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## IMN HIRES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**[CATONSVILLE, MARYLAND, January 1, 2023]** — The Interim Ministry Network (IMN) is pleased to announce **Rev. Dr. Jonathan New** as its next Executive Director.



For over 40 years, IMN has pursued its mission to strengthen the spiritual and organizational health of faith communities by equipping and supporting those who lead during times of transition.

Organized in 1980, The Interim Ministry Network was an outgrowth of work done by Loren Mead and Roy Oswald of The Alban Institute. It is today an international professional association of over 850 members, including interim ministers, settled clergy, consultants, denominational staff, and lay leaders serving congregations, faith-based schools and other faith-based organizations.

Rev. Dr. New is himself a seasoned interim ministry practitioner and has also served in settled ministry and as a judicatory leader with specific responsibilities in the areas of stewardship and financial development. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, Rev. New has developed specializations in clergy and adaptive change as well as working with congregations that are discerning closure. Prior to his ordination Jonathan served as associate director for news and public affairs for Harvard University.

The Interim Ministry Network's leadership is confident that with the skills and insights Rev. Dr. New is bringing to his new role the organization will live into its priorities as set forth in the 2023 Management Plan.

IMN, in service to the larger ecumenical and interfaith community, commits to:

- providing the latest research around leadership in organizational transition and expanding models for effective transition
- equipping all faith leaders (including judicatories) as they support new ways to be faith communities in the midst of huge societal change
- awareness of a trauma informed approach to education and programming, mindful of IMN's commitment to incorporating Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice and Belonging concepts in all of IMN's work

Rev. New has begun his role as Executive Director effective January 1, 2023. He can be reached at [Jonathan@imnedu.org](mailto:Jonathan@imnedu.org).

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