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I was born and raised in Pakistan, where I enjoyed growing up with six brothers and a sister. My Father, Rev. Yaqub Khan, was a professor of Church History and Biblical Languages in the Gujranwala Theological Seminary. I graduated from Gordon College in Rawalpindi, Pakistan with a B.A in 1971. I received M.Div in 1986, from Lancaster Theological Seminary. My First appointment was on July 1, 1986 at Cumbola/Covenant United Methodist Church in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania. I was ordained a Deacon in 1987, and then an Elder in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference in June of 1989. In July 1991 I was transferred to Harmony United Methodist Church in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. In July 2000 I was transferred to Bethany United Methodist Church in Palmyra, Pennsylvania. And most recently in 2003, I was called to serve Middletown Christ United Methodist Church. Since March 2009, I have also been serving Parkside United Methodist Church.

My wife Doni and I have been married for 32 years. She comes from a Christian family, her Father was a principal of a high school founded and supported by the United Methodist Church. We have two sons Sharoon, and Zimran, both of which are currently attending college. All of us are American citizens.

As a pastor, the major function of my ministry is, and always will be to preach the word of God, share the good news of God's redeeming love revealed in the life, death and resurrection of his son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. I am to lead the people of my congregation from where they are to where God wants them to be. The worship service is where the uplifting of mind and spirit takes place and where commitment is made. We worship God the creator not only for his majesty and glory, but also for the love that gave us his only son, that through faith in him all humanity may receive eternal life.

I believe that the church of tomorrow is the Sunday school of today. To me each church is unique, the congregation and the pastoral leadership must discover what God is calling them to do. I also realize that being a pastor I have the responsibility for the entire program of the church ministry that includes, Worship, Preaching, Sunday School, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Administration. I believe that God's love is sustaining and putting us together to be a fellowship of the followers of Jesus Christ: This Christian fellowship demands that we worship and pray, learn and serve, laugh and cry, extend love and mercy together. As we live and work for him, God will bless us and make us a blessing for others in our community and the world.

Yours in His service,

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