

McDonough First UMC pastor invited to serve as theologian in residence at Camp Glisson

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McDonough First United Methodist Church pastor, Rev. Dr. Nathaniel A. Long, was invited to serve as the theologian in residence at Camp Glisson during the week of June 22-29.

Each summer, Camp Glisson partners with a United Methodist clergy member to serve as the theologian in residence (TIR) for each camp session. This role is all about presence —building relationships with campers and staff in Glisson's Village, Sparrowwood, and Outpost programs. The TIR walks alongside campers throughout the week, not only leading chapel and preaching but also climbing walls, hiking trails, and joining in the day-to-day fun of camp life. This helps campers experience pastors in a real and approachable way, creating space for deep conversations and helping young people connect faith to everyday life.

The core responsibilities of the TIR include:

- Collaborating with campers and staff to design daily worship experiences
- Preaching and interpreting the daily scripture themes during morning and evening chapels
- Participating in activities with camper groups to build relationships and encourage open conversations
- Leading the camp's closing Holy Communion service on Friday

This opportunity is a special recognition of a pastor's gifts and reflects the value Camp Glisson places on building relationships with clergy who can effectively minister to young people and help them grow in their faith.

For more information about Camp Glisson, visit www.glisson.org. For more information about McDonough First UMC visit: mcdonoughfumc.org.

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