

**2022 Upper New York Conference**  
**Conference Committee on Nominations Report**

TEAM	2016 BOD ¶	FIRST	LAST	CLERGY OR LAY	TERM	ENDING	OFFICE
Conference Secretary	603.7	Carolyn	Stow	C	1	2024	
Conference Chancellor	603.8	Peter	Abdella		2	2024	
Conference Lay Leader	607	Jessica	White		1	2024	
Associate Lay Leader	607.9	TBA					
Conference Treasurer	619	Robert	Flask			2024	
<b>Board of Trustees</b>							
<i>Voted at AC</i>							
<i>TWO TERM MAX (4 YEARS EA)</i>							
<i>Recommended to the Bishop for interim appt. due to GC rules</i>							
	2512				<b>Term</b>	<b>Ending</b>	
<i>Recommended to the Bishop and Cabinet for Interim Appointment</i>							
		Patrick	O'Connor	L	2	2025	member
		Robert	Dietrich	L	2	2025	member
		Jack	Keating	C	1	2025	member
		Sharen	Holcomb	L	1	2026	member
		John	Frary	L	2	2026	member
		Joyce	Miller	L	2	2026	member
		Benjamin	Hill	L	1	2023	member
		Pat	Fincher	C	1	2023	member
		Pamela	Koltzbach	C	1	2023	member, chair
		Kathy	King-Griswold	L	2	2024	member
		Tracy	Jackson-Adams	L	1	2024	member
		Charlie	Valentine	C	1	2024	member
		Mike	Weeden	C			ex-officio - Cabinet Rep.
		Robert	Flask	L			ex-officio - Treasurer
		William	Gottschalk-Fielding	C			ex-officio - DCM
<b>Nominations Committee</b>							
<i>Voted at AC</i>							
<i>4 year term, 3 classes, 9 persons, 1 lay man, 1 lay woman, 1 clergy</i>							
	610				<b>Term</b>	<b>Ending</b>	
		Casey	Bradley	C	1	2024	member
		Janice	McKinney	L	1	2024	member

Maya Smith	L	1	2024 member
Cheryl Babcock	L	2	2023 member
Sharon Rankin-Burd	C	1	2023 member
Ian Urriola	L	1	2025 member, chair
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio w/out vote - DCM
Bob Kolvik-Campbell	C		ex-officio w/out vote - Cabinet Rep.
Rules member appointed by Bishop			ex-officio w/out vote - Rules liaison
Jessica White			ex-officio w/vote - Conf Lay Leader

### Council on Finance & Administration

Voted at AC

Recommended one more laity than clergy

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4 YEAR TERM, BEGINS AT END OF GC

due to GC Rules, this team will serve one

more year

		TERM	Ending
Grace Warren	C	1	2024 member
Roger Cullen	L	1	2024 member
Abigail Browka	C	1	2024 member
Jenni Piatt	C	1	2024 member
Naomi Annandale	C	1	2024 member - Ext. Min.
Susan Godshall	L	2	2024 member
Richard Griffin	L	2	2024 vice chair
Gerald Piper	C	2	2024 member
Holly Roush	L	2	2024 Chair
Noel John	C	1	2024 member
Susan Ranous	C		ex-officio w/out vote - Stewardship
Mark Webb	C		ex-officio w/out vote - Res. Bishop
Sherri Rood	C		ex-officio w/out vote - Cab. Rep.
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio w/out vote - DCM
Robert Flask	L		ex-officio w/out vote - Treasurer

### Board of Laity

(By virtue of office)

Voted at AC

Jessica White	L	2024	Conference Lay Leader
Grace Lynn Besse	L	2024	AD Lay Leader
Ellen Mall-John	L	2024	AL Lay Leader
Richard Preston	L	2024	CS Lay Leader
Robert Mueller	L	2024	CR Co-Lay Leader
Darlene Dennis	L	2024	CR Co-Lay Leader
Shafeegh Habeeb	L	2024	FL Co-Lay Leader
Peter Lagueras	L	2024	GV Lay Leader
Mark Adsit	L	2024	MO Lay-Leader
Anna Welch Wood	L	2024	MV Lay-Leader
Hap Skellen	L	2024	NI Co-Lay Leader
Jessica White	L	2024	NI Co-Lay Leader
Brenda Shelmidine	L	2024	NF Lay-Leader
Anna Buell	L	2024	ON Lay-leader

Linda Barszykowski	L	2024	Conf. Dir. Of Lay Servant Ministries
Steve Ranous	L	2024	UMM Rep.
Carmen Vianese	L	2024	UMW President
Avary Halliday	L	2021	CCYM Co-Chair
Sam Lasher	L	2021	CCYM Co-Chair
Margot Rankins-Burd	L	2024	Young Adult Ministries Chair
Blenda Smith	L	2024	At-large member
Deborah Clyde	L	2024	At-large member
Aaron Bouwens	C	2024	Conference Staff Liaison

### Commission on Equitable Compensation

*Voted at AC*

*4 year terms; 6 layperson, 6 clergy. Three classes: 2 lay, 2 clergy. Can serve 2 terms.*

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		Term	Ending
Teddi Urriola	L	2	2024 co-chair
Jefferson Niles	C	1	2024 member
Penny Brink	C	2	2024 member
Cindy Schulte	L	1	2024 member
Rich Weihing	C	1	2024 co-chair
Jonathan Smith	L	1	2026 member
John Buddle	C	2	2026 member
Mitchel Smith	L	2	2023 member
Susan Latessa	L		ex-officio w/out vote - Benefits Office
Robert Flask	L		ex-officio w/out vote - Treasurer
Sherri Rood	C		ex-officio w/out vote

