

**MINNESOTA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL MEETING 2010
BALLOT & ROSTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WORK GROUPS & COMMITTEES
Submitted by the Nominating Work Group**

June 11, 2010

Boldface = Nominated for new term	Asterisk (*) = Filling an unexpired term
-1 = First 2-year term; -2 = Second 2-year term; -3 = Third 2-year term	

GENERAL SYNOD Class of 2013

General Synod 2009 [Grand Rapids] & 2011 [Tampa]

Delegates/Alternates

David Becker	Parkway, Mpls.
<i>Robert Fensterman</i>	<i>Pilgrim, Duluth</i>
Aleta Christopherson	First, Austin
<i>Jane Harstead</i>	<i>First, Alexandria</i>
Gabe Flynn	Community, Wayzata
<i>Rob Sandstrom</i>	<i>First, Pelican Rapids</i>
Rev. Dana Mann	Union, Elk River
Rev. Molly Cox**	<i>Edina Mornindise, Edina</i>
Rev. Alan McNamara	Chapel Hills, Edina
<i>Rev. James Pennington</i>	<i>Spirit of the Lakes, Mpls.</i>
Sham Moteelall	St. John's, Norwood
<i>Richard J. Welsh</i>	<i>First, Dodge Center</i>
Rev. Michael Small*	Union, Hackensack
Rev. Timothy Berg**	<i>First, Mankato</i>
Rev. Brigit Stevens	St. Paul's, Henderson
<i>Rev. Jennifer Jaimez</i>	<i>St. Mark's, Bloomington</i>
Elinor Strandskov	Lynnhurst, Mpls.
<i>Audra Poehls</i>	<i>First, Moorhead</i>

*an elected Alternate replacing an elected Delegate
**replacing an elected Alternate

GENERAL SYNOD Class of 2015

General Synod 2011 [Tampa] & 2013 [San Diego]

Delegates/Alternates

Rev. Dan Batson	Community, Walker
<i>Rev. Gary Titusdahl</i>	<i>First, Zumbrota</i>
Rev. Sharon Fazel	First, Anoka
<i>Rev. Barbara Martin</i>	<i>First, Cannon Falls</i>
Deb Mediema	Pilgrims, Maple Grove
<i>Stacy Kehrwald</i>	<i>Chapel Hills, Edina</i>
Rev. Deb Meyer	St. Luke's, Eitzen
<i>Rev. Wendy Ward</i>	<i>St. James, Barnesville</i>
Karen Peterson	Peace United, Long Prairie
<i>Darby Bowen</i>	<i>United Parish, Glenwood</i>
Rev. T. Michael Rock	UCC, Robbinsdale
<i>Rev. David Lindsey</i>	<i>Lynnhurst, Mpls.</i>
Hans Simons	UCC, Falcon Heights
<i>Alternate</i>	<u>pending</u>
Bradley Tadlock	First, Sherburn
<i>David Braun</i>	<i>Zion, Le Sueur</i>
Hannah Tower	Mizpah, Hopkins
<i>Alternate</i>	<u>pending</u>
Justin Tucker	First, Wadena
<i>Brad Palmer</i>	<i>Union, St. Louis Park</i>

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2010-2011 ROSTER**

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PROGRAM MINISTRIES

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH TEAM

2012-1 Michele Borne	Congregational, Excelsior
2012-1 Rev. Tom Ewald	Mac-Plymouth, St. Paul
2012-2 Hilary Flynn	Community UCC, Wayzata
2012-2 Mary Gilbertson	First, Moorhead
2012-2 Rev. Kathi Itzin	Parkway, Mpls.
2012-1 Zach Norenberg	First, Wadena
2011-2 David Becker co-chair	Parkway, Mpls.
2011-2 Jackie Falk	Pilgrim, Duluth
2011-2 Lori Heitman	St. John's New Albin
2011-1 Daniel Steiner	UCC, New Brighton
2011-1 Rev. Lynn Strandt	First, Mankato
2011-2 Kiely Todd Roska	UCC, New Brighton

EVANGELISM TEAM

2012-2 Rev. Dan Batson	Community, Walker
2012-1 Ole Olson	Bethlehem, Maple Lake
2012-1 Rev. Grant Speece	Faith United, Ada
2011-2 Rev. Richard Mark	St. John's Norwood
2011-2 Rev. James Pennington co-chair	Spirit of the Lakes, Mpls.
2011-1 Sue Scully co-chair	Mizpah, Hopkins

JUSTICE AND WITNESS TEAM

2012-2 Jack Chandler	UCC, Falcon Heights
2012-1 Martin Erickson	Mayflower, Mpls.
2012-2 Rev. Rev. John Guttermann chair	UCC, New Brighton
2012-2 Dwight Wagenius	Mayflower, Mpls.
2011-2 Rev. Don Britt	First, Princeton
2011-1 Ray Daniels	Union, St. Louis Park
2011-1 Rev. Hillary Freeman	Plymouth, Mpls.
2011-1 Joanne Klug	Zoar, Waldorf

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS TEAM

2012-1 Rev. Eleazar Fernandez	UCC, New Brighton
2012-1 Mariana Shulstad	Plymouth, Mpls.
2011-1 Karen Evenson	Pilgrim, Benson
2011-1 Renee Pfenning	First of MN, Mpls.
2011-1 Rev. David Lindsey	Lynnhurst, Mpls.
2011-1 Rev. Kathy Nelson chair	Peace, Duluth

IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

newly established Task Force that has a limited life expectancy of three years (2009-2012)

Rev. Paula Bidle	Lyndale, Mpls.
Betty Jo Braun	Zion, Le Sueur
Rev. Don Christensen	MacPlymouth, St. Paul
Aleta Christopherson	First, Austin
Alison Killeen	First MN, Mpls.
Bob Malles	Minnehaha, Mpls.
Rev. Loren McGrail	Lyndale UCC

OUTDOOR MINISTRIES TEAM

2012-1 Brenda Clarno	Union, St. Louis Park
2012-1 Lynne Day	Mizpah, Hopkins
2012-1 Rev. Kathi Itzin chair	Parkway, Mpls.
2012-3 Julia Kvam	UCC, Granite Falls
2012-3 Paul VanAntwerp	Peace, Duluth
2012-1 Mary Vanderford	Lyndale, Mpls.
2011-2 Gary Balcome	Grace, Millville
2011-1 Lauren Cains youth appt.	First, Anoka
2011-2 Kevin LeVoir	Bethlehem, Maple Lake
2011-3 Rev. Guy Stone	First, Hutchinson
2011-3 Palmer VanBeest	Minnehaha, Mpls.
2011-2 Karl Weissenborn	New Spirit, Savage
2011-3 Lavonne Young	Congregational, Rochester

