

BISHOP DAN SCHWERIN AND THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS CABINET HAVE APPOINTED
REV. SATYA SUDHAKAR TO BE THE PASTOR OF ALGONQUIN: CHRIST UMC,
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026,
FOR THE FOLLOWING MISSIONAL REASONS:

1. Offer presence and pastoral care to the congregation and community
2. Partner with the congregation in reaching out to the community with the good news
3. Uphold the mission of the UMC through leading the church to 100% apportionment giving



Rev. Satya Sudhakar (Sa-tya 't' not silent) Sudhakar (Su-daa-kar)
Pronouns are she/her/hers.

GIFTS/STRENGTHS AND GRACES:

Satya is a humble woman of God called to serve God and ALL people for the ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service.

She believes her faith is renewed each day through prayer, meditating on the Word; and hope renews trusting in the power of the Risen Lord Jesus.

According to her understanding a Christian worship can be called as a Christ centered worship when ALL God's people (all ages (lil' ones, middle aged and matured in wisdom, all genders, race, color, differently able and physically challenged, the poor, and the sick) are included, welcomed and loved.

- Focuses on Bible based preaching with contextualized proclamation.
- Works hand in hand with the laity, leadership and encourages team work.
- She is a quick learner, a good listener and confident in her leadership.
- Passionate in leading small group Bible studies, leading Coffee Shop Conversations (Evangelism and connecting with neighbors) attend or organize Retreats for churches, and Community Outreach.
- Believes in flexible schedules, leaving room for agile leadership or for any family or pastoral care emergencies.
- Gives priority to communication and values cordial relationships. *"Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you."* Lk 6:31.
- Handles multitasking and balances her role as a Pastor, mother, wife and a friend.
- She is fun loving, friendly and mingles easily with new people.
- Self -Care is important to her. She honors her Sabbath by using Monday as her day off.
- Loves Indian music both classical and contemporary, and western music; loves gardening, walking her pet, and likes to cook, eat and try new dishes and new recipes.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Ottawa Epworth United Methodist Church – Lead pastor (2021-present)
- Ashton and Franklin Grove UMC – Two Point Charge Pastor (2018-2021)
- Initially served as a pulpit supply in the Episcopal, Methodist and Church of South Indian churches around Chicago area.
- Worked in Library in India in 1998, documenting the atrocities on women.

In 2024, she was received as the full Elder in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2024. Pastor Satya is currently a member of the Prairie South Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM). Active in local UMC Cluster Church Ministries.

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, (present)
- M.Div from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, (2011-2014)
- Christian Education Certification, India (1998)
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Office Management, India (1992-1995)



Satya, Solomon, Archie, Christine, Nima

A LITTLE BACK GROUND BOUT SATYA SUDHAKAR.

Satya is originally from India. Married to Rev. Dr. Solomon Sudhakar (Elder in NICUMC). They have two beautiful daughters, Salomi Arunima (Nima 26) and Christine Aashita (19) and a fur baby Archie (6). Both girls are active in church, and doing well academically. They are talented in singing, playing piano and drums. Her parents and siblings live in India.

Born and raised in India, she upholds her culture and traditions and deeply values multi-faith, multi-lingual diversity promoting peace, justice and harmony.

Her Role models from the Bible are the Unnamed Canaanite woman of faith, Paul and Jesus in the transfiguration account.

Her inspired Bible verses: John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave his begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Isaiah 49:16 *See I have carved you on the palm of my hands; your walls are ever before me.*

2 Tim 4:2 *Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instruction.*