### Board of Ordained Ministry

*(team appointed by Bishop)*

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		TERM	Ending
Nancy Adams	C	1	2023 member
Elijah Huling	L	1	2023 member
Heather Stierheim	C	1	2023 member
Philip Richards	C	1	2023 member
Kristin Roth-Allen	C	1	2023 member
Jack Ford	C	1	2023 member
Paul Winkelman	C	1	2023 member
Leanne Zeck	C	1	2023 member
Laura Calos	C	1	2023 member
Tammy Chwango-Nipper	C	1	2023 member
Stephanie Brown	C	1	2023 member
Rita Pickett	L	1	2023 member
Elaine Eaton	L	1	2023 member
Rebecca Guthrie	C	1	2023 member
Karen Grinnell	C	1	2023 member
Robert Clark	C	1	2023 member

Pat VanVleck	L	1	2023 member
Cindy Makarchuck	C	1	2023 member
Mark Kimpland	C	1	2023 member
David Piatt	C	2	2023 member
Caroline Simmons	C	2	2023 member
Anne Canfield	C	2	2023 member
Donna Martin	C	2	2023 member
Stacy Taylor	L	2	2023 member
Louise Ortman	L	2	2023 member
Charles Smith	C	2	2023 member
Jennifer Green	C	2	2023 member
Carlos Rosa-Laguer	C	2	2023 member
Richard LaDue	C	2	2023 Member
Elizabeth Conklin	L	2	2023 Member
Nola Anderson	C	3	2023 member
William Barber	L	3	2023 member
Leland Carlson	C	3	2023 member
Brian Ethington	L	3	2023 member
Youngjae Jee	C	3	2023 member
Carmen Perry	C	3	2023 co-chair
Ann Kemper	C	3	2023 member
Robert Kolvik-Campbell	C	3	2023 member
Heather Williams	C	1	2023 Co-Chair of the Order of Elders
Steve Smith	C	1	2023 Co-Chair of the Order of Elders
Carrie Wolfe	C	1	2023 Co-Chair of the Order of Deacons
Becky Naber	C	1	2023 Co-Chair of the Order of Deacons
Cindy Makarchuk	C	1	2023 Co-President, Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members
Timothy Middleton	C	1	2023 Co-President, Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members
Aaron Bouwens	C		2023 ex-officio w/out vote - Exec. Asst. to Bishop
Suzanne Block	C		2023 ex-officio - Cabinet Rep.

**Administrative Review Committee**

*(elected during clergy session)*

**636**

		<b>Term</b>	<b>Ending</b>
Larry Baird	C	1	2023 Elder
Holly Nye	C	1	2023 Elder
Janice Palm	C	1	2023 Elder
Darryl Barrow	C	1	2023 Alternate
Rhonda Kouterick	C	1	2023 Alternate

**Committee on Investigation**

*(team appointed by Bishop)*

**2703**

		<b>TERM</b>	<b>Ending</b>
Sung Ho Lee	C	1	2023 Elder
Nancy Stanley	C	1	2023 Elder
D.Gregory VanDusen	C	1	2023 Elder
Brenda Baird	L	1	2023 Confessing member, chair
Glenda Schuessler	L	1	2023 Confessing member
Paul Rice	L	1	2023 Confessing member

BJ Norrix	C	1	2023	Alternate Elder
Thomas Kraft	C	1	2023	Alternate Elder
Susan Hadley	C	1	2023	Alternate Elder
Elizabeth Mosher	L	1	2023	Alternate Confessing Member
Paul Downen	L	1	2023	Alternate Confessing Member
Robert Williams	L	1	2023	Alternate Confessing Member

**Board of Pensions & Health Benefits**

*Voted at AC*

*8 year terms; Classes every two years, serve one term only*

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		Term	Ending	
David Strong	L	1	2027	vice-chair
Sara Baron	C	1	2024	chair
Mary Rublee	C	1	2024	member
Carolyn McKay	L	1	2024	member
Jeffrey Nowalk	C	1	2026	member
Penni Farrington	C	1	2026	member
Kenneth Diller	L	1	2026	Treasurer
James Alexander	L	1	2026	Secretary
Bob Rood	L	1	2028	member
Karen McCloskey	L	1	2028	member
Abel Roy	C			ex-officio w/out vote - Cabinet Rep
Robert Flask	L			ex-officio w/out vote - Treasurer
Susan Latessa	L			ex-officio w/out vote - PHB officer
Peter Hang				General Board Staff
Julie Valeski	L			Staff Liaison

**Safe Sanctuaries Committee**

*(team appointed by Bishop)*

*4 year Terms of office*

		Term	Ending	
Michael Whitcomb-Tavey	C	1	2026	
Dorcas Dunn	C	1	2026	
Jennifer Dawn Stamm	C	1	2026	
Karen Butters	L	1	2026	
Stephanie Brown	C	2	2024	member
Christine Mitchell	C	1	2024	Co-Chair
Arlene Schmidt	L	1	2024	Co-Chair
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C			ex-officio - DCM
TBA	C			ex-officio - Cabinet Rep.

**Camp and Retreat Ministries**

*Voted at AC*

*3 year terms of office*

		Term	Ending	
Steven Butler	C	1	2024	member
Timothy Barnes	L	2	2024	chair

Anna Blinn Cole	C	2	2024 member
Bill Mudge	C	1	2023 member
Rebecca Laird	C	1	2023 member
Bret Johnson	C	1	2023 member
Susan Ranous	C	1	2025 member
Corey Turnpenny	C	1	2023 member
Pam Harris	C		ex-officio -Interim Director of CRM
TBA			ex-officio - Trustees Rep.
TBA			ex-officio - CF&A Rep.
Robert Flask	L		ex-officio - Treasurer
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio - DCM & Exec. Asst. to Bishop
Bob Kolvik-Campbell	C		ex-officio - Cabinet rep.