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF AUTHORIZED MINISTERS TEAM

2012-2 Rev. Rosemary Rocha	Edina Morningside, Edina
2011-1* Diane Gardner	Mayflower, Mpls.
2011-3 Rev. Eliot Howard	Linden Hills, Mpls.
2011-2 Rev. T. Michael Rock	UCC, Robbinsdale
Herb Perkins (COM rep)	Cherokee Park, St. Paul
Rev. Glen Herrington-Hall (UTS rep)	

EMMAUS ANTI-RACISM TRANSFORMATION TEAM

2012-1 _____	_____
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2012-1 Grace Anderson co-chair	Mac-Plymouth, St. Paul
2012-1 Nabeel Ashraf	UCC, Falcon Heights
2012-2 Gary Kwong	UCC, New Brighton
2011-1 Nettie Bothwell	Peace, Duluth
2011-1 Kevin O'Donnell	Parkway, Mpls.
2011-1 Doug Federhardt	Spirit of the Lakes, Mpls.
2011-1 Heidi Ferguson	Community, St. Paul Park
2011-3 Carolyn Clark Pegg	Peace, Duluth
2011-1 L.T. Richardson	Parkway, Mpls.
2011-1 Carmen Valenzuela	Minnehaha, Mpls.
Janet White, Consultant	Grace UCC, St. Paul

OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (O.C.W.M.) TEAM

2012-1 Wayne Bjorlie	First, Mpls.
2012-2 Jeann Bringgold-Pro	Mac-Plymouth, St. Paul
2012-3 Rev. Jane McBride chair	First MN, Mpls.
2012-1 Rev. Don Portwood	Lyndale, Mpls.
2011-1* Rev. Richard Scheerer	First, Zumbrota
2011-3 Jim Casebolt	UCC, New Brighton
2011-1* Rev. Victoria Wilgocki	St. Anthony Park, St. Paul

ONA/LGBT TEAM

2012-1 _____	_____
2012-1 L.T. Richardson	Parkway, Mpls.
2012-1 Gretchen Roessler	Spirit of the Lakes, Mpls.
2011-2 Martin Erickson chair	Mayflower, Mpls.
2011-2 Kathleen Remund	Minnehaha, Mpls.
2011-1 Rex Wiederanders	First, Zumbrota
Leslie Amundsen Consultant	St. Anthony Park, St. Paul
Marc Blakesley Consultant	Minnehaha, Mpls.
Tom George Consultant	Union, St. Louis Park

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ECUMENICAL APPOINTMENTS

appointments are for one year and may be renewed

Minnesota Council of Churches

Board of Directors

Rev. Marlene Helgemo
 All Nations Indian Church, Mpls.
 Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers Conference Minister

Program Commission

Rev. Tim Johnson Cherokee Park, St. Paul

Finance and Facilities Commission

Steve Sorensen First MN, Mpls

Unity and Relationships Commission

Rev. Jerry Hankins First, Northfield

Nominating Committee

Belle Scott Mayflower, Mpls.

Refugee Services Committee

H. James McConkey Mayflower, Mpls.

Muslim/Christian Dialogues

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition (JRLC)

Committee to End Sexual Misconduct in the Religious Community (CESM)

Rev. Elena Larssen Associate Conf. Minister

Related to MCC - Minnesota Church Foundation

Carl Kuhrmeyer St. Paul's, St. Paul
 Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers Conference Minister

Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches

Board of Directors

Rev. Sarah Campbell Mayflower, Mpls.

Northcentral Ministry Development Center

Rev. Rick Wagner Associate Conf. Minister

Resource Center for Churches

Board of Directors

Rev. Brandon Perrine UCC, Falcon Heights
 Nancy Johnsen Mizpah, Hopkins
 Wade Zick Ashley Minister

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

(RCRC)

Board of Directors

Rev. T. Michael Rock UCC, Robbinsdale

MN United Ministries in Higher Education

(MUMHE)

Rev. Al Thompson First, Mankato
 Rev. Elena Larssen (staff) Associate Conf. Minister

United Theological Seminary

Board of Directors

Rev. Dr. Karen Smith Sellers Conference Minister

UCC Disaster Response

Rev. Robert Broeder Conference Coordinator Zion, Le Sueur

Minnesota Conference Representatives /Nat'l. UCC

Executive Council

James Maki Zion, Le Sueur

Office of General Ministries

Rev. Anita Bradshaw Mayflower, Mpls.

Local Church Ministries

Herb Perkins Cherokee Park, St. Paul

Wider Church Ministries

Thom Haines Mayflower, Mpls.

Justice and Witness Ministries

Kiely Todd Roska UCC, New Brighton

Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries (CYAM)

Laura Boleen First, Zumbrota

Daniel Steiner UCC, New Brighton

KNOW YOUR NOMINEES FOR 2012 & 2011-1* ELECTED POSITIONS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2012-1 Lisa Lindesmith Moderator UCC, Robbinsdale

A veterinarian with a DVM degree from UW-Madison, Local church: choir, former Moderator, various committees/ministries, including Families Moving Forward. Community: Outfront Minnesota volunteer and services donated to animal rescue organizations. Regarding her role as Moderator of the Conference, Lisa says, "I have strong leadership skills and common sense and try to be very open minded to assess all sides of an issue. I also bring skills developed as a small business owner and service provider."

2012-1 Spencer Kvam Vice-Moderator UCC, Granite Falls

An attorney with a local firm for 20 years, Spencer graduated from the UM-Morris, and the UofM Law School. Local church: church council, moderator, Stewardship Committee and choir. He's presently a member of joint parish council (yoked with UCC/Monteideo). Community: Area Community Foundation Board of Directors, Ducks Unlimited and Dollars for Scholars. As a continuing Conference Board of Directors member, he says, "I hope I bring the ability to listen and learn."

2011-1 Rev. Kathy Gibson Christensen Secretary Lynnhurst, Mpls.

An Interim Ministry Specialist, Kathy presently is interim pastor at Zoar UCC in rural Chaska. Education: Carleton and UTS, plus the basic and advanced training of The Interim Ministry Network. Local church: she assists in worship, education, and other areas as negotiated when between interims. Community: Race for the Cure and Project Linus. On being on the Board of Directors: "I have been an interim minister for over 25 years [serving] congregations in rural settings, small towns, suburban and urban. I have been on the Board of Directors for one year and have a familiarity with the challenges and opportunities facing the Minnesota Conference."

2012-2 Phil Hatlie Treasurer New Spirit, Savage

A graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, Phil is currently financial trainer and lender to nonprofits at Nonprofits Assistance Fund in the Twin Cities. Additionally, he has worked as Director of Finance and Administration for Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, and Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA). Local church: treasurer 3 times, Trustee, and Secretary. Community: Finance Committee of Hearth Connection and the Vista Committee of Habitat for Humanity of MN.

