East District
Desert Southwest Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 30, 2023

Dayspring United Methodist Church
1365 E. Elliot Rd.
Tempe, AZ 85284

Dear Members and Friends of Dayspring UMC,

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 Pastor Michael Long as a licensed local pastor to serve as Associate Pastor at Dayspring UMC, effective July 1, 2023. Pastor Long currently serves at Village UMC in Oklahoma City, OK.

Pastor Long has most recently been serving as a local pastor in the Oklahoma Conference and is excited to be relocating to the Desert Southwest Conference. Pastor Michael is a compassionate, unconventional humanitarian with a heart for God and God's people. Pastor Michael believes in authenticity, openness and divine creativity as the church strives to bridge the gap between tradition and innovation. Pastor Michael's gifts of creating and engaging community will be a blessing to Dayspring UMC as you continue grow at both the Tempe and Arcadia campuses.

The Bishop and Cabinet are praying for you during this time of transition, as you find ways to say farewell to Rev. Bullock and to welcome Pastor Long. We pray you will know and feel God's presence and peace in all that you do.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Melissa Rynders
Missional Strategist & Superintendent

cc: Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut, Rev. Jeff Procter-Murphy, Pastor Michael Long

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