

## 2024 Ballot for Annual Meeting - Draft

*Terms for positions begin with election at the 2023 annual meeting and conclude with 2025 annual meeting, pending submission and satisfactory review of self-disclosure form.*

5/7/2024

### **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 2-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.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
2025-1	Rev. Sara Morse, Moderator	Hazel Park UCC, St. Paul
2025-1	Jean Chagnon, Vice Moderator	First Congregational of Minnesota, Minneapolis
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Bob Sicoli, Treasurer</b>	<b>St. Pauls UCC, St. Paul</b>
2025-2	Rev. Rebecca LeMenager, Secretary	UCC New Brighton
2025-1	Rev. Clare Gromoll, At Large	St. Croix United Church, Bayport
2025-1	Rev. Danielle Bartz, At Large	First Congregational UCC, Winona
2025-2	Hikaru Peterson, At Large	First Congregational of Minnesota, Minneapolis
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Chris Bohnhoff, At Large</b>	<b>Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2026-3</b>	<b>Rev. Lauren Baske-Davis, At Large</b>	<b>First UCC, Northfield</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Shelly Lindenfelser, Liaison to Development</b>	<b>United Faith Community, Buffalo</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Herb Rotunda, Liaison to Personnel</b>	<b>First Congregational UCC, Appleton</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Tony Romaine, Liaison to Committee on Ministry</b>	<b>First United Church, Little Falls</b>
<b>2025-0</b>	<b>open, Liaison to Finance Committee</b>	

Staff: Rev. Dr. David Lindsey, Transitional 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.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Name, Role</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
<b>2025-0</b>		
<b>2025-0</b>	<b>Steve Magistad</b>	<b>St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul</b>
2025-2	Rev. Frank Bennett	Edina Morningside UCC, Edina
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Kevin LeVoor</b>	<b>First Congregational UCC, Grand Marais</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Fritz</b>	<b>Bethlehem UCC, Maple Lake</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Kim Shaffer</b>	<b>First Congregational UCC, Mankato</b>

Board: Bob Sicoli, Treasurer  
open, Liaison to Finance Committee

Staff: Rev. Dr. David Lindsey, Transitional 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>2025-0</b>		
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2025-1	Cindy Lemke	First Congregational UCC, Wadena
2025-1	Bob Galkowicz	St. Paul's UCC, St. Paul
2025-2	Barb Johnson	Union Congregational UCC, St. Louis Park
2025-2	Janet Bartz	The Congregational Church, Rochester
2025-2	Kari Hansen	Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis
2025-3	Rev. Beth Faeth	Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis
2025-3	Rev. Bryan Olson, chair	Cottage Grove UCC
2025-3	Rev. Kathryn Morin	UCC New Brighton
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Bill Marshall</b>	<b>First Congregational UCC, Princeton</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Cindy Maddox</b>	<b>First UCC, Northfield</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Matt Orendorff</b>	<b>The Federated Church, Morris</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Noah Moore</b>	<b>The Associated Church, Owatonna</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Chelle Lyons Hanson</b>	<b>First Congregational UCC, Moorhead</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Nikki Frontz</b>	<b>Edina Morningside Linden Hills UCC</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Jess Chancey</b>	<b>Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Mary Koon</b>	<b>Robbinsdale Parkway UCC, Robbinsdale</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Rick King</b>	<b>Falcon Heights UCC, St. Paul</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Shannon Smith</b>	<b>The Congregational Church UCC, Rochester</b>
<b>2026-3</b>	<b>Rev. Karl Jones</b>	<b>Plymouth Congregational Church, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2026-3</b>	<b>Rev. Tim Johnson</b>	<b>Cherokee Park United Church, St. Paul</b>

Board: Rev. Tony Romaine, Liaison to Committee on Ministry  
 Staff: Rev. Kelly Gallagher, 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>
<b>2025-0</b>		
2025-1	Jim Bock	First Congregational UCC, Fairmont
2025-2	Rev. Rick Wagner	Robbinsdale Parkway UCC, Robbinsdale
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Paul Bauch</b>	<b>Peace UCC, Rochester</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Craig Freeman</b>	<b>St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Nancy Swanson, Chair</b>	<b>Cherokee Park United Church, St. Paul</b>

