

**A Service Celebrating the Appointment of
Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz
to the
Central East District of the
North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church**

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Prelude

The Greeting and Welcome Jeffrey Fuller

Call to Worship Jeffrey Fuller

Psalter Psalm 100 Esther Ho

Special Music Sugarloaf UMC

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 1: 8-9 Juan Quintanilla

Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 5: 1-7 Allen Hoskyn

Gospel Lesson John 21: 15-17 Titus Constantine

Introduction of the District Superintendent Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

The Covenant Service Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz, you have been appointed to be among us
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament;
and called to a special ministry of supervision and leadership.
You are called to guard the faith, to seek the unity,
and to exercise the discipline of the Church,
and to supervise and support the Church's life, work, and mission.
Do you affirm your commitment to these ministries in our midst?

Dr. Cruz:

I affirm my commitment to these ministries in your midst.

Bishop to people:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness,
will you support and uphold Dr. Cruz in these ministries?

People:

We welcome you.

We celebrate your appointment to the Central East District.

We affirm your leadership.

We pledge to you our support

in our mutual ministry in the name of Jesus.

Presentation of Signs of the District Superintendency

Joe Gaunt, chair of District Superintendency Committee

Members of the District Superintendency Committee:

Jeffrey Fuller (Bible), Beth Gavin (Water), John Purrington (Bread and Cup),

Rodney Dexter (Hymnal & Book of Worship), Carlos Paz (Towel & Basin),

Juan Quintanilla (Book of Discipline), Michele Lancaster (Globe)

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Take this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the Word, for the edification of believers and the conversion of the world. **Amen.**

Take this water, be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours. **Amen.**

Take this bread and cup and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

Take this hymnal and *Book of Worship* to guide us in our prayer and praise. **Amen.**

Take this towel and this basin and be among us as one who serves. **Amen.**

Take this *Book of Discipline* and strengthen our connections as United Methodists. **Amen.**

Take this globe and lead us in our mission to all the world. **Amen.**

Take this stole and shepherd the people of the Central East District as their pastor. **Amen.**

The Prayer for the District Superintendent

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Special Music

Suwanee Worship Center

The Message

Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz

The Prayer

Allen Hoskyn

Eternal God, bless the ministries of your church.

We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Draw us together in one spirit,

That each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body.

May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness.

And may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only.

Send us out to be one in service to others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth

Bethlehem First UMC

Dismissal with Blessing

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson