



**"STAYING  
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**2020 MAY** [rex.carpenter@fmccusa.org](mailto:rex.carpenter@fmccusa.org) **THANK  
YOU!!! Chaplains, Chaplain Families, & all who  
praise/pray for Free Methodist Chaplains, Pastors,  
Missionaries, all other servant-leaders!**

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6

Hello Christ-Followers and other pilgrims walking the paths of this "new world" with "wall to wall" reminders of our mortality. The famous phrase from the Roman Emperor's servant "remember thou art mortal!" was ordered by the Emperor himself to have his servant utter this phrase on the occasions when the top political person in the empire walks in view of his subjects gathered in the Emperial City and he should remember that he was just as mortal as his subjects. Which brings to mind the Biblical verse Psalm 90:12, which advises us to "number our days that we might gain a heart of wisdom." My prayer is that many people of all ages and all places will become so wise and aware that they/I are **transformed** to such extent that the World finally answers the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers: That God's Kingdom will come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven! Who of us have not witnessed these short months people doing deeds of kindness and love. Pray with me sisters and brothers that see, do, and support **loving God and loving people!**



As in most of our Staying Connected Newsletters we introduce our recently endorsed Chaplain. So California Conference Elder (2018) **David E. Saltzman** was endorsed by Bishop **Keith Cowart** on May 18 for Urban Chaplaincy. David and wife **Nancy** serve alongside

Pastor **Gail Linstrom** and husband **Hugh** in the Verdugo Community Church in Los Angeles. In spite of a somewhat troubled early family life and a couple times going through the 12-Steps Program he was able to do well in schools and his jobs in the movie industry. On the Dean's List with a BA English and Communication Studies degree, U. of Iowa 1987. He got an MBA with the U of Phoenix and a GPA of 3.93 in 2006. He went through the classes and steps for ordination (2018) and is now half way through an online seminary M Div degree with Indiana Wesleyan University. Early in his life as a Christian he was drawn to the ministry of Chaplaincy with its practice of taking **God** outside the walls of the church, ministering to all faiths and no faith, visiting the homeless, etc. In 2016 Pastor **Todd Johnson** suggested to David that he start a volunteer chaplaincy program in the Los Angeles Juvenile Systems at the East/Central Juvenile Hall with an organization called Chaplain's Eagles; which he did regularly for two years. At which time he and Nancy became guardians for two foster children and their own children welcomed them. His references affirm his abilities to work among distressed populations, exuding a calming presence that helps people to be candid, curious, and truthful. David is compassionate, understanding and patient listening makes people feel valued and loved. He senses a call to offer support, love, and guidance to those going through difficult times. David is a loving father and husband, caring pastor, loves **Jesus** and surprises people that he escaped from a path of substance abuse from age 13 to age 32. Seeking God and receiving help from various 12-Step programs changed his life. He is empathetic with all, humble, a servant leader, has a big heart, non judgmental and shares the WORD in creative ways which helps others to apply the Scriptures to their lives & culture without compromise. Besides ministries at the Verdugo Community Church (Bible, Open Mic Night, Urban Arts Ministry) he also encounters homeless camps, film and TV Professionals, drug addicts, and various neighborhoods. His approach is that of a resource manager; using his network connections to help the needy; not unlike **Jesus** saying: "I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matt 25:36