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The Rev. Hope N. Luckie Named Chaplain at Illinois Wesleyan

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.—The Reverend Hope N. Luckie, minister of the Lexington United Methodist Church in Lexington, Mass., and an adjunct instructor at Andover-Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass., has been named university chaplain at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Luckie's appointment was announced by Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Kathy Cavins. She succeeds Dennis E. Groh, who retired in December of 2006 as university chaplain and professor of humanities and archaeology at IWU.

"We are thrilled to have Hope join our campus community and excited about the direction she will take in building on the strengths of Denny Groh's chaplaincy. Our students are eager to make some new connections with our chaplain and explore new ways to develop spiritually while they study at IWU," said Cavins.

A resident of Somerville, Mass., Luckie received her Master of Divinity degree from Boston University in 1997, where she was the recipient of a Merit Scholarship in recognition of her scholastic achievement and was also awarded the Howard Bonniwell Warren Scholarship. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree at Boston University and is working on a dissertation called "The Art of Saying Goodbye: Issues of Discernment, Pastoral Role and Liturgical Responses to Leave Taking and Transition in Parish Ministry."

Also at Boston University, Luckie served as dean ad interim for Marsh Chapel in 1999, and from 2001-2003. In this position, she was responsible for five weekly worship services, a weekly radio program and supervising eight university chaplains. From 1997-2001 Luckie was assistant dean for Marsh Chapel and from 1995-1997, she was chaplain associate at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass.

Luckie received her Bachelor of Science degree in 1994 from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla., with a major in psychology and a minor in religion. At Florida State, she was a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, a member of the Executive Board of Phi

Theta Kappa, Delta of Florida Chapter, and a research assistant for the “Study of Reading Processes in Children.”

Luckie’s ministerial appointments have included ministering at Lexington United Methodist Church in Lexington, Mass. (2005 to present) and serving as a preacher at St. John’s Korean United Methodist Church in Lexington (2005 to present) and interim minister at Moultonborough United Methodist Church in Moultonborough, New Hampshire (2004-2005). She was also a member of the ministry team at Wakefield-Lynnfield United Methodist Church in Wakefield, Mass. (2000-2001).

An advisor to numerous student religious groups and a leader to many religious organizations and initiatives, Luckie has been a member of the Task Force for Racial Awareness at Boston University and a member of numerous professional societies, including the Association for Religious Intellectual Life (ARIL) in New Rochelle, N.Y.; the Harvard Board of Ministry at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.; and the National Campus ministry Association in Palm Beach, Fla., among others.

During her career, Luckie has given numerous presentations as a guest speaker, panelist and moderator.