



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



Chaplain Amanda Louise Hansen has recently transferred her Church affiliation from another Evangelical body to the Southern California Conference of the Free Methodist Church. The **MEG Board** on March 30 voted to

transfer her ordination on May 18 at Annual Conference. She is a long time Christian has an impressive list of outreach ministries which she has led. Her view of ministry is to model the compassion of Christ. Chaplain Hansen has a B.A. on Counseling Psychology and Biblical Studies from Moody Bible Institute (2012 summa cum laude with a 3.9 gpa), M. Div. from Azusa Pacific University (2016 a Kern Scholar with a 4.0), and she is on track to complete CPE Residency at The VA Loma Linda Medical Center under **Cheri Coleman**. She married **James Hansen** May 14, 2016 and he is supportive of her call. Since seminary she has served as a Campus Chaplain, a Director of a non-profit Christian Counseling Center, and Hospital Chaplain. She served as Adjunct Professor of Bible and Ministry at Life Pacific College, 2016 -2017 and Campus Chaplain 2016 – 2018. In earlier years she was a Youth Intern at the Stanwood WA Foursquare Church (2008 - 2010) and Counseling Intern at Seattle’s Union Gospel Mission: Hope Place, summer of 2012. She served 2013-’14 as a Youth Intern at Foothill Community FMC, which has become her home church and has been Co-Director of Young Adult Ministries there since July 2018. Her references affirm she is a joyful and reliable person, a hard worker, team player, and one who will be a great asset to any ministry. Her colleagues concur & expand: in hardship, crisis or grief there is not a better presence than Amanda; her peaceful and intentional care is what is needed in a Chaplain. She embodies Christ-like

empathy doing the holy work of making space for the pain of others. She has the education, life experience, and record to demonstrate that she is equipped by the enabling grace of God for the ministries of Chaplaincy. **Bishop Kendall** made it official: **Amanda Hansen** has Free Methodist Church – USA Endorsement to serve in Hospital, Health Care, and VA Chaplaincy. Chaplain Hansen will be in our prayers and praises to our LORD!



Chap **Howard Lehman** of Bethany, OK and Mid-America Conf. is one of our longest serving FM Hospital Chaplains and he is has a great loving heart and sense of humor.

People flock to him like bees to honey! He will be at General Conference/2019 and the Chaplain Gatherings.



VA Hospital Ch **Coleman** is also the CPE Educator at the Loma Linda VA Hospital, CA.

Cheri and Dan have five grown kids who live in the area. **Louise** & I visited with them in late March and went to church with them at the Rancho Cucamonga Christian Fellowship. Beside Cheri’s full time ministry with the VA she has several other key leadership roles: member of the FMC denomination Board of Administration, So. Cal. Conference MEG co-chair, and co-lead of the So. Cal. Well (Women’s Leadership Initiative). She is very grateful to be alive following a devastating motorcycle accident in December; grateful that she escaped any life altering injuries, grateful for people’s prayers, and for Dan taking care of her (broken bones and four to six months of recovery). And yes Chaplain Coleman will be with us at GC/19 and is one of our trainer/speakers.



Mary LaVerne Jackson is retiring this year from decades long Hospital ministries. She lives in Detroit and serves at Ascension Providence Park Hospital, Southfield, MI. She covers hospital oncology, step down ICU, and other units as Healthcare Chaplain. Staff and patients appreciate her gentle and encouraging style. She wants to be a “microphone for the Gospel.” Amen! And she too will be at GC19: Whole on Mission!

