

## 2021 Draft Ballot for Annual Meeting

*Terms for elected positions run through 2022 & 2023 Annual Meetings,  
pending submission and satisfactory review of self-disclosure form.*

Revised May 26, 2021

### Names in Bold = Nominated for new term

Term ending in -0= Filling an unexpired term; -1= First 2-year term; -2= Second 2-year term; -3= Third 3-year term

### Board of Directors

*The Board of Directors has the usual powers and duties of the Board of Directors of a corporation organized under the non-profit corporation law of the State of Minnesota. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Conference between Annual Meetings.*

Term	Name, Role	Congregation
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Shawn Nuebel, Moderator</b>	<b>First UCC, Northfield</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Sara Morse, Vice-Moderator</b>	<b>Hazel Park UCC, St. Paul</b>
2022-3	Don Fancher, Treasurer	UCC New Brighton
2023-1	open, Secretary	
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Hikaru Peterson, At Large</b>	<b>First Cong. of Minnesota, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Lawrence Tanner Richardson, At Large</b>	<b>Linden Hills UCC, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Rev. Leslie Moughty, At Large</b>	<b>Brainerd, First Congregational</b>
2022-1	Rev. Adam Blons, At Large	Macalester Plymouth United Church, St. Paul
2022-1	Rev. Lauren Baske-Davis, At Large	First UCC, Northfield
2022-2	Brad Sleeper, At Large	Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata
<b>2022-0</b>	<b>Chris Bohnhoff, At Large (filling unexpired term)</b>	<b>Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis</b>
2022-1	Julie Champ, Liaison to Development Committee	Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Victoria Wilgocki, Liaison to Personnel</b>	<b>St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul</b>
2022-1	Rev. Coqui Conkey, Liaison to Committee on Ministry	Associated Church of Owatonna
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Bob Sicoli, Liaison to Finance Committee</b>	<b>St. Pauls UCC, St. Paul</b>

Staff: Rev. Shari Prestemon, Conference Minister

### Finance Committee

*The Finance Committee promotes and preserves the financial integrity of the Conference. Its duties include: recommending financial policies to the Board of Directors, preparing and monitoring the Conference budget, making and monitoring investments, monitoring risk and obtaining insurance, managing funds and property, and providing consultation on fundraising.*

Term	Name, Role	Congregation
2022-2	Pam DeMarce	First Congregational UCC, Mankato
<b>2022-0</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Lew Zeidner</b>	<b>Robbinsdale-Parkway UCC, Robbinsdale</b>
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Rev. Tom Porter</b>	<b>Congregational Church of Excelsior</b>

Board: Don Fancher, Treasurer  
Bob Sicoli, Liaison to Finance Committee

Staff: Rev. Shari Prestemon, Conference Minister

## Committee on Ministry

*The Committee on Ministry recommends to the Conference Acting as an Association: standing for churches, the ordaining and commissioning of ministers, and receiving ministers of other denominations by Privilege of Call. It seeks to maintain relationships with persons authorized for ministry and Local Churches holding standing in the Conference. It transfers ministerial standing to or from another Association of the United Church of Christ, authorizes persons to licensed ministry, and confers Dual Standing on ministers of other denominations serving in a UCC setting. It establishes and maintains relationships with Members in Discernment preparing for ordained ministry, and with ministers of other denominations who are seeking Privilege of Call in the UCC. It recommends to the Conference Board of Directors an in-care relationship with new churches or an exploring-church relationship with existing congregations who are considering full standing in the UCC.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<b>2022-0</b>	<b>Rev. Beth Donaldson</b>	<b>UCC New Brighton</b>
2022-1	Rev. Karl Jones	Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis
2022-1	Rev. Tim Johnson	Cherokee Park United Church, St. Paul
2022-1	Rev. Tony Romain	First United Church, Little Falls
2022-2	Ole Olson	United Faith Community, Buffalo
2022-2	Rev. Desiree Gold	First Congregational UCC, Moorhead
2022-2	Rev. John Fiscus	Peace UCC, St. Cloud
2022-2	Rev. Kathy Itzin	Parkway UCC, Minneapolis
2022-3	Diane Gardner	Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis
2022-3	Rev. Glen Herrington-Hall	Cherokee Park United Church, St. Paul
2022-3	Diann Anders, chair	Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis
2022-3	Rev. Kay Welsch	UCC New Brighton
2022-3	Rev. Sandy Johnson	First Cong. UCC of Minnesota, Minneapolis
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Laura Cannata</b>	<b>Robbinsdale Parkway UCC</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Barb Johnson</b>	<b>Union UCC, St. Louis Park</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Janet Bartz</b>	<b>The Congregational Church, Rochester</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Ellen Green</b>	<b>Lynnhurst Congregational UCC</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Kari Hansen</b>	<b>Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Lynne Krehbiel-Breneman</b>	<b>St. Anthony Park</b>
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Rev. Bryan Olson</b>	<b>Cottage Grove UCC</b>
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Rev. Kathryn Morin</b>	<b>UCC New Brighton</b>
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Rev. Kitty Burbo</b>	<b>The Congregational Church, Rochester</b>
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Rev. Beth Faeth</b>	<b>Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Rev. Jeff Palmer</b>	<b>Union UCC, St. Louis Park</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Jean Ostrom</b>	<b>New Journey UCC, Hutchinson</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Rev. Jocelyn Bakkemo</b>	<b>Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Hannah Kuether</b>	<b>First Congregational of Minnesota, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Rev. Coqui Conkey</b>	<b>Associated Church of Owatonna</b>

