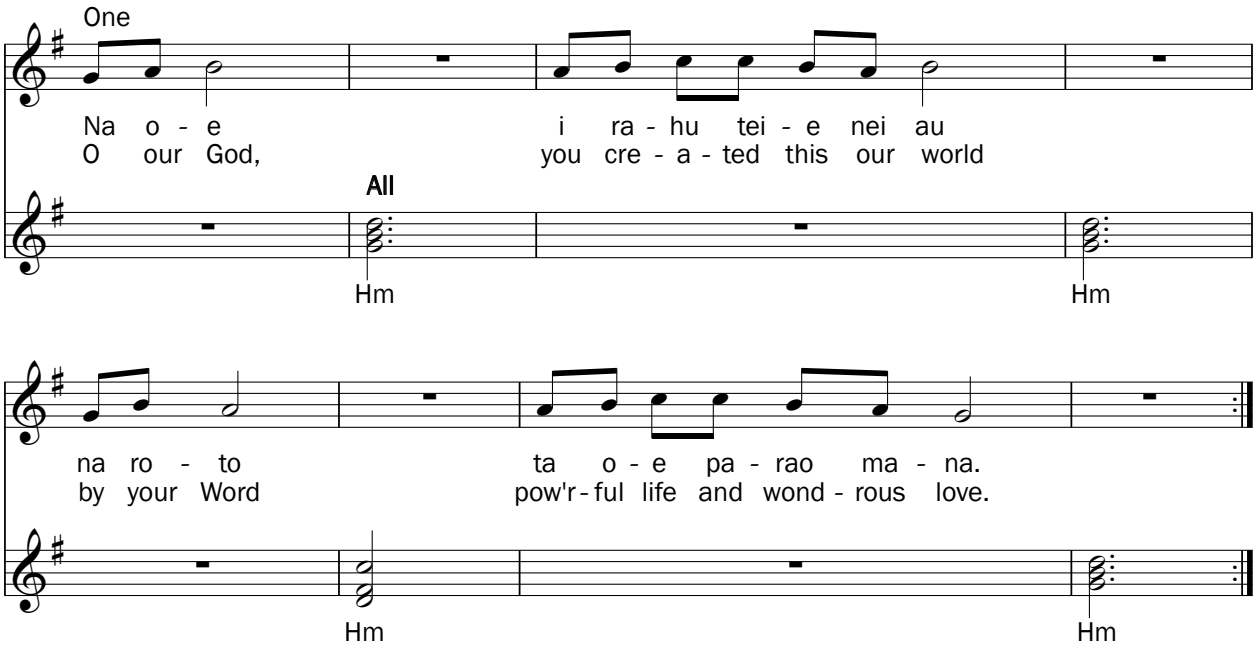
Rev. Daniel Dong-il Chang
Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Flushing

Introduction of the Preacher

Mr. Thomas Kemper
Germany Central Conference
General Secretary, Global Ministries

Song of Illumination

"Na o e"



Precious God
Holy Wisdom, Spirit-Wind
Stir our souls
Move among us as you will.

Touch our hearts
Touch our senses to you love,
Touch our ears,
To receive your Living Word.

Traditional hymn, Tahiti. Collected, transcribed, and translated by I-to Loh.
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Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-16

Mrs. Inelda González
Southwest Texas Annual Conference
President, Women's Division
Vice President, Global Ministries

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 9:19-24

Rev. Gwendolyn Roberts
West Ohio Annual Conference
Assistant General Secretary for Recruitment, Training, and Cultivation

Sermon

"What makes a missionary?
Who is a missionary?
Where does mission take place?"

Bishop Hans Växby
Resident Bishop, Eurasia Area

Commissioning of Missionaries

Anthem "Mission"

Miss Yae Eun Kim, soloist
Mr. Si Hwan Byun,
Dan-So (traditional Korean flute)

WORDS and MUSIC: Kwon-Hee Lee

This anthem, sung by Miss Ye Eun Kim, a fourth-grade student in Flushing, New York, in the traditional Korean folk style "Pansori," is inspired by the life of Robert Jermain Thomas, a Welsh Protestant Missionary who was martyred in South Korea in 1866.

