

GA-1735
(Operational, Policy and Organizational)

**GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR
OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

First Vice Moderator



Rev. Beau Underwood has served as the Senior Minister of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Jefferson City, MO since February of 2015. Prior to moving to Missouri's state capitol, he was the Senior Director of Advocacy and Communications at Sojourners in Washington, DC and an Assistant Minister at National City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). A lifelong Disciple, he is a 2003 graduate of Eureka College and a 2010 graduate of both the Divinity School and the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, where he was also a Disciples Divinity House Scholar. He is currently taking doctoral classes at the University of Missouri's Truman School of Public Policy. In addition to his ministry as a local church pastor, Rev. Underwood serves on the Board of Directors for Higher Educational and Leadership Ministries (HELM) and the Mid-America Region. He is also a member of the Alumni Council for the Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago. His partner in life and in serving God's people is his wife, Casey, who leads an educational outreach unit at the University of Missouri.

Second Vice Moderator



Rev. Timothy Lee Timothy S. Lee is an ordained minister and a historian of Christianity. He currently serves as Associate Professor of the History of Christianity and Director of Asian (Korean) Church Studies at Brite Divinity School (Texas Christian University). His research focuses on the history of Christianity in Asia and Asian America, especially Korea, and Asians and Asian-North Americans in the Stone Campbell Movement. He attended the University of Illinois (Urbana), where he earned a B.A. in history; and the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he earned an A.M. in Religious Studies, a Certificate in Ministerial Studies, and a PhD in the History of Christianity. He is a recipient of the Edward Scribner Ames Scholarship of the Disciples Divinity House in Chicago and the David T. Kagiwada Scholarship of North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD). His ordination occurred in 1996, at Chicago Christian Church (DOC), under the mentorship of the late Rev. Soongook Choi. In 2010, he served as moderator of NAPAD's inaugural board of directors. He has also been a member of the following boards or organizations: the General Reconciliation Committee, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, the Mission Alignment Coordinating Council, the Council on Christian Unity, and the Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion. He and his wife Yeahwa are members of University Christian Church (DOC) in Fort Worth, Texas

Moderator-Elect



The Reverend Belva Brown Jordan serves as the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Assessment, associate professor of the practice of ministry at Claremont School of Theology; and Dean of Disciples Seminary Foundation (Claremont). Rev. Jordan's ministry and service with the church, and in higher education, spans thirty-plus years. She began her ministerial career as a denominational executive for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with the Division of Homeland Ministry (Indianapolis, IN) as the director of racial/ethnic ministry. Before making the transition to theological education, she also served as the denomination's director of youth ministry focusing on leader

development with youth. Jordan's first full-time faculty appointment was with Lancaster Theological Seminary (Lancaster, PA). Field Education and the practice of ministry were her primary areas of responsibility. After eight years at Lancaster, having earned tenure and served as dean of the faculty for one year, she moved on to Harvard University Divinity School (Cambridge, MA). For seven years Rev. Jordan served as the assistant dean for student life at Harvard Divinity, always seeking to build a bridge of support for students beyond the classroom. When the opportunity presented itself to serve in a Disciples of Christ affiliated seminary, Rev. Jordan became the associate dean for admissions and student services at Phillips Theological Seminary (Tulsa, OK). During the summer of 2013, Jordan made the move to Claremont, CA to join the academic administrative team at Claremont School of Theology.

Reverend Jordan's vocation as "church person" extends beyond her professional experience. Over the years she has served on a number of Disciples of Christ boards and committees, in various leadership roles. (dates are approximate)
Disciples Peace Fellowship (late 80s), National Convocation Board (mid-90s), General Board, National Benevolent Association (2005-2014), General Commission on Ministry (2014-present), Bethany Fellows (Board and Leadership Team)
Bethany West Fellows (2013-present)

For membership on the General Board 2018 - 2021 (Nominated from the General Nominating Committee)

General Board Class of 2021:

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| Kristen Alstott | (W, L, F, 23-29, UMW) |
| Shanell Bowden | (B, L, F, 23-29, IL/WI) |
| Matthew Hudman | (W, C, M, 30-39, SW) |
| Kaeli Sweigard | (W, L, F, 23-29, CAN) |
| Candis Wilson | (B, L, F, 30-39, OH) |
| Eula Pagdilao | (A, L, F, 23-29, PSW) |
| Katie Hays | (W, C, F, 40-49, SW) |

6 females, 1 male; 5 lay leaders, 2 clergy;
2 African Americans, 1 Asian American, and 4 Caucasian
Ages: 23-29 (4), 30-39 (2), 40-49 (1)