Board: Shelly Lindenfelser, Liaison to Development

Staff: Keren Lowell, Development Officer

### 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>2025-0</b>		
<b>2025-0</b>		
<b>2025-3</b>	<b>Sonja Martens, chair</b>	<b>Edina Morningside and Linden Hills UCC, Edina</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Lynne Krehbiel-Breneman</b>	<b>St Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Erik Lien</b>	<b>St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul</b>
<b>2026-1</b>		

Board: Rev. Herb Rotunda, Liaison to Personnel

Staff: Rev. Dr. David Lindsey, Transitional 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>
<b>2025-0</b>		
<b>2025-0</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Rachael Keefe</b>	<b>Living Table UCC, Minneapolis</b>
<b>2025-0</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Carolyn Pressler</b>	<b>UCC New Brighton</b>
2025-1	Rev. Vanessa Bradby	New Spirit UCC, Savage
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Torri Vande Zande</b>	<b>Union Congregational Church UCC, Hackensack</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Jean Ostrom</b>	<b>New Journey UCC, Hutchinson</b>
<b>2026-1</b>	<b>Rev. Dan Stark</b>	<b>Wayzata Community Church UCC</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Nora Elliott, chair</b>	<b>UCC New Brighton</b>
<b>2026-2</b>	<b>Rev. Enno Limvere</b>	<b>First Congregational UCC, Grand Marais</b>

Staff: Rev. Dr. David Lindsey, Transitional 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.*

Term	Name, Role	Congregation
2025-0		
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2025-1	Rev. Jeff Palmer	Union Congregational UCC, St. Louis Park
2025-1	Rev. Dr. Liz Mahan	Lynnhurst Congregational UCC, Minneapolis
2026-1	Brenda Clarno	Union Congregational UCC, St. Louis Park
2026-2	Rev. Elliot Howard, chair	Edina Morningside and Linden Hills UCC, Edina
2026-2	Rev. Howie Tobak	Saint Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul

Staff: Rev. Kevin Brown, Associate Conference Minister

### General Synod Delegates

*The Minnesota Conference chooses 19 delegates and 19 alternate delegates for each General Synod from among its authorized ministers and members of its Local Churches. Lay persons must comprise at least fifty percent of the delegates and the delegation must reflect the United Church of Christ's commitment to the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The delegation must be representative of people of diverse races, ethnicities, genders, gender expressions and youth and young adults (at least twenty percent of each delegation shall be under 30 years of age, and where possible, be represented equally by high school age youth and young adults).*

#### **Class of 2027 - serving for General Synod 2023 & 2025**

Delegate	Elizabeth O'Sullivan	First UCC, Northfield
Alternate		
Delegate	Noah Moore	The Associated Church, Owatonna
Alternate		
Delegate	Rev. Eli'jah Carroll	St. Paul's UCC, St. Paul
Alternate		
Delegate	Rev. Justin Griffiths	
Alternate		
Delegate	Rev. Matt Orendorff	The Federated Church, Morris
Alternate		
Delegate	Bree McKee-Miller	Mayflower UCC, Minneapolis
Alternate		
Delegate	Rev. Victoria Wilgocki	St. Anthony Park UCC, St. Paul
Alternate		
Delegate	Jerry Locula	Peace UCC, Rochester
Alternate		
Delegate	Cole Marshall	First Congregational UCC, Anoka
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, Edina

Delegate Rev. Dr. Justin Sabia-Tanis  
Alternate

Robbinsdale Parkway UCC, Robbinsdale

Delegate Gary Kwong  
Alternate

Union Congregational Church UCC, Hackensack

Delegate  
Alternate

Delegate  
Alternate

Delegate  
Alternate

Delegation includes:

Rev. Sara Morse, Moderator

Rev. Dr. David Lindsey, Transitional Conference Minister