2012-1 Rev. Obadiah Ballinger At Large Community, St. Paul Park

Graduating in 2005 from Concordia College in Moorhead and in 2008 from Yale Divinity School, Oby recently began his work as pastor in St. Paul Park. Community: volunteers for OutFront Minnesota the Hampden Park Co-op, patron of farmers' markets, fan of Minnesota Public Radio. He comes to this position on the Board of Directors following two years on the Executive Council of the UCC's national setting. He also served for four years on the Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries at the national setting. He concludes, "These have given me an appreciation for the broad reach and diversity of the UCC, as well as a sense of the major concerns and opportunities before our denomination right now."

2012-2 Rev. Paul Bauch At Large Peace, Rochester

Educated at Elmhurst College, Iowa State University, and Eden Theological Seminary. Paul is a consummate senior pastor at one of our Conference's largest and growing churches. He serves on numerous community Boards and programs. He feels his pastoral leadership and life-long UCC membership fit well into his role as a Board of Directors member.

2012-1 Frank Bennett At Large Community, Wayzata

Following a career in financial management and audit, plus investment management, Frank will become a Chaplain Resident at Abbott Northwestern Hospital after 8/30/2010. Educated: University of Oregon and UTS. He has been a fundraiser, a strategic planner, and a Human Resources manager. Community: involved with St. David's Center, United Theological Seminary, PACER, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, American Federation of Arts, Voyageur Outward Bound School and non-profit Governance. Local church: Trustee, Mission Committee and Investment Committee.

2012-1 Rev. Cindy Mueller At Large Bethlehem, Maple Lake

Educated at U/M-Twin Cities and Chicago Theological Seminary, Cindy has served as an installed/permanent pastor as well as an intentional interim. Currently, she's interim pastor at Waconia Moravian Church. Local church: an adult advisor with the youth group on a mission trip and participant in a fellowship group. Community: local school district's curriculum development and review committee & participant in a political campaign. She feels her interim ministry experience in rural, suburban and small town churches, some facing varying levels of conflict, has given her an appreciation for churches in a variety of settings and will serve her well on the Board of Directors. She believes she has "the ability to empower people to find common ground."

2012-1 Nancy Johnson-Maloney First, Northfield

liaison to Pilgrim Point Camp Comm.

Nancy is an attorney with a passion for the outdoors; hence, her liaison connection to the Pilgrim Point Camp Committee. Local church: Trustee and assistant treasurer. Community: volunteer attorney for: a) Advocates for Human Rights, b) Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, c) Tubman Center. "I have been involved in leadership of outdoor ministries and Pilgrim Point Camp governance for the last two years. I am absolutely committed to outdoor ministry that works for the people of the Minnesota Conference."

2012-2 Barbara Peterson *liaison to Development Comm.* UCC, New Brighton

Prior to her recent retirement, Barb was Director Global Knowledge Management for Ecolab. Educated at UofM: B.A. & M.L.S. (Library Science). Local church: Human Resources Committee, Financial Secretary, Church Council. Community: was President of the Board of Directors of Oak Meadows (UCC-related senior housing), co-leader of Habitat for Humanity work camps; and co-president of Hudson Home & Garden Club (a Wisconsin Master Gardener). Barb feels that "35+ years of lay leadership in local church; service on more than 10 non-profit boards; 25+ years of management experience at 3M and Ecolab; personal commitment to making a difference and a love for the UCC" qualify her for this position.

2012-2 Dawn Schilling *liaison to Personnel Comm.* UCC, New Brighton

Employed as HR Director, for Cross Telecom Corporation, Dawn's training has been: B.S. Information Management/College of St. Catherine, and J.D./William Mitchell College of Law. Local church: Deacon, choir. Community: one of the "Holy Hammers" (Habitat for Humanity). She feels her extensive background in Human Resources, 30 years in business and 3 years practicing law fit well into this position with the Conference.

ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING WORK GROUP

2012-1 Rev. Howard Bell *co-chair* UCC, New Brighton

Education: Bethany College in Bethany, WV and Yale Divinity School, with graduate work in higher education at the UofM. Howard is retired but is seeking a call to Interim Ministry or Chaplaincy. Local church: a Four-Way Covenantal Minister, former Treasurer, Finance Committee, Special Fundraising Committee, occasional Adult Education speaker, guest preacher and worship leader. Community: Spiritual Care Volunteer, Hudson Hospital & Clinics; board member of , Stuart Pimsler Dance and Theater Company; host committee for Society for Arts in Health Care National Meeting. Having had vast involvement in the Conference, he's currently on ONA/LGBT Team.

2012-3 Maureen Englehardt *co-chair* Mayflower, Mpls.

Marketing Associate with KKE Architects in Minneapolis, educated at Maitrise de Sciences de Gestion (MBA), Institut de Gestion de l'Universite de Rennes I; Bachelor of Arts, & Macalester College. Local church: Council, Sunday School Teacher, Choir, Foundation Board, Capital Needs Committee. Community: South High School PTA, Mpls (former chair), South High Senior Party Committees, Macalester College Reunion Committees, active in the Irish-American community of the Twin Cities. She's helped plan five Annual Meetings, including the relationships with the Event Staff of the College of St. Benedict that has given her a growing appreciation for what attendees expect and want from the Annual Meeting. "I pay attention to details[and] am mindful of deadlines, while keeping an eye on the Big Picture. I am most comfortable with a behind-the-scenes role. My paid job requires multi-tasking in a high-stress environment, it takes a lot to fluster me."

2012-1 Rev. Dick Fylling UCC Granite Falls & UCC Monteideo

Pastors two active congregations that only recently have become yoked. Educated at Lakeland College and UTS. Community: Granite Falls Ministerial Association, worship services at Manor Care, Bible Study at the jail, Granite Falls. Monteideo Ministerial Association and Bible Study at Brookside Manor, Board of Directors of Monteideo Area Boys and Girls Club, CROP Walk, Inter-Faith/Multi-Cultural Worship Service Coordinator. He brings to the Annual Meeting Planning process "enthusiasm for the mission, the ministry and the future of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ."

2012-1 Rev. Scott Keehn UCC, Alexandria

Pastor of our church in Alexandria, Scott is an Eden Seminary graduate. Community: DRAA (Diversity Resource Action Alliance), Annual Domestic Violence Walk, Kiwanis Vice President, Alexandria Ministerial Group and Alexandria Photo Club. Extensive experience in both videography and digital photography will help in Annual Meeting planning. Scott comments, "I 'play nice' and get along with others".

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NOMINATING WORK GROUP

2012-1 position open

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2012-2 Brenda Clarno Union, St. Louis Park

Director of Christian Education & Volunteer Ministries, at Union for 18 years, Brenda has an A.A. degree in Sales and Marketing, plus numerous continuing education opportunities in the Conference and national settings of the UCC. At Union: involvement with volunteer child care, Benevolence and Community Outreach and Christian Education Boards, Executive Council; served homeless shelter meals, served meals and spent overnights with Union's homeless guests, produced liturgical textile art, and served meals galore. Highly involved in the Conference: has coordinated the July Family Camp Children's Program and is now the co-director, was co-chair of the Identity Task Force and of the Christian Education Team. Community: volunteers at the local food shelf and Children First. With the Nominating Work Group, Brenda shares her wide networking presence throughout the Conference and her great sales and people skills.

