



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church

April 25, 2018

Dear Morristown Church Family and Friends,

For this week's e-note, I am sharing with you the following devotion which I wrote for the "40 Days of Prayer" Project of our Annual Conference:

"God gave his law to Jacob's descendants, the people of Israel. And he told our ancestors to teach their children, so that each new generation would know his law and tell it to the next. Then they would trust God and obey his teachings, without forgetting anything God had done." - Psalm 78: 5-7 (CEV)

I love young people and believe in them. For these reasons I am joyfully serving to advance the work of the Next Generation Ministries of GNJ. Our vision is to 'cultivate new generations of enthusiastic disciples of Jesus Christ that connect, engage and lead in their congregations and communities to transform the world.'

When I read and reflect on this powerful vision, I think of young friends like Jack Tironi and Hayoung Kang who are positively responding to the call to pastoral ministry. I also think of many multicultural young people who are eagerly participating in life-changing missions and ministries. When I see them, I am filled with excitement, gratitude and hope for the future.

For these and many more young, enthusiastic disciples of Jesus Christ, I invite you to consider giving two gifts: your prayers and investment. Let us pray earnestly for the Spirit of the Lord to bless our summer camps, youth ministry, IGNITE, and campus ministries. Let us, then, invest generously our time and resources to grow these vital ministries. For our summer camps scholarship fund for those in need, the Next Generation Ministries board members are giving their first seed money because they too love young people and believe in them. I believe you do, too."

- Rev. Dr. Brandon Cho,
President of the Next Generation Ministries of GNJ Board.

Let us pray: Lord we earnestly pray for an excitement in our children, youth and teens for the opportunities that are being offered. Fill our summer camps with laughter and friendship. Create excitement in our youth for deepening their relationship with you and with each other through IGNITE. Amen.

This coming Saturday, we will take 15-17 youth to meet with Bishop Schol and other Conference leaders. Pastor Charles, Cesar Torres and I will go with them. At 2:30 p.m. on the same Saturday, Jack Scharf will be honored with the GNJ Laity Ministry Service Award at the Mission and Resource Center (205 Jumping Brook Rd., Neptune, NJ 07753). If you can attend this joyous event for Jack, please join us.

My special thanks to all of our Chancel Choir members, and Sarah and Jennifer, for the most memorable Messiah Concert last Saturday evening. I will treasure this experience for many years to come.

This coming Sunday, Pastor Charles Perez will bring the message on "Clear Connections" based on John 15:1-8. It is always good to have Pastor Charles to join us in worship. Please join us. Also, would you keep Kris Hansen in your prayers, too, as she will be leading the worship service and preach for Pastor Charles at Dover First UMC.

Enjoy this Spring weather and see you in Church.

Pastor Brandon