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Bishop Nominee

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Vision

My first term as a bishop has broadened my horizons and expanded my vision. I see more! I see the church, the bride of Christ, with new eyes of love and compassion, even while growing more aware of her sins and shortcomings. I see a renewed awareness of God's call to "be holy, because I am holy." I see a new passion for joining Jesus in His mission to "seek and save that which was lost." I see believers of different backgrounds longing to become the Beloved Community and adapting their lives and churches to experience Holy Spirit oneness across dividing lines, a foretaste of heaven. I see a new hunger for an awakening that would result in the church and all its members becoming fully alive and mobilizing to impact their communities. The FMCUSA would become a movement again!

By the wonders of technology, I now regularly see faithful servants of God in dozens of our 100 nations, sacrificially sowing the seed of the gospel and gathering in the harvest. Zoom baptisms have become a thing! Zoom prayer gatherings encompassing multiple time zones and languages give us all a glimpse of God's powerful work in the world. Free Methodist World Missions is partnering fruitfully with Jesus-followers on every inhabited continent, mobilizing the global church and empowering international leaders to establish transformational churches. We all benefit from our breathtaking global expansion.

For four years, vision casting and vision framing have been major features of the Board of Bishops' work. I'm privileged to have been part of this deep learning and communication.

Maybe all of this could be summed up in one phrase. What do I see? I see God igniting a Spirit-fueled movement!

Experience

- Bishop, FMCUSA (2019-Present)
- Director, International Child Care Ministries (2008-2019)
- Senior Pastor, New Hope Free Methodist Church, Rochester, NY (1998-2008)
- Senior Pastor, St. Charles Free Methodist Church, St. Charles, IL (1993-1997)
- Assistant Pastor for Christian Education, Spring Arbor FMC (1991-1993)

Education

- Doctor of Ministry, Asbury Theological Seminary
- Master of Divinity, Asbury Theological Seminary
- Bachelor of Arts, Spring Arbor University

Family

Husband: John

Children: Nathan (40) and Carrie (36)