**Conference Committee on Episcopacy**

( 1/5 of team appointed by Bishop)

quadrennial

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		Term	Ending
Bill Allen	C	1	2024 ex-officio- NEJ Committee on Episcopacy, chair
Sung Ho Lee	C	1	2024 member, appointed by Bishop
Patricia VanVleck	L	1	2024 member, appointed by Bishop
Olga Gonzalez-Santiago	C	1	2024 member
Abigail Browka	C	1	2024 member
Kelli Farrell	L	1	2024 member
Greg Forrester	L		2024 ex-officio- NEJ Committee on Episcopacy
Jessica White	L		2024 ex-officio - Conference Lay Leader
Scott Johnson	C		2024 member

**Episcopacy Residency Committee**

(team appointed by Bishop)

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		Term	Ending
Bill Allen	C		2024 ex-officio - member of Epis Com, chair
Jack Keating	C		2024 ex-officio - member of Trustees
TBA			2024 ex-officio- member of CF&A
Patricia VanVleck	L		2024
Olga Gonzalez-Santiago	C		2024
Autumn Wells	L		2024 staff

**Conference Leadership Team**

(team appointed by Bishop)

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		Term	Ending
Andrew Sperry	C		2023 at-large-member
Ellen John	L		2023 at-large-member
Valerie Clark	L		2023 at-large-member
Michele Clark	C		2023 at-large-member
Lindsay Martin	L		2023 at-large-member
Liz Aristy	L		2023 at-large-member
Carmen Vianese	L		2023 at-large-member
Carlos Rosa-Laguer	C		at-large-member
Jessica White	L		ex-officio - Conference Lay Leader
TBA			ex-officio - Dir of Communications

Scott Johnson	C	ex-officio - CCORR member
Mike Weeden	C	ex-officio - Cabinet Rep
Nola Anderson	C	ex-officio - Cabinet Rep
Bishop Mark Webb	C	ex-officio - Resident Bishop
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C	ex-officio - w/out vote -DCM
Aaron Bouwens	C	staff resource - Director of Vital Congregations

**Conference Sessions Committee**

*(by virtue of office)*

*(team appointed by Bishop)*

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Bishop Mark Webb	C	Resident Bishop
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C	DCM/Exec. Asst. to Bishop/Rules
TBA		Dir. Of Communications
Robert Flask	L	Treasurer
Jessica White	L	2023 Conference Lay Leader
Carolyn Stow	C	2023 Conference Secretary
Joellyn Tuttle	L	2023 Chair
Mike Weeden	C	2023 Dean of Cabinet
TBA		BOOM Ordination Service
Nancy Dibelius	C	2023 Worship Team member
Sharon Schmit	L	2023 CONAM member
Jennifer Piatt	C	2023 Assistant Secretary/Head Teller
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C	2023 Rules
Tom Schmidt	L	2023 Resolutions & Petitions member
TBA		2023 Co-CCYM chair
TBA		2023 Co-CCYM chair
TBA		2023 UMM President
Carmen Vianese	L	2023 UMW President
Chris Wylie	C	2023 Accessibility Concerns Committee
Betsy O'Flynn	L	2023 Logistics Assistant - Youth Housing
Mary Bradley	C	2023 Episcopal Office Manager
Nola Anderson	C	2023 Host DS
Shelby Winchell	L	2023 Conference Media Coordinator
Betsy O'Flynn	L	Registration Coordinator
Julie Valeski	L	2023 Registration/Meals Coordinator
Margo Rankins-Burd	L	2023 young Adults chair

**Rules Committee**

*(appointed by the Bishop)*

*Up to five at large members nominated by Nominations. Serve*

*4(four) years*

		Term	Ending
Jessica White	L	1	2024 co-chair
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C	2	2024 co-chair
James Barnes II	C	2	2024 member
Stanley Scoville	C	2	2024 member
Samuel Smith	L	1	2024 member
Leslie Haggstrom	L	1	2024 at-large
Kevin Nelson	L	1	2024 at-large
Carolyn Stow	C	1	ex-officio - Conf. Secretary

**Resolutions & Petitions Committee**

*Voted at AC*

*Term is 4 years and up to five can be nominated by Nominations.*

*Chair appt. by Bishop*

	Term	Ending
Paul Sweet	C	1 2025 ex-officio
Carmen Vianese	L	1 2024 ex-officio - GC delegation
Jessica White	L	2022 ex-officio - Conf. Lay Leader
Bill Mudge	C	2024 ex-officio - GC delegation
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C	ex-officio - DCM
Carolyn Stow	C	ex-officio - Conf. Secretary
Tom Schmidt	L	2026 chair

**Global Ministries Team**

*Serve 4 years on a quadrennial basis*

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**Ministry Action Team for Global Ministries (related to 11633)**

The intent of this group is to provide for certain of the functions described and s

*Discipline*, 11633, specifically those functions related to (1) the maintenance of connectonal **Jeff** between the Upper New York Annual Conference and the General Board of Glr **Bob** Conference, its Districts, and/or its local churches with mission projects beyor **Olga**