2012-3 Rev. John Roschen New Spirit, Savage

A retired pastor, John's education was received at Macalester, Oberlin, and UTS. He continues his membership at New Spirit UCC where his only participation is attending worship. He maintains volunteer involvement with the Savage Police Department Chaplaincy Corps. He brings to the Nominating Work Group 37 years of involvement with numerous Conference Boards and Committees, plus two interim judicatory positions with the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

2012-3 Rev. Bill Baldwin Prairie Community, Lester Prairie

Pastor of the two-point charge of Prairie Community Church in Lester Prairie and St. Paul's UCC in Plato, Bill received his M.Div. degree at UTS in 1992. He volunteers time at the Twin Cities Men's Center and hosts a radio show for KDUZ in Hutchinson. What he offers the Committee on Ministry: "I play well with others and have a good sense of humor."

2012-3 Rev. Ruth Beck Community, St. Paul Park

Recently retired following a long co-pastorate at St. Peter's UCC in Stillwater with her spouse, Bob, Ruth continues as a Personal Care Attendant through Lakeview Hospital in Stillwater. She has a B.A., plus a M.Div. (Chicago Theological Seminary). She is a new member at Community UCC where her main involvement is as an occasional usher. In Stillwater, she is the convener for St. Croix Chaplaincy Association, and volunteer chaplain with the Washington County Sheriff's Dept. She brings her nearly 40 years in parish ministry to the COM.

2012-3 Ted Bowman St. Anthony Park, St. Paul

A self-employed educator, Ted worked for many years with the Wilder Foundation in St. Paul. He has a M.Div. degree from Boston University. Community: Neighbors for Peace, Minnesota Coalition for Death Education and Support, plus others. He brings to the position several years of experience on COM, broad background in human services, teaching at universities and seminaries, and experience as a resource person for grief and loss.

2012-1 Rev. James Brasel First MN, Mpls.

Information not available

2012-1 Rev. Katherine Burbo Congregational, Rochester

Employed in the Mayo Clinic Chaplaincy Department, Kitty has a B.A. degree in Elementary Education, a M.S. in School Administration, and a M.Div. Currently, she's working on APC certification for chaplains. Local church: upon request gives pulpit supply and visitations members in hospital or nursing homes. Community: volunteer Friend of the Court for adolescents in Olmsted County and a member of GLBT in Goodhue County. Her love of ministry in the UCC, affirmation of ecumenical partnerships, and passion for diversity and justice propel her enthusiasm for this position.

2012-3 Rev. Molly Cox Edina Morningside, Edina

A retired clergyperson, Molly's first training was in education through undergraduate degrees in Child Development and Elementary Ed from Iowa State and Macalester College. Her M.Div., from UTS in 1989, prepared her for a mid-life career change. Local church: choir, plans monthly seniors program, Deacon, Music committee, participant in Meals on Wheels and Loaves & Fishes, and—in the pastor's absence—offers supply preaching and pastoral care. Community: sings in the Bloomington Chorale and the "Alive and Kicking" group. She brings to the COM her many years in the UCC as lay person, lay church worker, and pastor.

2012-3 Rev. Beth Donaldson UCC, New Brighton

As lead minister at her congregation, Beth has degrees from Bennington College, Pacific School of Religion, and Chicago Theological Seminary. She offers to the COM her many years of experience on Committee on Ministry and as a Local Church Minister.

2012-1 Rev. Desiree Gold UCC, Cottage Grove

Desiree is a recent implant into the Conference, having begun her ministry in Cottage Grove within the past year. She's a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and Eden Theological Seminary. Community: a registered voter and census participant. She brings to the COM two years' experience on Church and Ministry Commission in Chesapeake Association of Central Atlantic Conference UCC, including service on Authorization Sub-Committee. Her strengths are integrity, commitment to serving the wider church, and detail-orientation.

2012-1 Rev. Sue Hamly Faith, Intl. Falls

Sue has degrees from Pacific University, in Forest Grove, OR and Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA. Community: homeless shelter volunteer, board of directors of the Falls Hunger Coalition (Food Shelf), member of an ecumenical clergy group and an ecumenical study group, supporter (former board member) of Friends Against Abuse that assists domestic violence victims. Sue served as a seminarian on COM for Northern California Conference, UCC, in 1989-90, and on Church & Ministry Committee of the Iowa Conference, UCC 1993-1999 (including 3 years as chair).

2012-3 Sue Kloker Lynnhurst, Mpls.

Employed as a Spanish interpreter, Sue has B.A. and M.A. college degrees. Local church: Council, former Moderator, choir, Bible Study and Book Group participant, liturgist and Conference Annual Meeting delegate. Community: Meals on Wheels, AAUW, and Prayer Shawl Ministry. She brings to COM: knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, plus experience as Eastern Association Moderator. She has been on several search committees: Conference Minister (co-chair), Lynnhurst, and Coalition executive director.

2012-1 Cheri Mattson St. Paul's, Henderson

Information not available

2012-1 Rev. Helen McEvoy Freese Union, St. Louis Park

Employed as Business Manager at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church in St. Paul. Education: Heidelberg College Tiffin OH and UTS, Local church: choir, works on the coffee hour service team, member of Mary Martha Circle, and is available on-call for assistance re: pastoral duties. Community: on the Independent Review Board at Veteran's Hospital, Minneapolis. "Interest and passion for the subject and the Church as a whole," is what enticed Helen to accept the opportunity to serve in this way. She's also a former Conference Moderator.

2012-1 Alan Naylor Community, Wayzata

A retired, bank employee (U.S. Bank and Firstar Bank), Al is a Macalester College alumnus. Local church (member since 1966): Adult Christian Education Board, High School Program, Rummage Ministries Board (Book Department chair of the annual rummage sale), Called To Care ministry . . . and the list goes on! Community: Ethics Committee of Gillette Specialty Health Care, Board of the Northern Clay Center; Paintings Council of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts; Meals On Wheels; host in Families Moving Forward (when it's WCC's turn to help with this homelessness program) . . . and the list goes on! To the COM, he brings additional interests in theological education and in world religions experienced on trips to Far East and Middle East and to Cuba.

2012-3 Herb Perkins Cherokee Park, St. Paul

Information not available

2012-1 Rev. Nancy Swanson Cherokee Park, St. Paul

Nancy, an Interim Ministry Specialist, is currently the Interim Pastor at Clark Memorial UCC in South St. Paul. She's a graduate of Winona State and UTS. Local church (read Cherokee Park): volunteer with Building Blocks Tutorial. While at Clark Memorial, she's on the South St. Paul Restorative Justice Council and serves as occasional chapel leader at Oak Meadows Senior Living. To the COM, Nancy brings past experience as COM member in Southern Association of the MN Conference (2 terms) and in Northwest Association of the WI Conference UCC (1 term).

