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INDIANA CONFERENCE AND GAMMON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY PARTNER TO RESOURCE MINISTRY LEADERS READY TO SERVE

Ready to Serve is a recruitment opportunity for interested persons of color (seminarians or alum) who would like to gain exposure to District Superintendents from Annual Conferences who are looking for people to serve appointments in their areas. This online facilitated connector community takes place on March 16th at 7 pm est and will gather diverse ministry leaders from various contexts.

"We are excited to partner with our annual conferences in an intentional way to engage leaders with opportunities to serve this present age," says Dr. Candace Lewis, President-Dean of Gammon Theological Seminary. "Furthermore, by attending Ready to Serve, leaders will be able to explore resources and opportunities to use their gifts to lead within the United Methodist Church," Lewis said.

Dr. Aleze Fulbright, Conference Superintendent, Central District Indiana Conference, exclaims, "Ready to Serve has dual purposes. Firstly, persons of color interested in pastoral service in the United Methodist Church will be provided diverse opportunities for discerning. Then secondly, District Superintendents of Annual Conferences across the Connection who are looking to recruit persons of color will explore possibilities to fill open appointments.

Director of Recruitment, Retention, and Innovation, Rev. Nathalie Nelson Parker, explains, "Last year's online gathering provided fruitful outcomes that have provided fulfilling ministry settings for leaders to practice ministry and excited annual conferences to attract innovative, disciplined and gifted pastoral leaders." Rev. Parker asserts, "This is not just an online experience, but a connector community committed to helping ministry leaders get clarity on who God is calling them to be and where God is calling them to serve."

Ministry Leaders and Conferences are invited to register at www.gammon-itc.org/readytoserve. Please stay connected with us on social media on Facebook and Instagram @Gammon1883. For more information, contact Rev. Nathalie Nelson Parker via email at connect@gammon-itc.org.

Motto:

Light, Freedom, Truth, be ever these our own:
Light to seek the Truth, Freedom to make it known:
Our work, God's work, our will, His will alone.