To: Dr. Dede Casad, University Park UMC
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Connie Calhoun-Amox, biography

Connie Calhoun-Amox has been the Minister with Senior Adults at FUMC Plano for six years; she has been a member there for more than 50 years. A young widow from Minnesota, with two children Connie began working on her associate’s and bachelor’s degrees here in Dallas. In 1978, she accepted a fulltime position with Rockwell-Collins. She graduated from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1989. In 2000, she retired from Rockwell-Collins after 22 years.

In 1993, Connie married Earl Amox., who at Christmas dresses up as Santa Claus. To all the children at FUMC Plano, he is the *real deal*. For many years, Connie volunteered with the Journey of Hope Grief Support Center. As a trained facilitator she worked directly with children and youth, helping them work through their feelings of grief, pain and loss after the death of a loved one.

Connie will tell you that her current job is her dream job. Steve Jobs said, *“Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.”* Connie loves what she does, and it shows. Organizing interesting, upbeat programs is a joy, however, networking or sitting awhile with an elderly member on Sunday morning, sharing hugs and stories, are the true gifts of the spirit.

Connie and Earl have been active in the Dallas Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry for 30 years. Together, they share five children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Connie is highly involved with United Methodist Women and currently serves at the North Central District UMW President.