

Dear friends of the National PAUMCS,

Welcome to Lake Junaluska and the western North Carolina mountains!

I am Jae Lee, the Smoky Mountain District Superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference and am delighted that you are here with us in this beautiful and sacred high land. As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the National PAUMCS, we gather in this place to refresh, renew, and restore our souls, bodies, and relationships!



While you are here, I invite you to put on a new life's rhythm for refreshing. Let us take a walk slowly, breathe deeply, listen, and see little things carefully, and embrace our brokenness tenderly. Let us relax our tensed muscles, hardened wrists, and busy minds with a new rhythm of refreshing in the beauty of God's creation.

I invite you to renew our relationships with good conversations, laughter, and eating together among friends. From the long tunnel of a pandemic, we have dearly missed each other: Our sweet hugs and encouraging cheers. So, it is the right time to renew our friendships together.

Finally, I invite you to deepen our relationship with Jesus our Lord, restoring our forgotten identities created in God's loving image. We recover and heal our loving relationships with God through devotions, labyrinth walks, and calm presence in this high spiritual land.

As I congratulate the National PAUMCS on your 40 years' faithful journey, I pray that you will experience the refreshing, renewing, and restoring Spirit of God here at Lake Junaluska!

Yours in Christ,

H. Jae Lee