According to some accounts, as the ship where he was traveling was set on fire, Thomas opened his case of Bibles and started to throw them to those who lined the shore, while shouting "Jesus, Jesus." He was captured and beheaded, and is reported to have given his last Bible to his executioner, whose son later became an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Korea. Today, South Korea is the second-largest missionary-sending nation in the world.

사명

(이권희 작사작곡)

Verse 1:

주님이 홀로 가신 그 길 나도 따라가오
모든 물과 피를 흘리신 그 길을 나도 가오
험한 산도 나는 괜찮소 바다끝이라도 나는 괜찮소
죽어가는 저들을 위해 나를 버리길 바라오
아버지 나를 보내주오
나는 달려 가겠소
목숨도 아끼지 않겠소
나를 보내주오

Verse 2:
험한 산도 나는 괜찮소
바다 끝이라도 나는 괜찮소
죽어가는 저들을 위해 나를 버리길 바라오
아버지 나를 보내주오 나는 달려 가겠소
목숨도 아끼지 않겠소 나를 보내주오

세상이 나를 미워해도 나는 사랑하겠소
세상을 구원한 십자가 나도 따라가오
생명을 버리면서까지 나를 사랑한 당신
이 작은 나를 받아주오
나도 사랑하오

I too will follow the path my dear Lord walked all alone.
I too will follow the path where You shed all of your blood and water.
Neither the treacherous mountains nor the depths of the sea will deter me.
I will lay down my life for those who are perishing.
Father, send me. I will run to them.
I willingly give up my life. Send me.

Neither the treacherous mountains nor the depths of the sea will deter me.
I will lay down my life for those who are perishing.
Father, send me. I will run to them.
I willingly give up my life. Send me.

I will love the world even if it hates me.
I too will follow the cross that saved the world.
You have even given up your own life to love me.
As small as I am, receive me Lord. I, too, love you.

Presentation of Candidates

Rev. John Nuessle
Upper New York Annual Conference
Associate General Secretary,
Mission Relationships

Mrs. Marilyn Zehring
Nebraska Annual Conference
Convener, Missionary Services
Director, Global Ministries

Mrs. Jerald L. McKie
South Carolina Annual Conference
Associate General Secretary,
Justice & Discipleship

Missionaries in International Assignments

Michael Airgood
Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference
Assignment:
Church Planting, Youth Ministry
Western Ukraine
L'viv, Ukraine

Rodney Aist
New Mexico Annual Conference
Assignment:
Pastor
Methodist/Waldensian Community
Milan, Italy

Kristen L. Brown
Oklahoma Annual Conference
Assignment:
Education and Advocacy
Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center
Jerusalem

Fresie Chikomb
South Congo/Holston Annual Conferences
Assignment:
Safety/Accountability Manager
Southern Congo Wings of the Morning Aviation Ministry
Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo

Rukang Chikomb
South Congo/Holston Annual Conferences
Assignment:
Aviation Ministry
Southern Congo Wings of the Morning Aviation Ministry
Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo

Jennifer Hansen
North Georgia Annual Conference
Assignment:
Pastoral Training
East Africa Annual Conference
Kampala, Uganda

Eumin Kim
New York Annual Conference
Assignment:
Co-director
United Methodist Mission Center
Almaty, Kazakhstan

Prumeh Kim
New York Annual Conference
Assignment:
Co-director
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Almaty, Kazakhstan

Church and Community Workers

Brynne Leah Howard
Iowa Annual Conference
Assignment:
Immigration Attorney
Justice for Our Neighbors
Des Moines, Iowa

Lisa Maupin
Nebraska Annual Conference
Assignment:
Social Services
United Methodist Ministries—Missouri River District
Omaha, Nebraska

General Examination

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

Bishop: Do you sincerely believe that you have been led by the Spirit of God to engage in this work and to assume its responsibilities?

