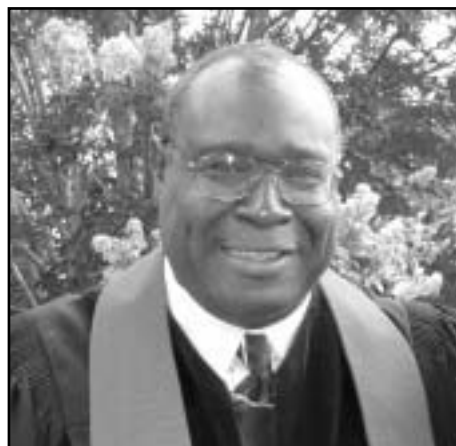


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Bishop Swanson

Exchange

● **KINGSPORT, Tenn.** – First Broad Street UMC seeks full-time minister/director of outreach/assimilation. Call Rev. Jack Edwards at (423) 246-4471. **L**

● **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** – Clergy spouse wants to give away 10-year-old clergy robe. Also available, for sale: Holston Conference *Journals* from the late 1800s and beyond. Contact Virginia Mitchell at (865) 525-7688 or jennym_703@msn.com.

● **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** – Sand Branch UMC seeks a part-time music director. Send resume to Sand Branch UMC, 2301 Thorn Grove Pike, Knoxville, TN 37914, Attn: pastor. Questions? Call (865) 524-7601. **M**

● **DANDRIDGE, Tenn.** – Shady Grove UMC seeks a full-time director of youth and children's ministries. College degree preferred. Send a resume and contact information to: Shady Grove UMC, Attn: Sean Glenn, Staff Parish Relations Team, 1675 H. Patterson Road, Dandridge, TN 37725. **M**

● **RINER, Va.** – Auburn UMC seeks choir director. One Sunday service and one Wednesday practice per week. Job description available. Call (540) 382-4478. Leave message on voice mail.

● **LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C.** – The Southeastern Jurisdiction Administrative Council seeks a director of ministries with young people. Qualifications: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to a Bachelor's degree in a related field and 2-3 years relevant experience. Send resumes by Sept. 10 to: HR Department, Office of Human Resources, P.O. Box 67, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745. **■**

Hello, Holston It's transition time

Delphine, JaNaé and Joshua join me in greeting you and thanking you for your warm and welcoming spirit. Your hospitality has helped us to enjoy a smooth transition from the eastern shores of Georgia to the mountains of Southwest Virginia, East Tennessee and Dade County, Ga.

It appears to me that *transition* is one of the constant experiences of being a United Methodist. We are a people that definitely have our share of *transitions*. Clergypersons experience transition as we move from one appointment to another. The nature of our itinerant ministry demands that we be adaptable to different climates, surroundings, styles of worship, structures of buildings, and local church organizational structures, as well as understanding of local nuances and the changing demands of ministry.

Though laypersons do not itinerate, they too experience *transition* as they adjust to a different preacher. Because we humans seek to avoid unpleasant experiences of life, we often dread *transition*. But we must be reminded that we are called by God to always be on the move. In fact, most of our living

is spent in transitions – especially when we think about the fact that every day is a *transition*. Each day is a day we have never experienced before.

I love music, and in music you have what is called moves. This is where a composer shifts the beat, the mood, or the tempo of the music. The skilled composers use moves to change the effect, keep the song interesting, and ensure that it is not monotonous but inspiring to the listener, moving the listener to another level in his or her musical experience. My arrival in Holston Conference as your new servant bishop is another *transition* for you and me. Just know that God is with us in this *transition*. We are part of a great caravan of witnesses to God's ability to move us to another level.

The heroes and heroines of the faith listed in Hebrews Chapter 11 experienced God's power that leads us from one level to another. They stand as testimonies to us to never fear *transition* because it is the way to victory, growth and greater service to God.

Hello, Holston. It's *transition time*. **■**



Bishop Swanson and his family. From left to right: JaNaé, age 15; Bishop Swanson; Delphine; and Joshua, age 14. Holston members are invited to a "Service Celebrating the Assignment of Bishop James Edward Swanson Sr." at Munsey Memorial United Methodist Church, Johnson City, Tenn., Saturday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m.

New address for Bishop C.

Bishop Ray Chamberlain, who retires on Sept. 1, offers his new mailing addresses to Holston Conference members.

His home address is 324 Tudor Drive, Winchester, VA 22603.

His office address is Shenandoah University, 1460 University Drive, Winchester, VA 22601-5195. **■**



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