

## REV. JULIA YEONHEE YIM

District Superintendent, LIE



**Ministry** Rev. Julia YeonHee Yim has been serving in full time pastoral ministry since 1990, and 25 of those years as an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She is deeply grateful to the LORD for the honor and the privilege to serve Him in His Church as a district superintendent for the past 8 years, overseeing the great Long Island East District, its wonderful and diverse churches and serving with esteemed and faithful colleagues in ministry. She served five churches in four districts before being called to Superintendency in 2016. Among those she served in Long Island were Bellmore and Farmingdale.

Rev. Julia's life's passion is to lead people to a faith journey with the Risen Christ, being empowered by the Spirit of God, expressed in joyful worship and a life of grace and service, discovering and using God-given talents to love & serve others so that they may know Christ and His amazing love. Worship of God being a key priority, at each local church, she sought to enrich and enhance worship experiences through facilitating praise bands.

Growing up in the church as a pastor's kid, her faith in Christ was nurtured and impacted indelibly by her parents' devotion to Christ and their sacrificial immigrant church ministry where her father pioneered & pastored. In her last year of junior high, she had a powerfully defining and unforgettable experience with Christ in a personal way that put her on the life long journey to following and serving Him.

**Education** She graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University with a BA in Psychology, where she helped to found a student campus ministry. She received a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, MA, where she supported seminary worship life by coordinating and leading vespers, an evening prayer and praise time for the seminary community. While in seminary, she spent two months in the Philippines doing short-term mission work.

**Family** Until recently, her best partner in ministry & prayer has been her beloved mother, who had already supported her father's ministry for 30+ years earlier. Her mother, a nonagenarian, is now at the receiving end as she suffers from advanced Alzheimer's, being cared for at home with the assistance of home aides. Rev. Julia is a proud aunt to four nephews and five nieces from her siblings' (two brothers and a sister) families. Most recently she became a great-aunt to baby Elijah, through her oldest nephew.

She has a Maltese named Joy, a gift and real joy for almost 12 years. In her spare time, she enjoys watching soccer & practicing to be more comfortable with cooking in the kitchen.

### A FAVORITE SCRIPTURE VERSE

*But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9*