

visited the Mohawk District, where they went to the Queensbury United Methodist Church. At the beginning of the evening presentation, Bishop Webb called Mohawk District Superintendent the Rev. Abel Roy to the front of the sanctuary and asked attendees to lay hands on Rev. Roy as Bishop Webb prayed over him.

Crossroads District Day

On Jan. 14, Crossroads District clergy and laity gathered with Bishop Webb. At the beginning of the morning session, Bishop Webb invited forward Crossroads District Superintendent the Rev. Nola Anderson and the Rev. Everett Bassett, the future superintendent for the Oneonta District, and invited all those gathered to come forward and pray for the pair.

Go to www.unyumc.org/news/article/bishop-webb-continues-2015-2016-district-days-tour to read more.

Bishop Webb names new district superintendents

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is pleased to announce the appointment of two new district superintendents. The Rev. Vonda Fossitt, pastor at the High Street United Methodist Church in Binghamton, will be superintendent of the Genesee Valley District, and the Rev. Everett Bassett, pastor at the Cicero UMC, will be superintendent of the Oneonta District. The appointments are effective July 1.



Rev. Fossitt



Rev. Bassett

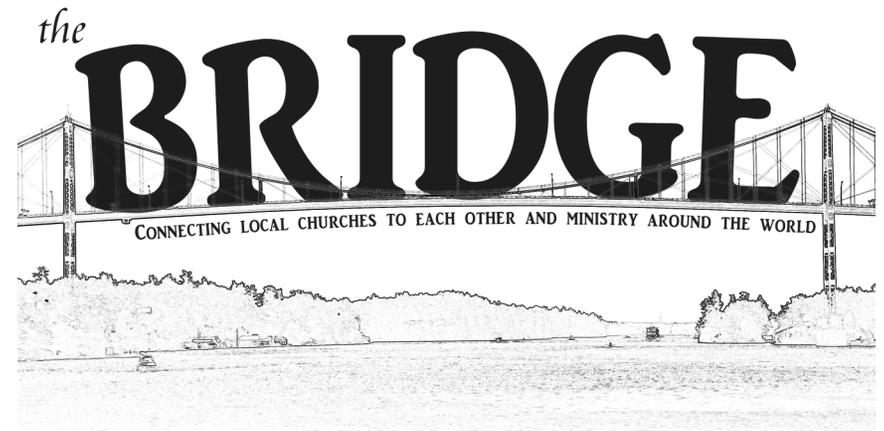
“Both Rev. Fossitt and Rev. Bassett offer passionate and gifted leadership. ... Each of them has extensive leadership experience within their respective districts,” Bishop Webb said. “I am thrilled to have them join the work of the Cabinet.”

Go to www.tinyurl.com/zm87osq to read the full story.

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Congratulations to the UNY churches that contributed 100 percent

The Upper New York Conference would like to extend sincere thanks to all the Upper New York churches that paid 100 percent of their 2015 Ministry Share. We would also like to thank those churches that went above and beyond, paying more than their share.

“Ministry shares are the financial expression of our United Methodist Connection,” said Conference Treasurer Kevin Domanico. “Through our connection, amazing ministry is being done throughout the Upper New York Conference and the world. Praise be to God, and thank you to all those who are a part of this life-changing ministry!”

To see a list of congregations that have paid 100 percent of their 2015 Ministry Share, visit www.tinyurl.com/ministry-share-2015. Ministry Shares were due to the Conference Office by Jan. 12; that website listing of churches paying 100 percent will have a final update when the 2015 books have been closed.

Questions regarding your church’s Ministry Share may be directed to Mike Weaver in the Conference Finance Office at (855) 424-7878 ext. 315 or MikeWeaver@unyumc.org.



If your church was not able to pay 100 percent of your ministry shares, now is the time to start working towards that goal for 2016. The Upper New York Conference Communications team has pulled together the Ministry Shares toolbox – available at www.unyumc.org/resources/ministry-shares-toolbox – to help you in this work.

“Our United Methodist connection expressed through Ministry Shares is an amazing story to tell,” said Stephen J. Hustedt, Upper New York Conference Director of Communications. “No individual church, no matter how many members it has, could achieve what we achieve through our United Methodist Connection and Ministry Shares, but sometimes it is hard to know where to start telling the story. That’s why we’ve put

together the Ministry Shares toolbox on the Conference website. It is full of videos, brochures, articles, and other resources to help you get started.”

Those interested in receiving help or ideas for achieving their 2016 Ministry Share can also contact the Finance Ministry Area. Go to www.unyumc.org/about/finance for more information.

Bishop Webb visits UNY districts during 2015-2016 District Days tour

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb kicked off his 2015-2016 District Days tour in late October last year and has since visited the Niagara Frontier, Cornerstone, Binghamton, Mohawk, and Crossroads districts. Bishop Webb will visit each of the districts in the Upper New York Conference during the tour, spending the morning and lunch with clergy and hosting an evening session open to both laity and clergy. The theme of the tour is “Increasing Our Capacity: A Time of Conversation and Encouragement.” Visit www.unyumc.org/news/article/District

-Days-Review-2015 for a full story on the District Days tour. Below are some unique happenings at each of the district days.

Cornerstone District Day

On Nov. 16, 2015, Cornerstone District clergy and laity gathered at the Christ First UMC in Jamestown for the 2015 Cornerstone District Day with Bishop Webb. During the evening session, the Rev. Steven Taylor, pastor at the Panama UMC, presented the Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding, Conference Director of Connectional Ministries and Executive

Assistant to the Bishop, with a check for Africa 360.

Niagara Frontier District

On Nov. 17, 2015, Niagara Frontier District clergy and laity spent time with Bishop Webb at the Clarence UMC for the 2015 Niagara Frontier District Day. The evening session kicked off with songs from the praise band from the Clarence UMC and included a skit, which featured “Starducks Coffee.”

Binghamton District Day

Laity and clergy in the Binghamton District met with Bishop Webb, Rev.

Gottschalk-Fielding, and Conference Director of Vital Congregations the Rev. Dr. Aaron Bouwens on Nov. 19, 2015. During this fifth stop, a Doug’s Fish Fry mobile unit – a food truck specializing in seafood with a home-base in Cortland – was on hand and part of the proceeds from Doug’s sales in Endwell go to benefit Red Bird Mission and Clinic in Kentucky.

Mohawk District Day

On Jan. 11, Bishop Webb, Rev. Gottschalk-Fielding, and Rev. Bouwens

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