Fourth District Honoree

Lisa Williams
Pastor
San Pedro United Methodist Church

Lisa Williams, Pastor of San Pedro United Methodist Church (San Pedro UMC), has been a passionate visionary and activist for un-housed neighbors since 2015. As a Southern California native, Pastor Williams learned the importance of taking care of those “living on the margins” from her father, a Methodist minister. She was instrumental in assisting with the creation of the San Pedro Faith Consortium, a broad-minded interfaith group of clergies addressing social issues in the community.

Pastor Williams is well known throughout the community for her ability to build bridges and relatable approach to living her faith. She is also known for mentoring staff and building strong relationships with families. Under her leadership, San Pedro UMC has embraced those in need, and she is currently working with a non-profit developer to build affordable and permanent supportive housing on church property.

With the help of Janice Hahn, Supervisor of the Fourth Supervisorial District, Pastor Williams has brought vaccination clinics and monthly mobile showers to the neighborhood. She was influential in creating the Children’s Christmas Shopping Spree, where children from Toberman Neighborhood Center experienced the joy of giving as they selected a present for adult members of their family.

Pastor Williams is a Trustee at Toberman Neighborhood Center, a member of the Rotary Club of San Pedro, and serves on the Quality of Life Committee for the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science from California State University Dominguez Hills and is currently enrolled in seminary classes at Claremont School of Theology.