



**Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble
to become Iowa's Bishop**



The Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy has assigned Bishop Julius Calvin Trimble to the Iowa Area of the church. He will serve as the spiritual leader of the state's 192,000 United Methodists beginning September 1, 2008.

Bishop Trimble succeeds Bishop Gregory Palmer, who has been the Resident Bishop of the Iowa area since 2000. Bishop Palmer was assigned by the Committee on the Episcopacy to the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference.

The announcement of Bishop Trimble's assignment to Iowa was made at the conclusion of the Consecration Service on July 19. Earlier, Bishop Trimble had been elected to the episcopacy on the twenty-fourth ballot of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference on Friday, July 18, 2008.

...from Bishop Trimble's biographical statement to the North Central Jurisdictional Conference...

"Rev. Dr. Julius C. Trimble was born June 18, 1954 in Chicago, Illinois. He is the fourth of six children born to John and Marybelle Pryor Trimble of Montgomery, Alabama. A lifelong Methodist, Julius was nurtured in the faith as a child, youth, and young adult at Christ United Methodist Church in Chicago, Illinois. Active in Methodist Youth Fellowship, Young Life Urban Ministries, and United Methodist Camping, Julius answered the call to preach at age 16.

After the death of his father in 1969, Julius was mentored by strong Christian men including his pastor, Dr. John Porter. Demonstrating leadership at a young age, Julius served as president of the Youth Fellowship where he became a certified lay speaker as a teen and was elected local church lay leader at age 24.

Attending Illinois State University Julius began dating his future wife Racelder Grandberry also a native of Chicago, Illinois. Married in 1979, they celebrated 29 years of marriage on May 12, 2008. They

are parents of three young adult children - Cameron, 26, lives in Philadelphia, PA; Candiace, 23, lives in Hampton, VA; and their youngest Julius Thomas, 20, is a junior at Howard University in Washington, D.C. With 25 years as an ordained United Methodist Pastor, Julius began his pastoral ministry in the Northern Illinois Conference."

Service to the Church...

Most recently Bishop Trimble had served as Senior Pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, he has served churches in Cleveland and Chicago and was Superintendent of the Cleveland District from 1996-2003. He has been a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Church and Society of the East Ohio Conference. In addition, he served as Legislative Chairperson of Section One, Church and Society at the 2008 General Conference.

Read about Bishop Trimble's Leadership in the church on the conference website at www.iaumc.org