



RARITAN SHORE DISTRICT

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Dear Colleagues on the Raritan Shore District,

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. I thank God for each of the pastors on Raritan 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 fourth 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.

2022 Church Conference Fall Season: This year, Church Conferences will be held in person during the month of October. Many have expressed their desire to meet in person but driving distance is a challenge. We will try a new model – to meet as nine different clusters which are divided regionally. It won't be more than 25 minutes to get to each host church. Clergy of host churches will work with other participating clergy to prepare the worship together. Our dedicated Circuit Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Regional Directors, and other Elders will be assisting me in presiding over conferences this year. Elders are invited to preside at least one time, possibly more, besides their own conference. As per our previous practice, all yoked churches served by the same pastor will meet together but will vote individually. Conferences are scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays.

Schedule of Church Conferences: Please [click here](#) to see the schedule. In September, you will receive information about the agenda for the meeting and instructions for our time together. Please save the date now for your Church Conference.

***Church Conference Paperwork is due Monday, September 19, 2022 regardless of the date of your conference.** [Click here](#) for a link to all required Church Conference reports and instructions. I encourage you to begin your preparations for the paperwork which will be available to access online the week of August 1, 2022. 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 Shore District and, most importantly, in your local church and community.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Sang Won Doh
Raritan Shore District Superintendent