2011-1* Leon Erstad Lynnhurst, Mpls.

Leon, an attorney in private practice, has degrees in English, Education, and Law. Twice he was a Fulbright professor of law, in Moldova and Kazakhstan. Local church: former chair of the personnel committee and moderator, Sunday school teacher and member of many committees. An early Peace Corps volunteer, Leon served once as president of Minnesota Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Currently he is on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Fulbright Association. He's been active for many years and is a former president of Minnesota Defense Lawyers Association.

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2011-1* Rev. Herb Rotunda

First, Appleton

Pastor of two recently-yoked churches, First Congregational UCC in Appleton and First Presbyterian Church in Dawson, Herb is a graduate of Cardinal Stritch University and UTS. Community: local and regional library boards, member of local hospital board, delivery coordinator for the Meals Each Day program and a Parents Forever instructor. His particular path to ministry (he began in Appleton as a student pastor—licensed and in-care through seminary until ordination) and his current ecumenical shared ministry bring special dimensions to the COM realm.

2011-1* Jan Shaffer

First, Fairmont

A Macalester graduate, Jan is self-employed long-arm quilter. Local church: Financial Secretary and willing volunteer who's been on Missions and CE Boards, the Church Council, and the Pastoral Relations Committee. Community: president of Prairie Star Quilt Guild in Fairmont, PEO, Blue Earth Community Quilters, leader of quilting retreats at Pilgrim Point and at the Nebraska Conf. UCC Camp. She's a 30+ year member of the UCC and has known many clergy in various settings. "In specific, I was on our local church's PRC at a time when we needed assistance from the Committee on Ministry."

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

2012-1 position open

2012-2 Gordon Everest

UCC, Falcon Heights

Professor Emeritus at the UofM's Carlson School of Management, Gordon still teaches part time as adjunct. He has a Ph.D., in business, specializing in computer information systems and database design. Local church: Communications and Membership ministry committee, welcoming committee, choir, delegate to MN Conf annual meeting (every year since 2004); also, previously, assistant treasurer, chair constitution (rewrite) committee, member earthkeepers group (headed up an initiative to sell CFL bulbs at cost to members of the church - sold about \$1,500 worth). Community: St. Paul North Star Barbershop chorus and TIMBRE! Quartet (performs at nursing homes, retirement communities, and local community events such as parades and summer music in the park, etc.). Gordon brings to the Development Committee his background in Computers and information systems, business and organization, undergraduate major and doctoral minor in accounting.

2012-1 Becky Kruse

Lynnhurst, Mpls.

Becky has business and education degrees from Gustavus Adolphus and St. Thomas but is currently not employed, Local church: Pastoral Relations Committee, the Centennial Planning Committee, the Vitality Initiative Project, and Bible Study. She is a strong Conference supporter—she's been on the Board of Directors and one other time on the Development Committee. "I've enjoyed coordinating several Friends of the Conference gatherings, meeting UCC members from all around Minnesota."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2012-2 James Bock chair

First UCC, Fairmont

Trained as a cost accountant, before retirement Jim worked with CPA firms and in industrial safety. Now he keeps busy as treasurer of 3 not-for-profit and family LLC's in Fairmont. Local church: Treasurer since 1985, Memorial Committee, Council, Pastoral Search Committee, Insurance Committee and Finance Committee (voice-without-vote). Community: treasurer of the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity; and secretary/treasurer of Kiwanis Early Risers. He brings to the Finance Committee an understanding of financials, experience with Not-For-Profit Fund Accounting, involvement on the Conference Council, Moderator of the Southern Association, and chair of the Southern Association Minister search committee.

2012-1 Ron Bonnevier

UCC, Cottage Grove

Information not available

2012-1 Greg Hubinger

First MN, Mpls.

Employed by the Legislative Coordinating Commission, Minnesota Legislature, Greg's a graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead, and the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs at the UofM. Local church: Personnel and Columbarium Committees, previous Moderator, Trustee, Recorder, Deacon, and Capital Campaign and Parish Staff Relations Committees. Community: non-profit board experience with the Sustainable Resources Center and Westside Neighborhood Housing Services. He brings to this Conference position some exposure to budgeting, human resources, compensation.

2012-1 Mary Klonoski

First MN, Mpls.

A long-familiar face in Conference finance management is returning! Mary has just retired from a position as Financial Director at Family Networks, a nonprofit mental health services agency. She's an alumna of Washington U. in St. Louis and has taken financial and computer courses at the University of Oregon. Local church:

currently serves on the Extravagant Welcome, Art, and Hospitality committees. Community: Treasurer and Board Member, Lochmoor I Condominium Association, member, American Association of University Women, and Volunteer and Recreation Planner at St. Stephen's Shelter. What Mary particularly brings (back) to the Finance Committee are her 23 years of experience with nonprofit accounting and financial planning.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2012-2 Joann Army

St. Anthony Park, St. Paul

Information not available

2012-2 Dawn Baker

Mayflower, Mpls.

Information not available

2012-3 Conee Biggs chair

Falcon Heights, St. Paul

Employed at Medtronic, Inc. in Global Talent Management and Planning, Conee has a B.A. in Psychology (Purdue), a M.S. in Industrial Relations (Iowa State), and a Certificate in Organizational Development (St. Thomas). Local church: chairs Personnel Committee, and past Moderator and Executive Board member. Community: past board member of Avenues For Homeless Youth. To the Conference Personnel Committee, Conee brings 23 years of human resources experience and her group facilitation skills.

2012-1 Rev. Abigail Henderson

First MN, Mpls.

Excited because this coming Sunday she will be ordained, Aby is Associate Minister at First MN where she currently is a Lilly pastoral program resident. She's a Wellesley College and Harvard Divinity School grad, who has taken four units of C.P.E. at Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. She is a life-long UCC member and pastors' kid (x2), born and raised in New England.

2011-1* Lance Brockman

Lynnhurst, Mpls.

Professor of Theatre Arts and Dance at the UofM, Lance owns two degrees from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, KS. Local church: past Moderator and has served on various committees. He brings to the Personnel Committee his experience in developing a Personnel Committee and policies during his term as Moderator. Also, he has administrated and chaired an academic department for 10 years working with HR and college administration on implementation of personnel policies and issues.

PILGRIM POINT CAMP COMMITTEE

2012-1 Rev. Don Britt

First, Princeton

A 30-year pastor in our Conference, Don was at Gaylord for 22 years and has been at Princeton nearly 8 years. He graduated from Augsburg College, attended Luther Seminary, and graduated from UTS. He has had extensive counseling experience at church camps in Wisconsin, Iowa, & Minnesota most summers, at least once. For 35 years, he has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America as a trained Scoutmaster, and ASM. Local church, preacher-and-choir member. Community: a Reading Buddy with boys in 1st-2nd grades, Assistant Wrestling Coach, member of the Mille Lacs County DFL Board; Uncle Sam in parades and campaigning. Lions Club--Highway clean-up, Feed My Starving Children food packaging, and Fund-raisers for community projects Besides his vast camp-related experiences, Don brings to this committee "A visceral understanding of how church camping can transform lives [and] the willingness to work hard to make Pilgrim Point Camp succeed."