Candidates: **I do so believe.**

Bishop: Will you be diligent in prayer, in the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as will increase your skills and abilities for this life in mission?

Candidates: **I will endeavor so to do.**

Bishop: Will you earnestly seek to carry forward your ministry in sincerity and in love, cooperating willingly with your coworkers, under the direction of the church?

Candidates: **I will, the Lord being my helper.**

Act of Commissioning

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

Vesting for Missionary Service

Rev. Judy Chung

Hymn of Response*

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
   so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name.
   Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
   we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
   We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
   By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
   In a humble, listening Spirit we would live to God's delight.

3. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
   so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
   As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
   may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.

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A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition

Offered by the Newly Commissioned Missionaries

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.

Offertory

Rev. Shawn Bakker
Associate General Secretary for Development and
Director of The Advance

Tonight's offering is dedicated to Missionary Support.

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New York, NY 10087-9068

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Offertory Anthem "Hindi Kita Malilimutan"

Ms. Jamila Sabares-Klemm, soloist

WORDS & MUSIC: Basil Valdez

English translation:
I cannot forget you. I will not let you down
You are forever sculpted on the palms of my hand.
Will a mother forget her child, the child from her own womb?
How could she ever neglect her child?
Even if a mother may forget the child in her arms,
I will not forget you. I will never neglect you.

Prayer of Dedication

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park

Thanksgiving and Communion

Bishop Jeremiah J. Park, celebrant

Invitation

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Congregation: **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All pray in silence.

Bishop Park: Hear the good news:
Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Congregation: **Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you…

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

[Tune: "LAND OF REST"]
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Glory, glory on earth and heaven, hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church…

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

[Tune: "LAND OF REST"]
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Glory, Glory on earth and heaven, hosanna in the highest.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine…

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(in your own heart-language)

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

The congregation is invited to go to the nearest station.

Communion Music

Ms. Alice Hamlet, cello
Mr. Si Hwan Byun, Dan-So (traditional Korean flute)

Benediction

Bishop Hans Växby

Sending Forth

Newly Commissioned Missionaries

The congregation is invited to respond: **We will!**

Recessional "Voluntary on 'Pisgah'"

Benjamin J. Rhodes, organist

Composer: arr. Dale Wood

Participants

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Mr. Jorge Lockward
New York Annual Conference
Global Praise Program Director

Rev. Elizabeth Tapia
Philippines Central Conference
Director of Mission Theology

Space Design
Ms. Lisa Katzenstein
Executive Secretary
Scholarship and Leadership Development Office

Musicians
Ms. Jamila Sabares-Klemm, vocalist
Miss Yae Eun Kim, soloist
Mr. Benjamin Rhodes, organ
Mr. Jorge Lockward, piano
Mr. Si Hwan Byun, Dan-So (traditional Korean flute)
Ms. Alice Hamlet, cello

Ushers
Ms. Lisa Archer
Memphis Annual Conference

Mr. John Best
Susquehanna Annual Conference

Mr. Manuel Jaramilla
Philippines Central Conference

Deaconess Katherine O. Kim
California-Nevada Annual Conference

Persons Participating in Laying On of Hands
Rev. Charlotte Abram
Nebraska Annual Conference

Mr. Sam Aguirre
Oklahoma Annual Conference

Ms. Sara Dunlap
Oklahoma Annual Conference

Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede
Nebraska Annual Conference

Rev. Jonathan Holston
North Georgia Annual Conference

Mr. Thomas Kemper
Germany Central Conference
General Secretary, Global Ministries

Rev. Hae Jong Kim
Greater New Jersey Annual Conference

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New Mexico Annual Conference

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Bishop Bruce R. Ough
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Bishop Jeremiah J. Park
New York Episcopal Area

Dr. Grace Pyen
North Georgia Annual Conference

Rev. Tim Riss
New York Annual Conference

Rev. Dr. Lillian Gallo Seagreen
Iowa Annual Conference

Bishop Hans Växby
Central Conference—Eurasia Area

To Be Commissioned as International Missionaries

Michael Airgood

Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference
Assignment:
Church Planting, Youth Ministry
Western Ukraine
L'viv, Ukraine

