

Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson

Rev. Sue Hauptert-Johnson, 54, is the Florida Annual Conference nominee for the 2016 episcopal elections to be held in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. As first-elected clergy delegate at Annual Conference 2015, she is also Florida's clergy delegation leader for General Conference 2016.

Sue has served as the North Central District Superintendent of the Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church since July 2013. A Florida native, she is a graduate of the University of Florida (B.S. in Business Administration), University of Florida College of Law (J.D.), and Candler School of Theology at Emory University (M.Div.). She was a federal law clerk and a litigator with the Tampa law firm of Carlton, Fields before she answered her call to ministry. After graduating *summa cum laude* from Candler, she was ordained a deacon in the Florida Annual Conference in 1996 and an elder in 1998. She subsequently served pastoral appointments as an associate pastor at 4,500-member First UMC, Lakeland; as pastor of a 300-member rural/suburban church, Hillsborough UMC, Tampa; and as a lead pastor of two large-membership churches, First UMC, Cape Coral, and First UMC, Ocala.

As district superintendent, Sue oversees 83 churches in north central Florida, a diverse area of very large and very small churches, urban, suburban, and rural churches; African-American, Haitian, and Hispanic churches; a Native American ministry; a large camp and retreat center, and a vibrant campus ministry. She is the "missional strategist" for this region, equipping and resourcing churches for ministry and helping them work together to reach their mission fields for Jesus Christ.

A leader in the Annual Conference, Sue served for six years as the Chair of the Order of Elders, calling elders to accountability and seeking to deepen the covenant between clergy. She currently serves on the Conference Strategic Leadership Team and the Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits. She chaired the Conference Standing Rules Committee and the Resolutions Committee. She served on the Board of Ordained Ministry for nine years and helped shape the development of the Center for Clergy Excellence. She has represented the Florida Conference at the quadrennial United Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference three times and the United Methodist General Conference in 2008 and 2012. She also was chairperson of the Judicial Administration Legislative Committee at the 2012 General Conference.

Sue serves as the chair of the Alumni Board of Candler School of Theology at Emory University and on the Board of Trustees of Bethune Cookman University.

Sue is married to Rev. Allen Johnson, who serves at First UMC, Ocala. They have a daughter, Samantha, who is 14. Sue enjoys NCAA football and basketball, all things Broadway, reading, movies, yoga, and running.