



Connections

Highlighting the shared ministry of the people of
The Wyoming Annual Conference

Meet Our New Episcopal Leader

Bishop Jane Allen Middleton to lead the Susquehanna Annual Conference

Jane Stewart Allen Middleton was born in St. Louis, Missouri, to Dorothy Mae Nelson and Jack Allen. Because of her father's work in sales and marketing management for an oil company, they moved frequently living in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

She met her husband, Jack, at Oklahoma State University and they were married October 15, 1961. They have two daughters, Mari and Laura and four grandchildren.

Bishop Middleton received a B.S. in Education in 1962 from Oklahoma State and taught at Sumner High School in St. Louis. She spent many years as a stay-at-home mom, active in her church and community in Oklahoma and Connecticut.

A 1978 graduate of Yale Divinity School, she was ordained

deacon in 1977 and elder in 1980 by Bishop Ralph Wardin the New York Annual Conference and served churches in Simsbury, Naugatuck, and New Canaan, CT.

She was responsible for Spiritual Life for clergy and laity on Conference staff and was District Superintendent from 1999 until her election to the episcopacy in the Northeastern Jurisdiction in 2004. She trained at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation and leads retreats and conferences on the spiritual life.

Since her assignment to the Harrisburg Area, her emphasis has been assisting churches in growth and in empowering clergy for effectiveness.

Bishop Middleton served as a delegate to four General

Conferences and to the World Methodist Council in 2001. She has been part of design teams for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Consultation on Spirituality, Training for new District Superintendents and Directors of Connectional Ministries and the Clergy Women's Consultation.

Bishop Middleton has also been active in the mission field, participating in four Volunteer in Mission projects in Bolivia before being elected a bishop and joining in mission experiences with the Central Pennsylvania Conference to Puerto Rico in 2005 and Bolivia in 2010.

Final Issue

This is the last issue to be produced of Connections for the Wyoming Conference. Beginning July 1, our churches will become part of two new annual conferences.

It has been a pleasure serving the people of the Wyoming Conference for the past 13 years. I look forward to relating with many of you in new ways in the days and years ahead.

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