

Rev. Freeman L. Palmer serves as the Conference Minister for the Central Atlantic Conference United Church of Christ. Freeman began this call in February 2019 after serving nine years as Associate Conference Minister, Congregational Development, for the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ. Originally from Washington DC, Rev. Palmer is a second career minister, attending Seminary after a fifteen-year career with CBS Inc. He had several positions in television and radio financial management before serving as head of Finance and Administration of WCBS-AM News Radio 880 in New York City. Freeman's educational background includes a BA in Economics from Swarthmore College, an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and a M.Div. with honors from New York Theological Seminary, where he served as Comptroller while a student and received an award from the faculty for excellence in theological studies. He also served for two years as Chief Financial Officer for the North Jersey Community Research Initiative, one of New Jersey's largest social service organizations serving people living with HIV/AIDS. Rev. Palmer lives with his partner, Rev. Don Egan, an ordained minister with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, in Baltimore with their Australian Silky Terrier Pooh Bear. In his spare time, Freeman enjoys both traditional and contemporary jazz, reading books ranging from biographies to graphic novels, enjoys movies, and as a 'map geek' with extensive knowledge of the US highway system, enjoys getting on a road just to enjoy it and see where it leads.

A prayer that Freeman offers daily is Psalm 143:10, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your Good Spirit lead me on level ground (NIV)."