Board: Rev. Coqui Conkey, Liaison to Committee on Ministry

Staff: Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, Associate Conference Minister

### Development Committee

*The Development Committee promotes the financial development of the Conference through presenting annually a fund development plan to the Board of Directors, assessing donor prospects, and ensuring execution of a fund development plan.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
2022-1	Rev. Vicki Wunsch	St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul
2022-2	Rudi Anders, Chair	Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis
2022-2	Rev. John Szarke	Peace UCC, Duluth
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		

Board: Julie Champ, Liaison to Development Committee  
Staff: Bob Olsen, Director of Development

### Personnel Committee

*The Personnel Committee is responsible for human resource matters through recommending personnel policies to the Board of Directors, assisting in development of position descriptions, recommending staff compensation to the Finance Committee, and ensuring that performance reviews are conducted.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<b>2022-0</b>	<b>partial term to fill</b>	
2022-2	Dawn Schilling, Chair	UCC New Brighton
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Claire Kolmodin</b>	<b>Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Anne Ehrenberg</b>	<b>UCC New Brighton</b>
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Jeorgia Cluckey</b>	<b>Community UCC, St. Paul Park</b>
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Sonja Martens</b>	<b>Edina Morningside UCC, Edina</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Arlene Fancher</b>	<b>UCC New Brighton</b>

Board: Rev. Victoria Wilgocki, Liaison to Personnel  
Staff: Rev. Shari Prestemon, Conference Minister

### Annual Meeting Planning Work Group

*The Annual Meeting Planning Work Group oversees all matters related to planning all Annual Meetings of the Conference.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
2022-3	Rev. Danielle Bartz, Chair	First Congregational Church UCC Winona
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Nora Elliott</b>	<b>St. Luke Presbyterian (PC-USA), Minnetonka</b>
<b>2023-1</b>	<b>Rev. Robin Raudabaugh</b>	<b>Union Congregational UCC, Elk River</b>
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Rev Tony Romaine</b>	<b>First United Church, Little Falls</b>
<b>2023-3</b>	<b>Shelley Lindenfelser</b>	<b>United Faith Community, Buffalo</b>

Staff: Rev. Shari Prestemon, Conference Minister

### **Nominating Working Group**

*The Nominating Work Group makes nominations for positions to be elected by the Conference Annual Meeting and nominations for positions to be appointed by the Board of Directors.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
2022-3	Mary Kaser- Chair	1st Cong'l, Winona
2022-3	Rev. Sue Hamly	Faith UCC, International Falls
2022-3	Rev. Charlotte Frantz	Peace UCC, Duluth
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-1</b>		
<b>2023-2</b>	<b>Shirley Hoff</b>	<b>Peace UCC, St. Cloud</b>
Staff:	Rev. Kevin Brown, Associate Conference Minister	

### General Synod Delegates

*The Minnesota Conference sends 19 delegates to each General Synod, divided into two classes, with approximately equal numbers of female clergy, male clergy, laywomen, and laymen--two of whom are to be female youth/under-30 and two of whom are to be male youth/under-30. For each delegate, an alternate is selected that closely matches the demographics of the paired delegate. In the selection process, attention is given to persons who have not represented the Minnesota Conference at least within the past ten years, to members from congregations that seldom, if ever, have had a member serve as a delegate, to persons from a racial minority, and to those with disabilities. Additionally, no bias is given on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.*

#### **Class of 2023 - serving for General Synod 2019 & 2021 (online)**

Delegate Rev. Ava Adams-Morris  
Alternate

Zoar UCC, Waldorf

**Delegate Benjamin Fena (youth delegate)**  
**Alternate**

**Peace UCC, Duluth**

Delegate Kristina Felbeck  
Alternate

First Congregational of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Delegate Rev. Kathy Itzin  
Alternate

Robbinsdale Parkway UCC, Robbinsdale

Delegate Claire Klein  
Alternate

Lyndale UCC, Minneapolis

Delegate Rev. Chris McArdle  
Alternate

First Congregational UCC, Anoka

Delegate Samuel McCurry  
Alternate

St. Paul's UCC, Delano

Delegate Ole Olson  
Alternate

United Faith Community, Buffalo

Delegate Jean Ostrom  
Alternate

New Journey UCC, Hutchinson

**Delegate**  
**Alternate**

***Class of 2025 - serving for General Synod 2021 (online) & 2023***

Delegate Rev. Jill Warner  
Alternate

New Journey UCC, Hutchinson

Delegate Rev. Charlotte Frantz  
Alternate

Peace UCC, Duluth

Delegate Rev. Anna Larson  
Alternate

Circles of Faith UCC, Waubun

Delegate Adam Thompson  
Alternate

Colonial Church

Delegate Ash Koncar (youth delegate)  
Alternate

Falcon Heights UCC

**Delegate Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis**  
**Alternate**

**Robbinsdale Parkway UCC, Robbinsdale**

Delegate Gary Kwong  
Alternate

Union Congregational Church UCC, Hackensack

**Delegate Tracy Lyons**  
**Alternate**

**First Congregational UCC, Brainerd**

**Delegate**  
**Alternate**

Delegation includes:

Shawn Nuebel, Moderator

Rev. Shari Prestemon, Conference Minister