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Dear Pastors and Deacons of the California-Nevada Annual Conference,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ in this season of Pentecost power!

I write to share with you the appointment of the Reverend Kristie L. Olah as the next District Superintendent of the San Jose District, effective July 1, 2008. Kristie will succeed the Rev. Nymphas Edwards who has served as a member of the conference since 1992 and as San Jose District Superintendent for the past six years.

Kristie Olah earned her Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received her Master of Divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. In 1996, Kristie became a full member of the California-Nevada conference.

Kristie has served St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Palo Alto as well as Los Altos United Methodist Church as Minister of Discipleship. She is currently in her fifth year as Senior Pastor at The Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Cupertino, which includes working with the Chinese-speaking congregation and Rev. Gail Pek-Khing Chiew, Associate Pastor. The San Jose District has benefited from her leadership as Chair of the Church Location and Building Committee and the District Committee on Ordained Ministry. At the Conference level, Kristie chaired the Commission on the Annual Conference Session for four years. In addition, she helped to form and lead the Conference Vision Diversity Team. At this time, Kristie serves as a co-Chair of the Order of Elders.

Kristie is married to Robert Olah, a semiconductor design engineering manager. They have three children - Ryan, a manager with US Fish and Wildlife in Sacramento; Andrea, a biology teacher at a vocational college in Bellingham, Washington; and Erik, a middle school science teacher in San Jose. Bob and Kristie have two grandsons, Brandon and Nathan.

As your Bishop, I know Kristie's commitment to transformational leadership, our conference vision, and church revitalization and growth. I welcome her to this covenant we share.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Beverly J. Shamana

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