



Northeastern Ohio Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Staff Announcement

We are pleased to announce that the Rev. Julianne D. Smith has been called to serve the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM) and Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod.

Pastor Smith is a graduate of Wittenberg University and received her Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1985.

Since, January of 2010, Pastor Smith has served at Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Poland, Ohio. In October of 2017, she began serving at Christ Lutheran in Struthers in a shared ministry agreement with Prince of Peace.



Her first pastoral call was at St. Mark Lutheran in Ada, where she served 14 years. In 2000, she was called to First Lutheran Church in Upper Sandusky, where she served until January 2009. She became an interim for the newly formed Lutherans in Faith for Everyone cooperative in Upper Sandusky, and later served as interim for First Lutheran, Plymouth.

In addition to her pastoral duties, Pastor Smith serves as Dean of the Eastern Conference of the Northeastern Ohio Synod, has been active in the Ministerial Association, and has served on the Northeastern Ohio Synod Council and Executive Committee, on the board of the American Red Cross, and on the advisory board of Camp Mowana, a Lutheran summer retreat camp in Ashland County.

She is married to Stuart Smith. The couple has two grown daughters, a son-in-law, and a granddaughter.

She grew up in Greenville, Ohio.

As Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Smith will:

Accompany congregations of the Northeastern Ohio Synod and its leaders as they seek to grow in faith formation and mission.

Explore new opportunities and develop strategies for mission in the 20 counties of the synod

Coordinate and support the education of all discipleship, evangelism, mission support and stewardship ministry in the synod.

Be a public voice on behalf of the churchwide organization and synod including preaching, teaching and other leadership opportunities.

Pastor Smith begins her new call on February 26. We thank Pastor Dave Daubert for his service as interim DEM.