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**THANK YOU!!! Chaplains, Chaplain Families, & all
who Pray/Praise for Free Methodist Chaplains,
Pastors, Missionaries, all other CHRIST-Followers!**

“The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2 The Message Our new Chap:



North Central Elder **Steven P. Tungate** is seeking to expand his local ministry by being a Law Enforcement Chaplain to serve the Woodstock Police Dept. He is well prepared for ministry earning a B.S. in 1994 with Michigan State, a

M.Div. at Asbury Theological Seminary in 1998, and a D. Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary in 2009. Steve was ordained as Deacon in 2000 and Elder in 2002. He is currently a Ph.D. Candidate with the University of South Africa. Not surprisingly Steve grew up in a strong Christian household. His call to ministry became clear in his first two years of college. He is 45, married to **Rachel** and they have two daughters. After several part time internships in the 1990’s he is now beyond the 20 year mark with full time ministry service, as per:

2018 – to date Lead Pastor, F M Church Woodstock, IL
2013 - 2018 Discipleship Pastor Ctrl F M C, Lansing, MI
2006 - 2012 Pastor, F Methodist Church, Memphis, MI
2000 - 2005 Associate Pastor F M Church, Bad Axe, MI
2000 Youth Pastor Countryside FMC, Sandusky, MI
1998 -1999 Youth Pastor New Covenant FMC Clio, MI

Pastor Tungate has an impressive list of spiritual disciplines and accountability gatherings. His references

are glowing in their descriptions of his Christ-like life, his dedication, compassion, counsel support, his skill and commitment to preaching, teaching, pastoral care, leadership, and outreach efforts. “Steve is passionate about building up disciples of **Jesus Christ** through personal relationships and he does this well.” Steve is a warm presence who makes others better, helping them be all that **God** has created them to be. In Steve’s own words, “In addition to my passion for discipleship and teaching, I have gained a growing passion for counseling and walking with people through life’s challenges. I am now seeking to apply these gifts in my community by working with the local police department to serve alongside their officers, sergeants, and chief - as their chaplain. This comes as a prayerful response to an invitation that I received from the chief and the area chaplain with Nationwide Chaplain Services.” **Bishop Kendall** made him official on Jan. 7: Lead Pastor **Steven P. Tungate** is now also serving as a **Law Enforcement** Chaplain on behalf of the Free Methodist Church – USA.

Hospital Chaplain **Lucinda E. Miller** of Ohio Conference has served for eight years full time at the Mercy Health St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo. She served the same hospital and wards that her colleague Chaplain **Don Deighton** served. She was endorsed FMC-USA in 2012 and achieved the status of becoming a Board Certified Chaplain in 2015. As of January 22 she is a new staff chaplain at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in Columbus Ohio. “Congratulations Ch Miller on your new ministry setting! We will pray along with your husband Wes that your house will sell soon.”

Also achieving Board Certified Chaplain status in 2018 is Genesis Conf. Pediatrics Staff Chaplain **Maurice Hopkins** at Golisano Childrens Hospital, Rochester NY. He also contributed a chapter on Spiritual Care in a book on Perinatal Palliative Care. Southern California Conf. Elder Hospital Chaplain **Bruce Whyte** is another 2018 Board Certified Chaplain and he serves full time at the Presbyterian Intercommunal Hospital, Whittier CA. SCA Conference Ministerial Chaplain **Justin Gottuso** ministers full time for Compassion Hospice in Simi Valley CA. He is a Health Care and Hospice Chaplain who also achieved Board Certified Chaplain status in 2018. The best prize for what you and other health care providers may draw strength from is to “hear” **Jesus** say I was sick and you visited me!