<b>Roger</b>	<b>Childs</b>	C	1	2026 chair
Carmen	<b>Long</b>	C	1	2026 member
Bill	<b>Gonzales</b>	C	1	2026 member
Debbie	<b>Ellis</b>	L	1	2026 member
	Vianese			ex-officio-GVGM member
	Gottschalk-Fielding			ex-officio -DCM
	Earthrowl			ex-officio Cabinet Rep

**Volunteers in Mission**

*Chair to be elected annually*

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	Term	Ending
Linda Campbell	L	2024 Adirondack District Rep.
Dominic Corsi	L	2024 Adirondack District Rep.
Eric Olsen	C	2024 Adirondack District Rep.
Jack Hill	L	2024 Albany District Rep.
Jan Huston	L	2024 Albany District Rep.
Sue Solomon	L	2024 Albany District Rep.
Beth Long-Velasquez	L	2024 Albany District Rep.
Sylvester Doyer	I	2024 Albany District Rep.
John Conklin	L	2024 Binghamton District Rep.
Linda Cooper	L	2024 Cornerstone District Rep.
Tom Cooper	L	2024 Cornerstone District Rep.
Molly Golando	C	2024 Cornerstone District Rep.
Michael Block	L	2024 Cornerstone District Rep.
Robert Mueller	L	2024 Crossroads District Rep.
TBD		2024 Finger Lakes District Rep.
Mary Lou Buck	L	2024 Genesee Valley District Rep.
TBD		2024 Mohawk District Rep.



Lee Capodagli	C	2024 Mountain View District Rep.
Ray Noell	C	2024 Niagara Frontier District Rep.
Sylvia Reimer	L	2024 Northern Flow District Rep.
Marvin Reimer	L	2024 Northern Flow District Rep.
Raymond Howland	L	2024 Oneonta District Rep.

**Disaster Response Coordinator**

*(appointed by Global Ministries Team)*

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TBA

**Ending**

**Accessibility Concerns Committee**

*Four year terms. To include persons with disabilities.*

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		<b>Term</b>	<b>Ending</b>
Chris Wylie	C	1	2023 co-chair
Greg Milunich	C	1	2023 member
Nancy Dulkis	C	2	2024 member
Sam Smith	L	1	2026 member
Clara Lantz	L	1	2025 member
Cher McCotter	L	1	2022 member
Lida Merrill	L	1	2024 co-chair
Doug Hess	C	1	2024 member
James Buyea	L	1	2024 member
Chris Lupini	L		UNY staff

**College Ministry Team**

*elected*

*Serve 4 years on a quadrennial basis*

*This team will be elected to a four year*

*term if the Conference Rules are*

*suspended.*

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		<b>Term</b>	<b>Ending</b>
Zachary Stahlsmith	L	2	2025 member
Jeff Aiosa	C	2	2025 member
Emily Allen	L	2	2025 member
Karen Woodworth	L	2	2025 member
Eunice Kim	C	2	2025 member
Eric Helms	C	1	2025 member
Rhonda Chester	C		ex-officio - SU Chaplain
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio - DCM
Debbie Earthrowl			ex-officio - Cabinet rep

**New Faith Communities Teams**

*(appointed by Director of New Faith Comm.)*

*(team appointed by Bishop)*

		Term	Ending
Olga Gonzalez-Santiago	C	2	2024 Hispanic/Latino Planting Team Member
Hector Rivera	C	2	2024 Hispanic/Latino Planting Team Member
Jose Rodriguez	C	2	2024 Hispanic/Latino Planting Team Member
Carlos Rosa-Laguer	C	2	2024 Hispanic/Latino Planting Team Member
Diczan Gonzalez	L	1	2024 Hispanic/Latino Planting Team Member
Osmar Guerra	L	1	2024 Hispanic/Latino Planting Team Member
Debbie Earthrowl	C	2	2024 Coaching Network Team/Cabinet Rep.
Pam Klotzbach	C	2	2024 Coaching Network Team
Chrys Beck	C	1	2024 Coaching Network Team
Sean Chanthasone	C	1	2024 Southeast Asian Planting Team
Sai Shwe	C	1	2024 Southeast Asian Planting Team
Shannon Hodson	L	1	2024 Story-Telling Team
Mary Dalglish	L	1	2024 Story-Telling Team
Shelby Winchell	L	1	2024 Story-Telling Team
Patrick Crumity	C	1	2024 African American Church Planting Team
DJ Robinson	L	1	2024 African American Church Planting Team
Stephen McKnight	L	1	2024 African American Church Planting Team
Marlowe Washington	C	1	2024 African American Church Planting Team
Bill Vallet	C	1	2024 NFC Teaching Team
John Martin	C	1	2024 NFC Teaching Team
Alicia Wood	C	1	2024 NFC Teaching Team
Gracie Lynn Besse	C	1	2024 NFC Teaching Team
Debbie Earthrowl	C	1	2024 NFC Regional Team Leader, East Region
Anna Blinn-Cole	C	1	2024 Southern Tier Region, NFC Team
Ted Vickery	L	1	2024 East Region, NFC Team
Abigail Browka	C	1	2024 Southern Tier Region, NFC Team
Justin Hood	C	1	2024 Lakes Region NFC Team
Carlos Rosa-Laguer	C	1	2024 NFC Regional Team Leader, Lakes Region
Gregg Steirhiem	C	1	2024 Lakes Region NFC Team
Dave Masland			convener
Debbie Earthrowl	C		ex-officio cabinet rep