2012-1 Annette Matzen

UCC, Robbinsdale

Employed as a consultant for the medical device industry, Annette has degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering. She presently is inactive in local church participation. Community: Free Arts Minnesota (offers a comprehensive creative empowerment curriculum to help organizations heal the lives of children and families) and Common Hope (promotes hope and opportunity in Guatemala, partnering with children, families, and communities who want to participate in a process of development). She brings to the PPCC project management, creative problem solving, and communication skills, plus 18 years Family Camp attendee.

2012-1 Rev. Paula Northwood chair

Plymouth, Mpls.

An Associate Minister at Plymouth Congregational Church, Paula has M.Div. and D.Min. degrees. Particular background that she brings to this position includes co-founder of Wilderness Wind camp, Ely, MN and membership on the board of WomenWell, a Retreat Center and Healing Center in St. Paul.

2012-1 Alan Obernolte

First, Mankato

A self-employed bank consultant, Al's accounting and banking education was received at the Universities of MN and WI. Local church: Council. Community: Rotarian, sings in the Mankato Riverblenders barbershop chorus, and a past coach and bookkeeper for his children's sports teams. "I have 34 years of experience in banking, so I bring a good financial background to my position on the PPCC."

KNOW YOUR NOMINEES FOR 2012 & 2011-1* ELECTED POSITIONS

2012-1 Jack Olson First, Brainerd
Employed by the MN Dept. of Natural Resources, Jack's training is a M.S. in Forestry at the UofM. Local church: Council, participates in small groups, and is a past moderator. Community: Paul Bunyan Cyclists, and Brainerd Nordic Ski Club. He brings to this responsibility his experience as a member of the Outdoor Ministries Committee from late 1990s to early 2000s and his employment in natural resource management.

2012-1 Rev. Mark Pettis First, Moorhead
Recently ordained and installed last November as pastor in Moorhead. Mark graduated from Pomona College (1993), and Lexington Theological Seminary (2009). Mark's exploring potential avenues for community/civic involvement in the area and state. Previously, he has been a Big Brother (four years) in the Big Brothers/Little Brothers program in California, and member of Toastmasters for several years. He worked with the Kentucky Council of Churches while in seminary, and he has volunteered in camps (summer and winter since 2001) in both Southern California and in Kentucky. "I believe my local church experience (I grew up a Preacher's Kid) throughout my life is an important piece of my background." Mark served on a youth leadership team in the So Cal-Nevada Conference UCC both in his youth and later as an adult advisor, and in the past four years he has been one of two co-directors for the Jr. High and High School winter camps in that conference.

2011-1* John Estrem Community, Wayzata
Information not available

2011-1* Jacqueline Falk Pilgrim, Duluth
Leaving behind her work as a teacher and paralegal, Jackie is now a student at UTS and is currently engaged in a pastoral internship at Peace UCC in Duluth. She's been Pilgrim's delegate to Conference Annual Meetings, but her full-time student demands "have brought a hiatus in other community involvement." Jackie's interest in Christian formation and service on the former Conference Christian Ed Committee, and since on the Faith Formation Ministry, bring essential background to this position.

GENERAL SYNOD CLASS OF 2015

Female Clergy Delegate

Rev. Debra Meyer St. Luke's, Eitzen
Deb is Co-Pastor with her spouse, Ron. She has a M.Div. degree, participates in the Music Boosters at Caledonia High School, has 27 years of ministry, and owns an ability to connect with people of differing theological viewpoints.

Female Clergy Alternate Delegate

Rev. Wendy Ward St. James, Barnesville
A graduate of Concordia College in Moorhead and Andover Newton Theological School, Wendy participates in her congregation as pastor and "all-purpose volunteer." Community: Barnesville Area Ministerial Association; Friends of the Barnesville Library; Leadership Barnesville; HELPERS fundraising dinner; and worship leadership at local nursing homes/care centers. She brings to this position a "willingness to wait, be flexible, and an enjoyment of traveling." She also brings a desire to experience the UCC on its national level and to experience the power and inspiration of the gathered body of General Synod.

Female Clergy Delegate

Rev. Sharon Fazel First, Anoka
Serving as co-pastor with her spouse, Chris, the Fazels have been at First in Anoka for 10.5 years. Sharon graduated from Hamline, Ohio U. in Athens, OH, and UTS. Community: Anoka Chamber of Commerce, the City of Anoka Ministerium, and the Alexandra House (women & children's shelter). She has had extensive work in conducting consensus organization of issues and events planning for MN Conference Annual Meeting. She was a major participant with local church leadership in initiating and conducting a building campaign and \$1.2 million capital campaign for major renovation of local church building.

Female Clergy Alternate Delegate

Rev. Barbara Martin First, Cannon Falls
A new-comer to the Conference, Barbara has a M.Div. from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA (2008). She has already become involved with Board of Directors of The Shepherd's Center of Cannon Valley (a non-profit organization promoting lifelong community involvement through intergenerational, interfaith activities which promote significant purpose and meaning for fruitful lives); vice-president Community Churches Interaction Council, Cannon Falls. She has a desire to participate in the decision-making process of the General Synod, to further her skills and knowledge for her pastorate, to offer her support for the ministry of the UCC to the world and to share in the enthusiastic evangelism with a denomination that is courageous, inclusive, and radically-loving.

Male Clergy Delegate

Rev. Dan Batson Community, Walker
Nearing his fifth year as pastor in Walker, Dan has degrees from UofM and UTS. He has been a member of the Conference Evangelism Committee. Dan attended '85, '95 and '09 General Synods as a visitor, and is "interested in the covenantal workings of the denomination at the national/conference/local settings."

Male Clergy Alternate Delegate

Rev. Gary Titusdahl First, Zumbrota
Gary is pastor of our church in Zumbrota and of the Presbyterian Church in Oronoco. A St. Olaf College graduate, Gary has both a M.Div. and D.Min. from UTS. Community: Community Ed Council, CROP Walk, and Food Shelf. He was ordained by the UCC 25 years ago, served churches in MN and WI, and has been active in the MN Conference UCC, most recently serving on the Justice and Witness Team (2 years as Chair). Gary states, "I bleed UCC."

