

FINAL NOMINATION SLATE DRAFT 2023

This is the slate of those nominated to new terms by the Ministry Resources Committee (MRC). We have also provided the names of those who have served in the last year and the number of vacancies.

The term year listed is the year the committee member completes their service. The number listed next to the year is the number of terms they will have completed at that time. As it states in our constitution and bylaws: "The members of each Committee will be elected at Annual Meetings and shall serve two-year terms, but no member may serve for more than three consecutive terms on the same committee." The exceptions are explained next to that role.

The quoted description of each committee comes directly from the bylaws. **If you feel called to one of the vacant roles, or if you would like to nominate someone to one of the vacant roles, please email or text the MRC chair, Jenn Hagedorn (pastor@spiritofpeaceucc.org or 206.265.2834).**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

New members, 2025-1:

Rev. Amy Johnson, SW Area Representative
Sheryl Ann St. James, NE Area Representative
Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski, At Large

Returning for a new term:

Moderator: Indigo Brown, Term: 2024-1 (*this is a one-year term renewable up to two terms*)
Vice Moderator: Rev. Esther Sanders, Term: 2024-1 (*this is a one-year term renewable up to two terms*)

Immediate Past Moderator: Rev. Tara Leininger, Term: 2024-1 (*this is a one-year term*)

Scribe: Rev. Ron Patterson, Term: 2025-1 (*Term is two years, with an option to serve another two-year term*)

Treasurer: Diana Kutas, Term: 2027-2 (*this is a four-year term, with the option to serve one additional term*)

Continuing current term:

Personnel Chair: Wendy Blight, Term: 2025-2

Central West Area Rep: Danette Koloj, Term: 2024-2?

Young Adult Representative: Tevita Fakasiieiki

Youth Representative: Katherine Haycox

Not Returning: Hillary De La Cruz, Rev. Jillian Hutton, Janet Ott, Lois Farnsworth-Whysong, Nichole Czubin

Vacancies: Heartland, Northwest, and Southeast Area Representatives

JUSTICE AND WITNESS MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

JWM plays an important role in our bylaws and in the life of the conference. However, it has not been functional in recent years and as of the 2023 Annual Meeting the committee has no members; this suggests a more substantive change is needed. The Ministry Resources Committee did not fill this committee and hopes that discussions at the Annual Meeting will lead people to attend to this point of disconnection.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – EAST

New committee member, 2025-1:

Rev. Marj Johnston

Returning for a new term:

Bart Preecs, Term: 2025-2

Rev. Russ Clark, Term: 2025-2

Susan Chamberlin, Term: 2025-2

Continuing current term:

Morag Stewart: 2024-1?

Not Returning: None

1 current vacancy

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – WEST:

New committee members, 2025-1:

Rev. Edwin Galai

Rev. Cynthia Meyer

Rev. Kerby Avedovech

Rev. Jennifer Castle

Rev. Michael Haven

Dorothy Lester

Judy West

Continuing with current terms:

Rev. Cameron Sharp, Term: 2024-3

Rev. Lara Crutsinger, Term: 2024-1

Carol Gilderoy, Term: 2024-1

Rev. Amy Hitchens, Term: 2024-3

Charnley Marsden, Term: 2024-2

Rev. Marci Scott-Weis, Term: 2024-1

Stanley Young, Term: 2025-2

Rev. Karyn Frazier, Term: 2025-1

Not Returning: Rev. Jerry Chang, Rev. Judi Edwards, Rev. Brigitta

Remole, Kenn Robinson.

3 current vacancies (especially lay leaders)

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

New committee members, 2025-1:

Steven King

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel
Rev. Bob Feeney

Current Members Completing Terms:

Karen Nooney, Term: 2024-2
Rev. David Schoen, Term: 2024-2
Rev. Davi Weasley, Term: 2024-2
Ex-Officio: Danette Kohl

Not Returning for 2023: Stevi Hamill, Doug Gunwaldson.
5 current vacancies

GLOBAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE:

New committee members, 2025-1:

Elizabeth Maupin
Ruth Brandon
Rev. Kenneth H. Coleman

Returning for a new term:

Rev. Corey Passons, Term: 2025-2

Continuing with Current Term:

Rev. Ed Evans, Term: 2024-3
Rev. Dan Stern, Term: 2024-2

Not Returning for 2023: Rev. Rick Russell, Sasha Sleiman.
No current vacancies out of 6 UCC members (this 12 member committee is also half populated by the Disciples of Christ)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

New committee members, 2025-1:

Mar Robertson
Robbie Gilchrist

Returning for a new term:

Wendy Blight, Term: 2025-2

Current Members Completing Terms:

Rev. Jamie Kepros, Term: 2024-3

Rev. Ryan Lambert, Term: ?

Not returning: None

1 current vacancy

STEWARDSHIP:

New committee member, 2025-1:

Rev. Amara Oden

Ex-officio: Rev. Esther Sanders, Vice Moderator

Returning for a new term:

Sarah Finney, Term: 2025-2

Martha Baldwin, Term: 2025-2

Thomas Miller, Term: 2025-2

Current Members Completing Terms:

Jonathon Kesler, Term: 2024-2

Ex-officio: Diana Kutas, treasurer

Not returning: Roselyn Gatoloai, Rev. Ron Patterson

5 current vacancies

ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING COMMITTEE:

New committee members, 2025-1:

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Gordon

Rev. Jennifer Butner

Ex-Officio: Rev. Esther Sanders, Vice Moderator

Current Members Completing Terms:

Rev. Tara Leininger, Term: 2024-1

Ex-Officio: Indigo Brown, Moderator

Not returning: Rev. Amy Johnson, Wendy Blight,

Unknown: Rev. Ron Patterson, Janet Ott

2 additional members will be recruited from the area where the annual meeting is hosted: no additional vacancies.

MINISTRY RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

New committee members, 2025-1:

Rev. Jenn Hagedorn

Ex-Officio: Rev. Tara Leininger, Past Moderator

Returning for a new term:

Cydne Cochran, Term: 2025-2

Current Members Completing Terms:

Holly Peterson, Term: 2024-3

Rev. Jeannette Solimine, Term 2024-3

Ex-Officio: Rev. Dee Eisenhauer

Not returning: Rev. Karyn Frazier

7 current vacancies

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

New terms, 2025-1

Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski

Leda Zakarison

Rev. Linda Crowe

Shirley Asmussen

Dana Sprenkle

Returning for a new term:

Cassandra Heide, Term: 2025-3

Eric Johnson, Term: 2025-3

Not returning: Todd Camp

3 current vacancies