### Hispanic Ministries Committee

*elected*

*Serve 4 years on a quadrennial basis*

*This team will be elected to a four*

*year term if the Conference Rules*

*are suspended.*

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		Term	Ending
Olga Gonzalez-Santiago	C	2	2025 member
Maria Rivera	L	2	2025 member
Hector Rivera	C	2	2025 chair secretary
Carlos Rosa-Laguer	C	2	2025 ex-officio cabinet rep
Jose Rodriguez	C	2	2025 member
Clarimar Galarza	L	1	2025 Youth rep.
Elizabeth Aristy	L		2025 Member
Sandy Aristy	L		2025 Member
Sonia Noemi Arzola	L		2025 Member

Giovanna Cotto-Claudio	C		2025 Member
Jose Cotto	C		2025 Member
Marisol Delgado	L		2025 Member
Cesar Galarza	C		2025 Member
Diczan Gonzalez	L	1	2025 Member
Osmar Guerra	L	1	2025 Member
Yanet Perez-Alvarez	L		2025 Member
Aurea Rosa	L		2025 Member
Ruth Rosa-Warner	C		2025 Member
Yudit Silva	C		2025 Member
Sandra Rosado	L	1	2025 member
Maria Alejandra Polanco	L	1	2025 member

**Young Adult Ministries Committee**

*elected*

*4 year terms. Former members emeriti*

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Theresa Eggleston	L	2	2024 member
Natalie Bowerman	C	1	2025 member
Zach Stahlsmith	L	1	2025 member
Alisyn Klock	L	1	2025 member
Bryant Clark	C	1	2026 member
Margot Rankins-Burd	L	1	2023 chair
Paul Sweet	C	1	2023 member
Emily Allen	L	1	2026
Krystal Cole	L	1	2026
Connor Cromwell	L	1	2026
Katie Groff	L	1	2026
Rachel John	L	1	2026
Maddie Klein	L	1	2026
Bethany Printup-Davis	L	1	2026
Sam Smith	L	1	2026

**Conference Council on Youth Ministries**

*elected*

**649**

Avary Halliday	L		2022 CCYM Co-Chair
Ethan Stierheim	L		2022 CCYM Co-Chair
Mike Weeden	C		ex-officio- cabinet
Debbie Earthrowl	C		ex-officio- cabinet

**Social Holiness Team**

*elected*

*Serve 4 years on a quadrennial basis*

**629**

Jeffrey Morey	L	1	2026 member
Alan Kinney	C	1	2026 member, chair
Martha Swords-Horrell	C	2	2025 member
David Whitlock	L	2	2025 member

Douglas Mackey	C	2	2025 member
Hector Rivera	C	2	2025 member
Jan Hubbard	C	1	2025 member
Robin Blair	C	1	2025 member
Brian Lothridge	C	1	2025 member
Ann Robinson	C	1	2025 member
Evelyn Woodring	C	1	2025 member
Beth Buckley	L	1	2025 member
Angela Neal	L	2	2025 member
Della Ludwig	C	1	2025 member
Neil Law	L	1	2025 member
Martie Fisher	C	1	2025 member
Heather Smith	L		Peace with Justice Cord.
Linda Bergh	L		Peace with Justice in Palestine
Karen Peterson	L		Peace with Justice in Palestine
Bethany Printup-Davis	L		CONAM liaison
Evelyn Woodring	L		CORR liaison
Ellen Klock	L		UMW rep.
Riley O'Flynn	L		ex-officio- GBCS
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio- DCM

**Commission on the Status and Role of Women**

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*Voted at AC*

*4 year terms. Former members emeriti*

Ellen Klock	L	2	2024 member
Margot Rankins-Burd	L	1	2024 member
Krystal Cole	L	2	2024 chair
Barbara Nelson	L	2	2024 member
Bryant Clark	C	2	2024 member
Sue Russell	C	1	2025 member
			UMW Rep.
TBD			ex-officio cabinet rep.

**Commission on Religion and Race**

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*Voted at AC*

*4 year terms. Former members emeriti*

Natalie Bowerman	C	1	2024 member
Jongdeok Park	C	1	2024 member
Holly Strickland	C	1	2024 member
Ruth Rosa Warner	C	1	2024 member
LaVerne Ampadu	L	1	2024 member
Scott Johnson	C	2	2025 member- co-convener
Harold Wheat	C	2	2025 member

Georgia Whitney	L	2	2025 member-co-convener
Charles Syms	L	2	2022 member
Blenda Smith	L	1	2026 member
Ian Urriola	L		2024 emeriti
Shirley Readdean	L		2024 emeriti
Linda Hughes	L		2024 emeriti
Evelyn Woodring	C		2024 emeriti
Anola Archibald	L		2024 emeriti
Julius Archibald	L		2024 emeriti
Suzanne Block	C		ex-officio cabinet rep.
Bill Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio - DCM

#### Commission on Native American Ministries

4 year terms. Former members emeriti

Voted at AC

654

Blenda Smith	L		2024 CORR liaison/treasurer
Sharon Schmit	L	1	2025 member
Bethany Printup-Davis	L	1	2025 member
Carolyn Huston	L	2	2026 member
Kae Wilbert	L	1	2025 chair
Elizabeth "Brooke" Conklin	L	1	2025 emeriti
Marilyn Anderson	L		emeriti
Susan Crawson-Brizzolara	C		emeriti
Thomas White Wolf Fassett	C		emeriti
Douglas Mackey	C		emeriti
Roselyn Kingsbury	L		emeriti
Mary Alice Nyhan	L		emeriti
Rosalie Schotanus	L		emeriti

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4 year terms. Former members emeriti

