



Congratulations on Nine Years of Faithful Leadership

“In the end, it is not the words of our enemies we will remember, but the silence of our friends. Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, we joyfully congratulate Rev. Dr. Patricia Crawley-Ricks, Senior Pastor of New Macedonia Christian United Church of Christ, as she celebrates her 9th Pastoral Anniversary.

For nine years, Rev. Dr. Crawley-Ricks has answered Dr. King’s urgent question through a life and ministry devoted to service. Her leadership is marked by vision, compassion, and justice-rooted faith, with a particular commitment to connecting youth to ministry and empowering the next generation to see faith as active, engaged, and transformative.

Beyond her local congregation, Rev. Dr. Crawley-Ricks has extended her servant leadership through the wider church when she served as President of the Eastern Virginia Association of the Southern Conference United Church of Christ and a member of Church On Ministry. This service reflects her deep commitment to covenantal leadership, shared wisdom, and the faithful strengthening of clergy and congregations across the Association and Conference.

She leads with humility and generosity freely sharing her knowledge, lived experience, and pastoral insight with particularly younger clergy, helping to strengthen and shape them for faithful and effective ministry. Her mentorship reflects a deep understanding that leadership is not only about guiding institutions, but about cultivating people.

Beyond the walls of the church, Rev. Dr. Crawley-Ricks is also a treasured asset to the NCNW, Inc. Norfolk Section, where she has faithfully served as Chaplain. Through prayer offered on behalf of members, pastoral care to families, thoughtful cards marking life’s sacred moments, and monthly affirmations shared both online and in person, she ministers with consistency and care.

As a catalyst within the community and beyond, Rev. Dr. Crawley-Ricks lives out Dr. King’s vision of faith in action. On this MLK Weekend, we celebrate nine years of pastoral leadership marked by service, justice, and love. We give thanks for Rev. Dr. Patricia Crawley-Ricks and pray that her ministry continues to uplift, empower, and transform lives for many more years to come.

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