Michael is a native of Kane, Pennsylvania, where he was raised in the First United Methodist Church. He became a follower of Jesus at age 11 and has known since age 12 that he wanted to become a missionary through the General Board of Global Ministries. He earned a degree in intercultural studies from Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, and right out of school became an Individual Mission Volunteer, first for two months in Mongolia, with the United Methodist mission there, and then for a year in the Ukraine. He speaks English, Russian, and Ukrainian, and in L'viv will engage in new church planting and youth ministry. The first United Methodist congregations in L'viv emerged from campus ministry, and Michael will seek to expand this work. He has a keen sense of the missionary's role of helping people and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Rodney Aist

New Mexico Annual Conference
Assignment:
Pastor
Methodist/Waldensian Community
Milan, Italy

Rodney is an elder of the New Mexico Annual Conference, where he was most recently director of the Four Corners Native American Ministry. He was born in Arkansas, grew up near Kansas City, and has lived in many parts of the world outside the US, including Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom, and Jerusalem. He holds degrees from Southern Methodist University, Duke University, and the University of Wales. Rodney is the author of two books, *Voices in the Wind* (2003), a memoir of an around-the-world pilgrimage, and *The Christian Topography of Early Islamic Jerusalem* (2009), based on his Ph.D. dissertation at Wales. His first work out of university was as a pastor in Scotland. Christian pilgrimage is among his special interests, and in his travels he has found that "we are in God's hands; we do not possess anything, rather God possesses us."

Kristen L. Brown

Oklahoma Annual Conference
Assignment:
Education and Advocacy
Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center
Jerusalem

Kristen, an ordained elder of the Oklahoma Annual Conference, has lived in many places, including Burkina Faso, Libya, and Zambia, and graduated from high school in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, putting down personal and church roots in that area. She earned a degree in French from Oklahoma City University before attending seminary at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. She pastored several congregations in Oklahoma, and over the years took part in mission trips, including six to Israel/Palestine. The Sabeel Center, a long-time United Methodist mission partner, works with international delegations seeking understanding of the Palestine Christian situation. "Sabeel" in Arabic means "the way." "God's call upon my life has taken me many places," Kristen says. "God's faithfulness in my life has enabled me to go where God leads."

Fresie Chikomb

South Congo/Holston Annual Conferences
Assignment:
Safety/Accountability Manager
Southern Congo Wings of the Morning Aviation Ministry
Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo

Fresie was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo and educated through Methodist schools there. She is a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Johnson City, Tennessee in the Holston Conference, where she and her husband, Rukang, also a missionary, lived while he was in pilot's school. While in Tennessee, she was certified as a clinical medical assistant, a credential valuable in Wings of the Morning's work in transporting medical patients and supplies. The ministry also transports church leaders, missionaries, and other materials in an area with few roads. Fresie keeps the ministry's accounts and does flight-safety training. She also assists with management at the United Methodist Jamaa Letu Boys' Orphanage in Lubumbashi. Fresie and Rukang have three children, Andre, born in 2000; Sally, born in 2001; and Selena, born in 2007.

Rukang Chikomb

South Congo/Holston Annual Conferences
Assignment:
Safety/Accountability Manager
Southern Congo Wings of the Morning Aviation Ministry
Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo

Rukang was born in Lubumbashi in the present-day Democratic Republic of Congo, studied in local Methodist schools, and received a college degree in chemistry and biology. He entered aviation ministry as a mechanic's aid, and worked for Southern Congo Wings of the Morning from 1991 to 1999. He then came to the United States for training and became certified with the Federal Aviation Administration as a commercial pilot, mechanic, and inspector. His church membership is at Wesley United Methodist Church in Johnson City, Tennessee in the Holston Annual Conference, having initially studied aviation nearby. Rukang was a French interpreter at the 2004 and 2008 General Conferences, and has worked as a consultant for the United Methodist Division of Youth Ministries, based at the General Board of Discipleship. He is married to Fresie Chikomb.