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Kenneth Jones	L	2	2024 chair
Elizabeth Mowry	C	2	2024 member
Karen Staulters	L	2	2024 member
Thomas Place	L	2	2026 member
Susan Slenker	L	2	2026 member
Loreen Jorgensen	L	2	2026 member
Jim Barnes	C	1	2024 member
Duane Priset	C	1	2025 member
Matt Stengel	C	1	2025 member
William Gottschalk-Fielding	C		ex-officio - DCM
Peg/Lee Flanders	L		emeritus
Raymond Leonard	L		emeritus
Gilbert Smith	L		emeritus

Kenneth Summers  
Richard Ward

L  
L

emeritus  
emeritus

**Adirondack District**

District Co- Lay Leaders

**660**

Gracie Lynn Besse	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader
Linda Sheeran	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader

Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Linda Sheeran	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader
Allison Arnold	L	2023 chair
Linda Campbell	L	2023 member
Roger Ellis	L	2023 member
Tim Rock	L	2023 member
Nina Dickinson	C	2023 member
Barb Benkwitt	L	2023 at-large member
Jeanette Mann	C	2023 member
Scott Tyler	C	2023 member
Sylvia Dufford	L	2023 member
Deborah Earthrowl	C	2023 ex-officio - District Superintendent

Committee on Ordained Ministry

**666**

Brooke Conklin	L	2023 BOM Representative
Ilah Walser	L	2023 member
Bea Parks	L	2023 member
Deborah Earthrowl	C	2023 District Superintendent
Philip Richards	C	2023 chair
Penny Brink	C	2023 member
Chrys Beck	C	2023
Rich Weihing	C	2023
Derek Hansen	C	2023 registrar
Debra Peacock	C	2023 member

Committee on Church Location and Buildings

**2519**

Deborah Earthrowl	C	ex-officio- District Superintendent
Theodore Trevail	C	2023 member
Harold Vance	L	2023 member
Kay Washbourne	L	2023 member
Peggi Eller	C	2024 member
Mary Lou Munger	L	2024 member
Paul Dufford	C	2025 member
Tom Albrecht	L	2025 chair
Chris Preble	L	2025 member

**Albany District**

District Lay Leader

**660**

Ellen Mall-John

1

2023 District Lay Leader

Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Ellen Mall-John

L

2023 District Lay Leader

Phyllis Shook

L

2023 laywoman

Shirley Readdean

L

2023 laywoman

Gregory Threatte (chair)

L

2023 layman

Thaddeus Pinckney

L

2023 layman

Betsy Croft

L

2023 at-large member

TBD

C

at-large member

Joel Holcomb

C

2023 clergy member

David Martin

C

2023 clergy member

Dion Marquit

C

2023 clerg member

Cindy Bliss

L

2023 layperson

David Suits

L

2023 layperson

Deborah Earthrowl

C

ex-officio - District Superintendent

Committee on Ordained Ministry  
(elected annually)**666**

Stephanie Threatte

L

2023 member

Ellen Mall-John

L

2023 member

Deborah Earthrowl

C

District Superintendent

Caroline Simmons, chair

C

2023 BOM Representative

Kim Krause

C

2023 member

Youngjae Jee

C

2023 member

Jeff Matthews

C

2023 member

Al Johnson

C

2023 member

Committee on Church Location and Buildings  
(elected annually)**2519**

Debbie Earthrowl

C

ex-officio - District Superintendent

Sara Baron

C

2024 member

Jim Knapp

C

2023 member

Jack Wilson

L

2023 member

Ellen Mall-John

L

2023 member

David Smith

C

2025 member

Joyce Royal

L

2025 member



**Binghamton District**

District Lay Leader

**660**

Donna Tarsia L 2023 District Lay Leader

Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Donna Tarsia L 2023 District Lay Leader

Tamara Nist L 2023 member

Hudda Aswad L 2023 member

Matthew Williams L 2023 member

Stuart Reynolds L 2023 member

Michelle Bogue-Trost C 2023 member

Douglas Clark C 2023 member

Bob Kolvick-Campbell C ex-officio - District Superintendent

Committee on Ordained Ministry

**666**

William Olmstead L 2023 member

David Black L 2023 member

Bob Kolvick-Campbell C District Superintendent

Michele Bogue-Trost C 2023 registrar

Janet Clark C 2023 member

Lea Harding C 2023 member

Michele Clark C 2023 chair

Corey Tarreto-Turnpenny C 2023 member

James Stevens C 2023 member

Ronald Wenzinger C 2023 member

Committee on Church Location and Buildings

**2519**

Horace King C 2024 member

David Alexander L 2024 member

Eric Yetter L 2024 member

TBD C member

TBD L member

TBD L member

Ron Wezinger C 2023 member

Edwin Gent L 2023 member

Bob Kolvick-Campbell C ex-officio - District Superintendent

**Cornerstone District**

District Co-Lay Leaders

**660**

Richard Preston		1	2023	District Co-Lay Leader
Norma Cummings			2023	District Co-Lay Leader

Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Richard Preston	L		2023	District Co-Lay Leader
Arthur Mansfield	L		2023	member
Mike Spell	C		2023	member
Brandon Meacham	C		2023	member
Susan Hardy	L		2024	member
Clara Wilder	C		2024	member
Norma Cummings	L		2025	member
Alba Arters	L		2025	member
Suzanne Block	C		2023	ex-officio - District Superintendent

Committee on Ordained Ministry

**666**

Susan Hardy	L		2023	member
Richard Preston	L		2023	member
Arthur Mansfield	L		2023	member
Lynn Spell	L		2023	member
Suzanne Block	C			District Superintendent
Charles Smith	C		2023	BOM Representative
David Piatt	C		2023	member
Thomas Lebeau	C		2023	member
David Cooke	C		2023	member
Nicholas Perry	C		2023	member
Carrie Wolfe	C		2023	member
Jennifer Delahoy	C		2023	member

