

Bishop Sally Dyck and the NIC Cabinet are pleased to make the appointment of the Rev. Tércio B. Junker to Poplar Grove UMC effective January 1, 2021, for the following reasons:

- **Good preacher and teacher**
- **Heart for Pastoral Care**
- **Great worship leader and musician**
- **Relational**
- **Community minded**



Rev. Dr. Tércio Bretanha Junker has been a Brazilian Methodist Elder since March 1992 and a NIC Affiliate member since May 2020. He served as a Methodist Associate Pastor to three congregations and as Senior Pastor to two congregations from 1985 to 1996 and 2003 to 2006 in São Paulo, Brazil. Rev. Dr. Junker holds a Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2003. He also holds two master's degrees in Theology (ISEDET, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1993) and Master Theology Studies – Church Music and Choral Conducting (Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, 1999). He also holds a Bachelor's degree in Theology (Brazilian Methodist Seminary, São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil, 1985). Rev. Dr. Junker returned to the US in June of 2006 when he was appointed the Assistant Professor of Worship and Director of the Sweeney Chapel at Christian Theological Seminary, where he worked until June 2015. In July 2015, Rev. Dr. Junker started working at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary as the Regional Director of the Course of Study and Dean of the Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful, where he also taught liturgy courses. As a liturgist, musician, and composer, he has vast experience in ecumenical contexts in Brazil, Latin America, Caribe, Europe, and the US. The two most recent work for international organizations was his appointment as Music Director for the 10th World Council of Churches Assembly, held in Busan – South Korea, 2013, and as a workshop facilitator at the 21st World Methodist Conference, Houston, Texas, 2016. As a Choir Conductor and producer, he recorded six choral CDs. Rev. Dr. Junker is the author of several articles, book chapters, liturgical resources, and the author of *Prophetic Liturgy: Toward a Transforming Christian Praxis*, PICKWICK Publications, 2014. Rev. Dr. Junker is married to Dr. Débora Barbosa Agra Junker, the Associate Professor of Critical Pedagogy at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. They have three children and one granddaughter: Dr. Yohana Agra Junker who resides in Oregon, Louise Agra Junker who is married to Rafael de Freitas Ferreira, parents of Alice Junker Ferreira who reside in California, and Tércio Agra Junker who resides in Indiana.

