

John L. Dodson
Pastor Emeritus

I was pastor of LAUMC from 1978 to 1999. My wife, Sue, and I moved in retirement to Mt Hermon, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, in 2001, and I have lived there ever since, with a one-year (2009 to 2010) interlude in Alaska. Sue died in 2005 in an auto accident and the sadness of that event was a long period of recovery for me. While in Alaska, as interim senior pastor at St John UMC, I met Vicky, my neighbor in Anchorage. My black and white life turned to technicolor, and we returned to the Santa Cruz Mountains together. It has been 15 years since I retired, and I have kept engaged with consulting, interim pastoring, and helping higher education institutions and churches to do feasibility studies and fund development. As of 2013 I have retired (again) from all such activities. So after 55 years of active ministry, Rev. Mark Bollwinkel and the Staff/Pastor Parish Committee of Los Altos United Methodist Church asked if I would become pastor emeritus at LAUMC, joining Reverend Wayne Williams in this honorary role. Vicky and I gladly accepted this new role in the church we love and admire.