Committee on Church Location and Buildings

**2519**

Suzanne Block	C			ex-officio - District Superintendent
Dawn Queensberry	C		2023	member
Andrea Mansfield	L		2023	member
Kathy Piper	L		2023	member
Clara Wilder	C		2024	member
Chad Sayers	C		2024	member
Nancy Preston	C		2024	member
Neal Green	L		2025	member
Stephen Crowell	C		2025	member
Daniel Olson	L		2025	member

**Crossroads District**

District Lay Leader

**660**

Darlene Dennis	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader
Robert Mueller	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader

Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Darlene Dennis	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader
Robert Mueller	L	2023 District Co-Lay Leader
Diana Cordes	L	2023 member
Cindy Stone	L	2023 member
Stephen Ranous	L	2023 member
Brad Delans	L	2023 member
Beth Drew	L	2023 at-large member
Susan Ranous	C	2023 at-large member
Roosevelt Baums	C	2023 member
John Fulton	C	2023 member
Nola Anderson	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent

Committee on Ordained Ministry

**666**

Robert Mueller	L	2023 member
Darlene Dennis	L	2023 member
Robert Anderson	L	2023 member
Nola Anderson	C	District Superintendent
Tammy Nipper	C	2023 BOM Representative
Yohang Chun	C	2023 member
Russell Hall	C	2023 member
Diane DiLuzio	C	2023 member
Joseph Kim	C	2023 member
Susan Ranous	C	2023 member
Tammy Nipper	C	2023 member

Committee on Church Location and Buildings

**2519**

Nola Anderson	C	District Superintendent
Michael Jordan	L	2023 member
Linda Honicker	L	2023 member
Diane Diluzio	C	2023 member
Andy Anderson	C	2024 member
TBD	L	2024 member
Judy Lieber-Butler	L	2024 member
Carol Benedict	L	2025 member
Clair Mosher	C	2025 member
Pat Toukatly	L	2025 member

**Finger Lakes**

District Lay Leader

**660**

Shafeegh Habeeb

2

2023 District Lay Leader

Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Shafeegh Habeeb

L

2023 District Lay Leader

Diana Snyder

L

2023 member

Dawn Dennis

L

2023 member

David Mott

L

2023 member

William Hinderliter

L

2023 member

Patricia Pierleoni

L

2023 at-large member

Bobbie Valentine

C

2023 at-large member

Eunice Kim

C

2023 member

AnnMarie Brown

C

2023 member

Tim Gleason

C

2023 member

Nola Anderson

C

ex-officio - District Superintendent

Committee on Ordained Ministry

**666**

William Hinderliter

L

2023 member

Bradford Dates

L

2023 member

Nola Anderson

C

District Superintendent

Kristen Allen

C

2023 BOM Representative

Matt Rowe

C

2023 member

David Nichols

C

2023 member

Tim Gleason

C

2023 member

Diane Walker

C

2023 registrar

Eunice Kim

C

2023 member

Emily Huyge

C

2023 member

Valerie White

C

2023 Chair

Committee on Church Location and Buildings

**2519**

Nola Anderson

C

ex-officio- District Superintendent

TBD

2023 member

Ronald Salyer

L

2023 member

Grace Pugh

L

2023 member

David Mott

L

2023 member

Carol Oswald

L

2024 member

Robert Dean

C

2024 member

Lucy Schram

L

2024 member

Joe Berson

C

2024 member

Dan Martin

L

2025 member

Judy Selover

C

2025 member

**Genesee Valley District**

District Lay Leader

**660**

Peter Lagueras	L	1	2024	District Lay Leader
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Committee on Superintendency

**669**

Peter Lagueras	L	1	2024	District Lay Leader
Rachel Hansen	L		2023	member
Christine Mitchell	C		2023	member
Lyle Tague	L		2023	member
Debbi Hill	L		2024	member
Robert Williams	L		2025	member
David Lane	L		2024	member
Matthew Finch	C		2025	member
Linda Glantz	C		2025	member

Committee on Ordained Ministry

**666**

Ted Anderson	C			Interim District Superintendent
Catherine Towsley	L		2023	member
Deb Clyde	L		2024	member
Peter Lagueras	L		2025	Lay Leader
Valerie Clark	L		2025	member
Ann Kemper	C		2023	BOM Representative
Hoyt Brown	C		2024	registrar
Wilson Jones	C		2025	member
Bill Allen	C		2025	member
Rick Ladue	C		2024	member
Jennifer Green	C		2024	member
Kim Ferrel	C		2023	chair
Rachel Dupont	C		2023	member
Ted Anderson	C			Interim District Superintendent

Committee on Church Location and Building

2519

Ted Anderson	C			Interim District Superintendent
Susan Schafer	C		2024	member
Gary Prok	L		2024	member
Hugh Dudley	L		2024	member
Jacque Ruth	C		2025	member
Haines Lockhart	L		2025	member
Wayne Turnblom	L		2025	member
David Hotchkiss	L		2023	member
Harold Milward	C		2023	member
Anne Justus	L		2023	member