Male Clergy Delegate

Rev. T. Michael Rock UCC, Robbinsdale
T. Michael has his M. Div. from Andover Newton Theological School, and in the few years he has been at Robbinsdale he has become an active volunteer in the community and the MN Conference. He is an Educator/Trainer/Author – *Our Whole Lives: Sexuality and Our Faith* curricula and *Creating a Culture of Peace – Nonviolence for Personal and Social Change*. He has attended 11 of 12 General Synods from 1993 to 2007 and understands the commitment and community that makes the national setting work.

Male Clergy Alternate Delegate

Rev. David Lindsey Lynnhurst, Mpls.
David earned degrees at Centre College (KY) and Claremont School of Theology (CA). A musician and actor, David takes voice lessons, performs in rock bands via Twin Town Guitars; acts with Corcoran Park Players; and has volunteered at an NPR station in California. He's former co-chair of Committee on Ministry (Central Association, Southern California Nevada Conference); a visitor to General Synod in 2005; participated in two educational sessions at the Church House in Cleveland (one on global ministry, one on conference ministry); attended Conference Annual Meetings for Southern California Nevada (2004, 2005, 2006) and Minnesota (2008, 2009); participated in international mission trips to Mexico, China, Israel / Palestine; participant in Minnesota Conference trip to Taize, France; co-facilitator of Minnesota Conference's 2009 confirmation camp; trained in Our Whole Lives (OWL) curriculum; guided two churches through capital campaigns and construction projects; currently working on a certificate in spiritual direction from Christos Center in Lino Lakes.

Female Lay Delegate

Debra Miedema Pilgrims, Maple Grove
Employed as Technical Advisor Program Administrator at Fish and Richardson, P.C., Deb has a B.A. in American Studies from the UofM, and has secondary school teaching licensure. Local church: member since 2006, presently vice-moderator, VIP evangelism team. Community: volunteer softball coach, and participant on local, district and state levels of the DF-L party. She believes she brings several perspectives to her role as GS delegate: member of a small, revitalizing church—"having only in the last five years learned of the existence (and exciting presence) of the UCC;" her relative youth and energy, and "especially in ways in which we might reach out to a younger population via modern technologies."

Female Lay Alternate Delegate

Stacy Kehrwald Chapel Hills, Edina
Stacy is employed by Eden Prairie Schools--Community Education. Local church: 21-year member, taught in the Sunday School 15+ years, currently a Deacon, Curator Committee, Pastoral Relations, and Women's Fellowship. Community: assists in Adults with Disabilities and Feed My Starving Children. She brings a special dimension to this position—a fourth-generation UCC member: "My great grandparents, John and Martha Stacy, were among the first Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) converts to Christianity [in] the Reformed side of the UCC family."

Female Lay Delegate

Karen Peterson Peace United, Long Prairie
Information not available

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Female Lay Alternate Delegate

Darby Bowen	United Parish, Glenwood
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Darby puts her Supervisory Management degree to use as the elected Pope County Recorder. Local church: currently co-financial secretary; member of 125th Anniversary Committee; and Earthwise committee chair. Previously, Sunday School teacher, and various council positions including: Christian Education, Staff Parish Relations; Council Secretary and Council Chair. Community: Rotary, and has been involved in the Glenwood Waterama and Minnewaska Area High School committees. That she is visionary/futuristic, able to see more than one side of issues, and responsible with good follow-through positions her well to be a General Synod alternate.

Male Lay Delegate

Hans Simons	UCC, Falcon Heights
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Currently the moderator of his congregation, Hans is employed at Fairview Southdale Hospital in respiratory care, utilizing his training in that field at UofM—Crookston. Community: Hamline-Midway Elders (A living at home Block Nurse Program) and Fairview Foundation (Medical Missions in the US and abroad). His moderator experience and political involvement as delegate to his party's state convention have given him experience in debate and mediation, budget planning and electing officials.

Male Lay Alternate Delegate

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Male Lay Delegate

Bradley Tadlock	First, Sherburn
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With two degrees in agricultural engineering from the U. of Illinois, Brad is a project engineer for AGCO--Jackson Operations where he is the leader of an 11 person team. He is current president of his congregation, and has been highly involved since 2008 in the shared ministry board with the former yoke with Granada UCC (now closed). "I look forward to serving the church in this [G.S. Delegate] capacity."

Male Lay Alternate Delegate

David Braun	Zion, Le Sueur
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Information not available

Youth/Under-30 Delegate

Justin Tucker	First, Wadena
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Having patiently served as an alternate delegate in this category for the past 4 years, Justin is excited about being a delegate this time around. Now a student at St. Thomas University, he works part-time at the Target store in Roseville. Local church: he has performed special music and attended youth events. Community: sings and plays instrumentally every year for the Empty Stocking Fund and Jingle Bells telethon to raise money for families who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford a Christmas. His excitement is captured in this statement: "I'm a quick learner and am a huge people person. I love meeting new people and am very charismatic in doing so. I haven't been as involved with the church as I'd like to, and am hoping to be more so now and here on out."

Youth/Under-30 Alternate Delegate

Bradley Palmer	Union, St. Louis Park
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Brad is a sophomore at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Local church, he's been a youth group member and Youth Committee member, attendee of four mission trips working with the homeless (Chicago, Atlanta, Washington, D.C, Miami). He's put in 10,000 hours of Community Service, is a Club Campus Leader (over 500 hours of service work during the 2009-2010 school year). He is creator and leader of Wright County Ultimate Frisbee league (2010). Since both of his parents are clergy (Cindy Mueller and Jeff Palmer), Brad has grown up surrounded by the UCC his entire life. He has attended three General Synods (non-delegate) and is on his 19th MN Conference Annual Meeting. "My leadership skills have allowed me to step up and play in an adult-controlled church world. I am not afraid to discuss issues with those older than myself, nor am I afraid to voice my own opinion even if it is different than those around me."

Youth/Under-30 Delegate

Hannah Tower	Mizpah, Hopkins
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Hannah, a student at Concordia College in Moorhead, works there as a Nutrition Assistant, since she's majoring in Nutrition and minoring in Psychology. Local church: she's helped with Sunday school and the After School Program for three years, and participated in the youth group and mission trips. She was in National Honors Society in high school that completed many different community service activities. She's been a counselor at Pilgrim Point for the Tenderfoot Camp. "I am a very organized person [and] committed to serving and helping the community. I strongly believe in many of the UCC beliefs even though they may be controversial. Also, I am passionate about continuing the strength and acceptance of the UCC community. I work well with others and look forward to meeting the other delegates. I have been an active member in the UCC church for as long as I can remember and I wouldn't have it any other way."

Youth/Under-30 Alternate Delegate

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GENERAL SYNOD CLASS OF 2013

Female Clergy Alternate Delegate

Rev. Molly Cox	Edina Morningside, Edina
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see under *COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY*

Male Clergy Alternate Delegate

Rev. Timothy Berg	First, Mankato
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Tim is Campus Chaplain and a faculty member of Minnesota State University—Mankato. At First Church, he is a past Mission Committee chairperson. He has had numerous and varied community involvements. The particular skill & background he brings to the position for which he has been nominated: in his own inimitable manner, Tim replies simply, "Male clergy."