Jennifer Hansen

North Georgia Annual Conference
Assignment:
Pastoral Training
East Africa Annual Conference
Kampala, Uganda

Jennifer is a native of Georgia and a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Atlanta. She grew up in the church, but as a young adult underwent a period of discernment about her direction in life and relationship with God. The outcome, enhanced by mission trips and involvement in social ministries, was a strong commitment to mission. In addition to degrees in accounting (from Auburn University, Alabama) and business administration (Emory University, Atlanta), she earned a master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory, and is a candidate for deacon's orders in her annual conference. She believes that her personal gifts and professional training equip her for ministry among the poor and for service to the Kingdom of God. Ministries of servanthood, she says, are "expressions of God's love toward others."

Eumin Kim

New York Annual Conference
Assignment:
Co-director
United Methodist Mission Center
Almaty, Kazakhstan

Eumin is an elder of the New York Annual Conference, and has served pastorates in the Washington, DC area, Lagrangeville, New York, and Queens in New York City. He was born in New Jersey, did his undergraduate study at Boston University, and received his theological training at the Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut. He comes from a family of strong Methodist background. He recalls the devotion of his grandmother, all four of her children either becoming pastors or marrying clergy. Five grandchildren are in ministry. Eumin is married to Prumeh Kim, also a missionary, and they have two children, Ye-Air Kim, born in 2005; and Eli Kim, born in 2011. His most recent pastorate was with Vision Christian Fellowship, a ministry with links to the First United Methodist Church of Flushing.

Prumeh Kim

New York Annual Conference
Assignment:
Co-director
United Methodist Mission Center
Almaty, Kazakhstan

Prumeh was born in Seoul, Korea, immigrating to the United States as an infant. She grew up in Chicago, relocating to New York City, where she is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Flushing. She holds a degree in biology and society from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and is married to the Rev. Eumin O. Kim, also a missionary. The couple has two children, Ye-Air Kim, born in 2005; and Eli Kim, born in 2011. Prumeh's great-grandmother was the first Christian in her family, and both her grandfather and father became Methodist pastors. She has worked professionally in youth ministry, and has served as a private tutor. The Almaty center is a primary base for the Central Asia Mission Initiative. "My family became Christian because of the faithful services of missionaries; now I want to serve the church by becoming the first missionary in my family," she says.

To Be Commissioned as Church and Community Workers

Brynne Leah Howard

Iowa Annual Conference
Assignment:
Immigration Attorney
Justice for Our Neighbors
Des Moines, Iowa

Brynne, a Church and Community Worker, grew up in Des Moines as a member of Epworth United Methodist Church. She attended undergraduate school at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, and earned her law degree from Drake University in Des Moines. While in law school, she worked as a case manager for Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON), which is a ministry for immigrants related to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). JFON in Iowa provides free clinics, staffed by 40 volunteers, to more than 200 immigrants annually. She also once worked for the Iowa Civil Rights Commission. Brynne's interest in mission was enhanced by participation in mission trips to Latin America, and she speaks Spanish. She sees her work with JFON as contributing, at least in a small way, to justice in the world. Brynne's husband is Jonathan Escobar.

Lisa Maupin

Nebraska Annual Conference
Assignment:
Social Services
United Methodist Ministries—Missouri River District
Omaha, Nebraska

Lisa, a Church and Community Worker, is a native of Wallace, Nebraska and a member of the Trinity Ralston United Methodist Church in Omaha. Her work focuses on food security in an 11-county district of the Nebraska Annual Conference. The ministry has more than 70 partners, including other denominations, public agencies, the business community, and ethnic organizations. Lisa holds a degree in communications from Hastings College, Hastings, Nebraska, and initially joined the staff of United Methodist Ministries in 2006 as director of communications and volunteers. She is a certified United Methodist lay speaker and also a trainer for the ReThink Church initiative. Lisa views mission as that "place where faith meets the world." Lisa previously worked for the American Lung Association.