

## United Methodist Foundation of New England Welcomes New President, Rev. Theodore F. Crass



The United Methodist Foundation of New England and its Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of its next President – the Rev. Theodore (Ted) F. Crass. Rev. Crass has served as pastor of Community United Methodist Church in Wayland, MA since 2014, and will begin his ministry at the Foundation on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

A native of Tennessee, Rev. Crass received his B.A. in government from the University of Texas, a Master of Public Administration from the LBJ School of Public Affairs also at the University of Texas, his Master of Business Administration from the International Institute for Management Development (Lausanne, Switzerland), and a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School. Prior to entering ministry, he worked in business and consulting in the US and abroad. He is an ordained elder in the New England Annual Conference with ten years of experience serving the local church.

This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> year of ministry for the Foundation and under Rev. Crass' leadership, it will continue to grow, equip and strengthen conference churches, agencies, clergy, and individuals through its unique passion in connecting faith and finances. Along with a deep faith and a pastor's heart, Rev. Crass brings an encompassing level of care and compassion for congregational development and pastoral leadership to his new position. In thinking about this opportunity, he shared:

*"The Foundation is committed to be a partner in ministry with the New England Conference, its churches, and our pastors. I look forward to building on the Foundation's strengths in wise stewardship and growing our involvement in innovative leadership and new ministries as we support Methodist churches throughout New England."*

Rev. Crass is married to Sarah Burke Crass – they have two children in college.