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AITKIN, FIRST

ALDRICH, FIRST

ALEXANDRIA, FIRST

Dee Dressler *Pilgrim Point Camp Director*

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

Com. on Ministry

Jane Harstead *G.S. Alternate 2013*

Rev. Scott Keehn *Ann'l Meeting Planning*

ANOKA, FIRST

Lauren Cains *Outdoor Ministries Team*

Rev. Sharon Fazel *G.S. Delegate 2015*

APPLETON, FIRST

Rev. Herb Rotunda *Com. on Ministry*

AUSTIN, FIRST

Aleta Christopherson *G.S. Delegate 2013*

Immigration Task Force

BARNESVILLE, ST. JAMES

Rev. Wendy Ward *G.S. Alternate 2015*

BAUDETTE, FIRST

BENSON, PILGRIM

Karen Evenson *Global Partnerships Team*

BERTHA, FAITH

BIRCHDALE, UNITED

BIWABIK, COMMUNITY

BLOOMINGTON, ST. MARK'S

Rev. Jennifer Jaimez *Com. on Ministry,*

G.S. Alternate 2013

Cindy Russell *Development Com.*

BRAINERD, FIRST

Jack Olson *Pilgrim Point Camp Com.*

CAMPBELL, FAITH COMMUNITY

CANNON FALLS, FIRST

Rev. Barbara Martin *G.S. Alternate 2015*

CHASKA, ZOAR

COTTAGE GROVE, UCC

Ronald Bonnevier *Finance Com.*

Rev. Desiree Gold *Com. on Ministry*

DELANO, ST. PAUL'S

DETROIT LAKES, CONG'L

DODGE CENTER, FIRST

Richard J. Welsh *G.S. Alternate 2013*

DULUTH, PEACE

Nettie Bothwell *Emmaus Anti-Racism*

Carolyn Clark Pegg *Emmaus Anti-Racism*

Rev. Kathy Nelson

Global Partnerships Team

Paul VanAntwerp *Outdoor Ministries Team*

DULUTH, PILGRIM

Jackie Falk *Pilgrim Point Camp Com.,*

Faith Formation C&Y

Robert Fensterman *G.S. Alternate 2013*

DULUTH, UNITED PROT.

EDEN VALLEY, PEACE

Rev. Bridget Haefner *Com. on Ministry*

EDINA, CHAPEL HILLS

Rev. Douglas Allen *Com. on Ministry*

Rev. Robert Griggs *Nom. Work Group*

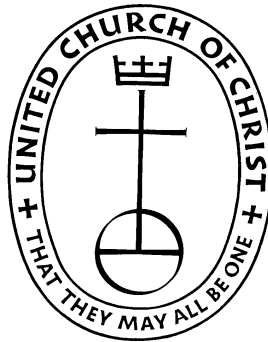
Stacy Kehrwald *G.S. Alternate 2015*

Rev. Alan McNamara

Board of Directors, G.S. Delegate 2013

Of 137 churches listed, 77
(56.2%) have members
involved in the various
ministries of the
Conference.

There are 227 persons
involved in 259 ministries
positions in the
Conference.



THIS IS MY CHURCH

*It is composed
of people like me.*

We make it what it is.

It will be friendly—if I am. Its pews will be filled—if I help fill them. It will do a great work—if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes—if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship—if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit—if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

--Author unknown

EDINA, COLONIAL

EDINA, EDINA MORNINGSIDE

Rev. Molly Cox *Com. on Ministry,*

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Rev. Rosemary Rocha

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Mary Rogers *Com. on Ministry*

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Rev. Deb Meyer *G.S. Delegate 2015*

ELK RIVER, UNION

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Ann'l Mtg. Planning, G.S. Delegate 2013

Rev. Amy Wick-Moore

Pilgrim Point Camp Com.

Jan Wick *Com. on Ministry*

EXCELSIOR, CONG'L

Michele Borne *Faith Formation C&Y*

EYOTA, ST. PAUL'S

FAIRMONT, FIRST

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Kim Shaffer *Pilgrim Point Camp Com.*

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FARIBAULT, ST. JOHN'S

FERGUS FALLS, FEDERATED

FERGUS FALLS, FIRST UCC

FOREST CITY, ST. MATTHEW'S

FREEBORN, CONG'L

GAYLORD, UCC

Philip Keithahn *Bd. of Directors*

GLENCOE, FIRST

GLENCOE, PEACE

GLENWOOD, UNITED PARISH

Darby Bowen *G.S. Alternate 2015*

GLYNDON, CONG'L

GRACEVILLE, FIRST

GRAND MARAIS, FIRST

GRAND MEADOW, UNITED

GRANITE FALLS, UCC

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Spencer Kvam *Vice-Moderator*

HACKENSACK, UNION

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HANCOCK, FIRST

HENDERSON, ST. PAUL'S

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Rev. Brigit Stevens *Com. on Ministry,*

G.S. Delegate 2013

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Genie Williams *Nom. Work Group*

HUTCHINSON, FIRST

Jean Ostrom *Ann'l Meeting Planning*
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INTERN'L FALLS, FAITH

Rev. Sue Hamly *Com. On Ministry*

LAKE CITY, FIRST

LESTER PRAIRIE, PRAIRIE

COMMUNITY

Rev. Bill Baldwin *Com. On Ministry*

LE SUEUR, ZION

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David Braun *G.S. Alternate 2015*

Rev. Robert Broeder *UCC Disaster*
Response Conference Coordinator

James Maki *National UCC Executive Council*

LEWISTON, ST. PAUL'S

LITTLE FALLS, FIRST UNITED

LONG PRAIRIE, PEACE UNITED

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Rev. Lynn Strandt *Faith Formation C&Y*

Rev. Al Thompson *MN United Ministries*
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MAPLE GROVE, PILGRIMS

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Rev. Jeff Palmer *Com on Ministry*

MAPLETON, UNITED

MARIETTA NASSAU, FIRST

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MENDOTA HEIGHTS UCC

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MPLS. ALL NATIONS INDIAN

Rev. Marlene Helgemo *MN Council of*
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Mary Klonoski *Finance Com.*

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Rev. Jane McBride *O.C.W.M.*

Renee Pfenning *Global Partnerships Team*

Steve Sorensen *MN Council of Churches*

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Rev. Eliot Howard

Prof. Dvlp. Auth. Ministers,
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Renewing the Public Church

Rev. JoBeth Marshall

Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
Renewing the Public Church

Pam Wilmouth

MN Council of Churches Refugee Services

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MPLS., MINNEHAHA

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- A fellowship of believers.
 - A fellowship of those who have not arrived but are on the way.
 - A fellowship of people who love one another as Christ has loved them.
 - A fellowship of those who have a sense of purpose and who give themselves to a cause that is greater than they
- Ivan B. Bell

