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Bishop Nominee

Kaye Kolde

Vision

I see the Free Methodist Church USA being renewed with movement again as leaders and churches are able to build on our heritage, doctrine, and distinctives in new and creative ways that the Spirit is leading in their context. We can reach new generations with the gospel as we continue to emphasize the values in The Free Methodist Way and address any institutional or cultural barriers to making them actual lived values.

As a person who finds strength in collaboration, I would work with and learn from superintendents, area directors and other global Free Methodist leaders in supporting and resourcing what makes local churches missional and healthy. I also envision new ways to empower and develop younger and diverse leaders for ministry, which requires denominational leaders to focus on guiding the church rather than guarding the existing methods or structures.

All of this can occur as we foster a culture that is passionate about prayer and worship as we seek the Spirit's guidance and power.

When I asked other church leaders and members of my church to think of a few words to characterize me, some of their top responses were: Spirit-filled and obedient to the Lord, wise and perceptive, strategic, resilient and prayerful.

Experience

- Lead Pastor, The Arbor Church, Spring Arbor, MI (2019-Present)
- Executive Pastor of Ministry, Sage Hills Church, Wenatchee, WA (2017-2019)
- Pastor of Connections, Sage Hills Church, Wenatchee, WA (2016-2017)
- Pastor of Discipleship, Wenatchee Free Methodist Church, Wenatchee, WA (2014-2016)

Education

- Doctor of Ministry (in process), Northern Seminary
- Master of Science in Education, University of Pennsylvania
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Pennsylvania

Family

Husband: Dr. David Kolde

Son: Gray Kolde

Daughter: Emilia Kolde