

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

of

Rev. Dr. E. Thomas Murphy, Jr.

Name: E. Thomas (Tom) Murphy, Jr.

Pastor Tom and his wife Dreanna are natives of Norfolk, Virginia, and both grew up in Epworth United Methodist Church in that city. Together they have three children: Lorrie, Tom III, and Foster. They have five grandchildren.

Pastor Tom was educated at Granby High School in Norfolk; Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia; and Duke Theological Seminary, Durham, North Carolina.

In addition to having served as the District Superintendent of the Charlottesville District of the Virginia Conference, he has served the following churches in the Virginia Conference:

Greene Memorial in Roanoke; St. Marks in Hampton; Otterbein in Harrisonburg; River Road in Richmond; Fort Hill in Lynchburg; Virginia Beach in Virginia Beach; Asbury in Harrisonburg; and Fairfax in the city of Fairfax. In addition he has served as an Intentional Interim Pastor at the Port Republic Church in Port Republic and New Hope Church in New Hope.

Pastor Tom has served as Executive Director of Industrial Commercial Ministries; a Chaplain in the United States Army; helped form the Chaplaincy Ministry at the Rockingham Memorial Hospital; served on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, and is presently serving on the Board of Trustees of Eastern Mennonite University. In addition, he is in his fourteenth year as Chaplain of the Harrisonburg Police Department.

Among Pastor Tom's involvement in the Virginia Conference, the Boards and Agencies he has served are as follows: Chair of the Children's Home in Richmond; Chair of the Blackstone Assembly Center; Chair of Board of Evangelism; member of the Boards of Missions, Church & Society, Higher Education & Campus Ministries, and the Historical Society. He has been a Jurisdictional Delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdiction seven times and three times as a Delegate to the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

In Addition Pastor Tom is on the Seminary Committee for Eastern Mennonite University; Chaplain for the Harrisonburg District and a member of the District Council on Ministries.