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The United Methodist Church

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Dear Friends and Members of First United Methodist Church of Eugene,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

This letter is to announce to you it is the intention of Bishop Grant Hagiya of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area to appoint the Reverend Adam Briddell as the Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church on July 1, 2015. Adam has been affirmed by the incoming Senior Pastor and your Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Adam will be moving to Oregon from the Baltimore-Washington Conference. He currently serves as an Associate Pastor for Asbury United Methodist Church in the heart of downtown Washington D.C. His responsibilities include leading a new evening worship service designed to connect with multi-cultural young professionals, leading social-justice themed mission projects, and helping with the Neighbor-to-Neighbor breakfast that serves the homeless in the neighborhood. He graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. in 2012. He has also worked in the political and non-profit arena of Washington D.C. He served as the Chair of the Baltimore-Washington Area Reconciling Methodists for one year. He grew up in a small town in Iowa. He is married to Raymie and they have two sons, Cameron who is 5 and Elijah who is 3.

You are in my prayers as the time moves closer for this transition of pastoral leadership. It is a time of mixed emotions—sadness and excitement, saying good-bye and saying hello. You have a transition team in place that is doing excellent work holding all of this together. You have outstanding leadership who are present to you and will be present to the new pastors as they meet you, learn from you and move forward with you.

I am always amazed at the work of the Holy Spirit in powerful, often unexpected ways in this process. Please know that I thank God for this congregation and pray you will always be Christ in the community and Christ to one another.

May God bless you and continue to lead you forward in amazing ways.

In ministry with you,

Gwen Drake, District Superintendent