Continuing GNC General Board Class of 2019:

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| Jackie Bunch | (B, L, F 60+ OH) |
| Jeanetta Cotman | (B, C, F, 60+, MI) |
| Alison Ruari | (API, C, F, 30-39 IN) |
| Sarah Himaya | (API, L, F, 18-22 CAN) |
| Angela Kaufman | (W, C, F 40-49 SW) |
| Serbando Peralez | (H, C, M 50-59 SW) |
| Bernice Rivera-Martinez | (H, L, F 50-59 OR) |

6 females, 1 male; 3 lay leaders, 4 clergy;
2 African Americans, 2 Asian Pacific Islanders, 2 Hispanics, and 1 Caucasian
Ages: 23U (1), 30-39 (1), 40-49 (1), 50-59 (2), 60+ (2)

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominated from the Administrative Committee of the General Board
For election through the 2021 General Assembly

| | |
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| Arnold Hayes | (B, L, M, 60+, TN) |
| Jong Kook Hong | (A, C, M, 60+, NW) |
| Dean Phelps | (W, C, M, 50-59, CRM) |
| Bere Gil Soto | (H, L, F, 30-39, IN) |
| Diane Watkins | W, L, F, 50-59, KS |

2 females, 3 males; 3 lay leader, 2 clergy;
1 African American, 2 Caucasians, and 1 Asian American, 1 Hispanic

Continuing members of the General Nominating Committee through the 2019 General Assembly include:

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| Andrea Brownlee | W, C, F, 30-39, UMW |
| Vera Burton | B, L, F, 60+, OH |
| Danny Gulden | W, C, M, 40-49, GA |
| Cheryl Jackson | B, L, F, 40-49, IL/WI |
| Vacancy | |

Of the five-person class of 2019:

3 females, 1 male; 2 lay leader, 2 clergy;
2 African American, 2 Caucasians, and 1 Vacancy
Ages: 30-39 (1), 40-49 (2), 60+ (1)

In keeping with The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the members of the Corporation of the Division of Disciples Home Missions and the Corporation of the Division of Overseas Ministries were elected by the General Board at its February 2017 meeting. They are reported here to comply with the Bylaws of the two ministries:

Disciples Home Missions

The General Board **elected** the following persons

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| Xochitl Alvizo | (L, F, H, 30-39, NoE) |
| Beverly Bell | (L, F, B, 60-69, TN) |
| Candyce Black-Wells | (L, F, B, 30-39, NoE) |
| Tim Campbell | (L, M, W, 20-29, CAN) |
| Rhonda Cole-Green | (L, F, B, 40-49, SC) |
| Tom Cooley | (L, M, W, 40-49, SW) |
| Chimiste Doriscar | (C, M, B, 50-59, IN) |
| Jennifer Larson | (L, F, W, 40-59, VA) |
| Sandy Messick | (C, F, W, 50-59, NW) |
| Derrick Perkins | (C, M, B, 30-39, MID-AM) |
| Katherine Raley | (C, F, W, 25-29, CRM) |
| Juan Rodriguez | (C, M, H, 60-69, FL) |
| Reuben Sancken-Marx | (C, M, W, 23-29, IN) |
| Jeremy Skaggs | (C, M, W, 40-49, SW) |
| Charles Chuck Tooley | (L, M, W, 60-69, MT) |

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

The General Board **elected** the following persons

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| Stephanie Buckhannon Crowder | (C, F, B, 40-49, IL-WI) |
| Ismael Sanchez | (C, M, H, 50-59, NoE) |
| Diana Brown | (L, F, C, 60-69, OK) |
| Phyllis Ann Hallman | (L, F, C, 70+, AZ) |
| John R. Kleinschmidt, III., | (L, M, C, 30-39, KY) |
| Zenobia Mayo | (L, F, B, 60-69, OK) |
| Marilyn Whittaker | (L, F, B, 60-69, VA) |
| Dale Braxton Sr | (C, M, B, 50-59, AL-NW FL) |
| Heechang Kang | (C, M, A, 30-39, IL-WI) |
| Cyndy Twedell, | (C, F, C, 50-59, SW) |
| Ryan Cullumber | (L, M, C, 40-49, PSW) |
| Nancy Lear | (L, F, C, 60-69, GKC) |
| Selina Reyes-Martinez | (C, F, H, 40-49, FL) |
| Richard Spleth | (C, M, C, 60-69, IN) |
| Deborah Swift-Dewitt | (L, F, B, 60-69, TN) |

**The General Board recommends that the General Assembly
ADOPT GA-1735. (Discussion time: 12 minutes)**