

EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR January 6, 2016

*Happy 3-Kings Day!
Merry Epiphany!*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LENTEN DAY APART FOR CLERGY IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Location: Aldersgate UMC, 2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington DE

Keynote Speaker and Worship Service Preacher: Bishop Young Jin Cho, Virginia Annual Conference

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM – Coffee and Tea, sign in by all clergy in fellowship hall
- 9:00 AM – Keynote Presentation on Prayer
- 10:30 AM – Worship Service and Communion

Bio: Bishop Cho

Young Jin Cho was elected a bishop and consecrated at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held July 18-20, 2012, in Lake Junaluska NC. He is the first Korean-American elected to the episcopacy in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. While it is uncommon for a newly-elected bishop to be returned to his or her home conference, Cho was assigned to come home to Virginia to lead the Virginia Conference for the next four years.

Cho was born Sept. 17, 1946, in Onyang, South Korea, and graduated from Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea, where he received a Th.B. and a Th.M. He came to the United States in 1979 and received an M. Div and D. Min. from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He was ordained in the East Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church in 1977 and transferred to the Virginia Conference in 1983.

He was senior pastor of Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington (KUMCGW) in McLean, for 22 years before being appointed superintendent of the Arlington District in 2005. In his ministry as a District Superintendent, Cho continued to focus on Christ's vision for the Arlington District. After prayerful discernment, his ministry concentrated on three areas: developing new faith communities, revitalizing existing churches by transforming clergy leadership and strengthening connectionalism. In seven years, under his leadership, the Arlington District started more than 10 new faith communities and introduced many training events for the clergy and laity to strengthen spiritual foundation of ministry. He always emphasized that Christ should be the Lord in our mission and ministries, and prayer should go first.

Bishop Cho and his wife, Kiok, a deacon in full connection, have two daughters, Grace and Sophia, and one son, Chris.

INVITATION TO MOVIE SCREENING OF "GOD'S NOT DEAD 2"

Pure Flix invites key East District leadership and pastors plus a guest to a very special pre-release screening of **GOD'S NOT DEAD 2**, the highly anticipated follow-up to **God's Not Dead**, on **Tuesday, January 26th** at **7 pm** at **AMC Neshaminy 24**, 660 Neshaminy Mall, Bensalem, PA 19020. In this new movie, an epic court case could expel God from the public square once and for all. This is an inspirational story about a teacher who is willing to stand for her faith no matter what the cost. *"From the college classroom of **God's Not Dead** to the public square in **GOD'S NOT DEAD 2**, the name of Jesus is welcomed less and less with each passing day. If Christians don't take a stand today, will we even have a choice tomorrow?* Coming to theaters beginning April 1, **GOD'S NOT DEAD 2** is a powerful call to action and a vivid reminder that taking a stand for Jesus could soon cost you everything. Where will you stand?

"The King will reply,

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

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