



RARITAN VALLEY DISTRICT
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NORTHERN SHORE DISTRICT
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Dear Colleagues on the Raritan Valley and Northern Shore Districts,

Peace and grace my brothers and sisters! I cannot thank you enough for all the ways you are courageously leading and serving Christ with grace, passion and innovation as we find a new normal in the world around us. On top of reopening churches in the safest way possible, those of you on the Northern Shore District have transitioned to working with me as your new District Superintendent. I thank God for each of the pastors on Raritan Valley and Northern Shore who continue to find ways to lead with love, grace, and risk-taking innovation and continue to pray for your strength, courage, and resiliency.

This July marks the beginning of my third year as District Superintendent and once again it is time to prepare for the upcoming church conference season. This message is to provide you with important information about the upcoming conferences. Please review carefully and plan accordingly.

2021 Church Conference Fall Season: This year Church Conferences will be held over ZOOM on dates ranging from October 16th through November 6th, 2021. Our dedicated Circuit Leaders will be assisting me in presiding over conferences this year as you will see when you review the schedule. As per our previous practice all yoked churches served by the same pastor will meet together on the same ZOOM call, but will vote individually. Conferences are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays. To ensure safety, all conferences will be held via ZOOM—which allows for phone call or video connection and encourages greater attendance as no travel is involved. All conferences are being called as church conferences and anyone from your congregations is invited to participate in the ZOOM.

Schedule of Church Conferences: Please see the schedule attached along with this letter. In September, you will receive information about the agenda for the meeting, instructions for our time together and a ZOOM link to share with your leadership. Please save the date now for your ZOOM Church Conference.

***Church Conference Paperwork is DUE Monday, September 20th, 2021 regardless of the date of your individual conference.** [Click here](#) for links to all required Church Conference reports and instructions. I encourage you to begin your preparations for church conference paperwork, which will be available to access online by August 2nd, 2021. Remember that it is the pastor's responsibility to ensure that all church conference paperwork is completed properly and submitted on time.

Brothers and sisters, I believe that God is doing a new thing—even amidst such trying times—and I am excited about the opportunities ahead for our ministry together on the Raritan Valley and Northern Shore Districts and, most importantly, in your local church and community.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Sang Won Doh
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