



**South District**  
Desert Southwest Conference  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME  
JEREMIAH 17:14 | PSALM 51:10

May 7, 2025

Liza Carsten  
Chair, Staff Parish Relations Committee  
St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
1431 W Magee Rd  
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Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's United Methodist Church:

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

After a time of consultation and prayer, Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut intends to appoint Rev. Sharon Ragland to serve as interim Minister of Congregational Care at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, less than full time, effective June 17, 2025.

Rev. Ragland is a gifted pastoral leader with a deep well of experience to draw upon as she helps to organize a Congregational Care Ministry at St. Mark's. She will share hope, joy, and the Good News of Christ's presence and compassion in her work visiting the sick and the grieving.

I invite you to join me in prayer for Rev. Ragland during this time of transition, and I am thankful for the work you will do together as the people of God.

In Christ,

Rev. Matt Ashley  
Missional Strategist and Superintendent  
Desert Southwest Conference  
The United Methodist Church

Cc: Bishop Carlo A Rapanut  
Julie O'Neal  
Rev. Lynn Bartlow  
Pastor Tu'ulauena Lolohea  
Rev. Sharon Ragland  
Rev. Deborah Christine