



North District

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Janet Sharron, SPRC Chair at First United Methodist Church of Reseda
Juanita Springer, SPRC Chair at Van Nuys United Methodist Church
<sent via email>

Dear Ms. Sharron, Ms. Springer, along with the congregations of FUMC Reseda and Van Nuys UMC,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am writing to you as your District Superintendent to share with you the next steps and change to your church's pastoral leadership. After much prayer, discernment, and consultation by Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank and the Cabinet, it is the intent of the Bishop to appoint Reverend Sang Ho Yi as Pastor-in-charge for FUMC Reseda (75%) and Van Nuys UMC (25%) as of July 1, 2024.

As the California-Pacific Conference moves into a deliberate time of focusing intently on justice and equality, nourishing the people of our church and community so that they can flourish, Pastor Yi brings a bounty of gifts and energy that will be well-suited to work with the ministries at both Reseda and Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley. While it will be sad to have to say goodbye to Pastor Christian at Reseda, know that he is set to be a gift in his service to the people of La Palma UMC.

The Cabinet is extremely grateful to the community and leaders of your churches, for you have lovingly worked in ministry and community to bring others to Christ. While this is a different structure than either church is accustomed to; all are in store for an exciting transition and faith-filled next step in ministry.

The Bishop, Cabinet, and I all give praise and thanks for the life-giving energy that the people of FUMC of Reseda and Van Nuys UMC provide in this world. We are lifting you up in prayer, thank you for your faithfulness, and are ever grateful for your active role in this Christian community as we continue to deepen the ways that we carry out our mission to end spiritual and physical hunger in the world.

Blessings,

Melissa Roux MacKinnon

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