

# Meet the Doshier Trustee: Q&A with Rev. Jim White

**Question 1:** What brought you to Smithville Township and how long have you lived here?

**Rev. White:** My mother is from Winnabow, so I have been coming to Brunswick County all my life. An uncle had cottages on Long Beach for almost 20 years, my wife and I rented cottages for another 20 years, we built our home 12 years ago, and moved here nine years ago.

**Question 2:** You were a patient at Doshier before you got involved with the hospital from the governance perspective. How does that experience influence your thinking as a Board Trustee?

**White:** During my 37 years as a pastor I visited in many hospitals. All of them were larger than Doshier. During my knee and hip replacement surgeries and a late evening trip to the Emergency Department at Doshier, I was impressed by the quality of care, the attention paid to cleanliness, the sense that I was not just a number, and the benefits of being close to home. These are traits I strive to maintain as a Trustee.

**Question 3:** What is the most important thing you'd like the public to know about Doshier Memorial Hospital?

**White:** The number of awards Doshier is earning for excellence from cleanliness to its low rate of re-admissions, to high patient satisfaction in several areas of service, to the successful inspection by The Joint Commission's latest visit, to the dedication of the outstanding volunteers. These all point to the efforts of the entire Doshier team to make this a great critical access hospital.

**Question 4:** What is most surprising since becoming a Doshier Trustee?

**White:** The ambiguity over potential changes in insurance as well as federal and state regulations. We know the future will be different, but no one can predict the extent of the change. Hockey great Wayne Gretzky said he was successful because, "I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been." That's hard to do in healthcare, when you don't know what the rules of the game will be.

*Doshier Memorial Hospital is the only independent, critical access hospital in North Carolina. It is governed by a Board of Trustees elected by the public, and Rev. White is one of the newest on the seven-member board.*



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