**Mohawk District**

District Lay Leader	<b>660</b>	Mark Adsit	L	2023 District Lay Leader
Committee on Superintendency	<b>669</b>	Mark Adsit	L	2023 District Lay Leader
		Leslie Ann Zulch	L	2024 member
		Brenda Brucker	L	2023 member
		Reg Wilson	L	2024 Vice Chair
		Barry Damsky	L	2023 member
		Abel Roy	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent
		Wendy Morrison	C	2024
Committee on Ordained Ministry	<b>666</b>	William Prior	L	2023 member
		Brenda Brucker	L	2023 member
		Abel Roy	C	District Superintendent
		Jack Ford	C	2023 BOM Representative
		Marilyn Baissa	C	2023 member
		David McKinney	C	2023 member
		Becky Guthrie	C	2023 Deacon
		Michael Terrell	C	2023 member
		Glen Hardman	C	2023 member
Committee on Church Location and Buildings	<b>2519</b>	Jim Barnes	C	2023 member
		Joyce Royal	C	2023 member
		Robert Wollaber	C	2024 member
		Robert Dietrich	L	2024 Vice-Chair
		Lorna Wilson	L	2024 member
		David Smith	C	2024 Chair
		Joan Dunn	C	2025 member
		Howard Simonin	L	2025 member
		Jack Wilson	L	2025 member
		Abel Roy	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent

**Mountain View District**

District Lay Leader	<b>660</b>	Ann Welch-Wood	L	2023 District Lay Leader
Committee on Superintendency	<b>669</b>	Ann Welch-Wood	L	2023 District Lay Leader
		Janet White	L	2023 member
		Roger Tompkins	L	2024 member
		Lois Phillips	L	2024 at-large member
		Paul Rowley	C	2024 at-large member
		Gregory White	C	2023 member
		Veronica Seeley	C	2023 member
		Sherril Rood	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent
Committee on Ordained Ministry	<b>666</b>	Ann Welch-Wood	L	2023 Lay Leader
		Sherril Rood	C	District Superintendent
		Ernie Warren	L	2023 member
		Melanie Clark	L	2023 member
		Dena Stevens	C	2023 member
		Leanne Zeck	C	2023 chair
		Pat Hubman	C	2023
		Connie Seifert	C	2023
		Greg White	C	2023 possible local pastor
		Sheila Price	C	2023 member
		Mary Jean Simonin	C	2023 member
Committee on Church Location and Buildings	<b>2519</b>	Sherril Rood	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent
		Randy Rockwell	L	2023 member
		Flora Haff-Crammer	L	2023 member
		Mike Kelly	C	2023 member
		Richard Hurd	C	2024 member
		Steve Aguiar	L	2024 member
		Mort Gridley	C	2025 member
		John Benedict	L	2025 member
		Eric Coons	L	2025 member

**Niagara Frontier District - Report is pending**



**Northern Flow District**

District Lay Leader	<b>660</b>	Brenda Shelmidine		1	2023 District Lay Leader
Committee on Superintendency	<b>669</b>	Brenda Shelmidine	L		2023 District Lay Leader
		Barbara Greene	L		2025 member
		Lorraine Lautenbacher	L		2024 member
		David Weal	L		2023 member
		Ron Parnapy	L		2023 member
		Glenda Scheussler	L		2024 at-large member
		Carl Rose	L		2025 at-large member
		Robert McCarthy	C		2023 member
		Michael Weeden	C		ex-officio - District Superintendent
Committee on Ordained Ministry	<b>666</b>	Glenda Schuessler	L		2024 member
		Ronald Bretsch	L		2023 member
		Sylvia Reimer	L		2023 member
		Barbara Green	L		2024 member
		Michael Weeden	C		District Superintendent
		Leon VanWie	C		2025 member
		Carl Chamberlain	C		2024 member
		Laura Calos	C		2024 member
		Frances Hemstreet	C		2023 member
		Mark Pierce	C		2024 member
Committee on Church Location and Buildings	<b>2519</b>	Fran Hemstreet	C		2023 member
		John Frary	L		2023 member
		Earl Lalone	C		2024 member
		Eugene Fitchette	L		2024 member
		Brett Johnson	C		2024 member
		Naaman Lowry	L		2025 member
		Michael Weeden	C		ex-officio - District Superintendent

**Oneonta District**

District Lay Leader	<b>660</b>	Anna Buell	L	2023 District Lay Leader
Committee on Superintendency	<b>669</b>	Anna Buell	L	2023 District Lay Leader
		Claudia Jenkins	L	2023 member
		Judy Wingate-Wad	L	2023 member
		Michael McCollough	L	2023 member
		Rick Fisher	L	2023 member
		Barb Virgil	L	2023 at-large member
		David Rockwell	C	2023 member
		Bob Kolvick-Camp	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent
Committee on Ordained Ministry	<b>666</b>	Sue Darling	L	2023 member
		Jongdeok Park	C	2025 member
		Paul Winkelman	C	2023 BOM representative, registrar
		George Gallendorm	C	2023 member
		Sharon Rankins-Burd	C	2023 chair
		Bob Kolvick-Camp	C	District Superintendent
Committee on Church Location and Building	<b>2519</b>	Bob Kolvick-Camp	C	ex-officio - District Superintendent
		David Wade	L	2024 member
		Joyce Miller	L	2024 chair
		Thanna Howell	C	2025 member
		Kenneth Wiggins	L	2025 member
		Judy Carrington	L	2025 member
		Kenneth Haney	L	2023 member

## RECOMMENDATION 1:

Amend the Organizational Rules of the Upper New York Annual Conference, found starting on page 157 of the 2021 Upper New York Annual Conference Journal, Vol. II, by adding a new paragraph on page 157, starting at line 44:

### **Limits on Membership to Conference Agencies**

Unless otherwise stated, it shall be the preference of the Upper New York for individuals to only be elected to serve on one Conference Agency or Board. This preference shall not preclude individuals from minoritized, disenfranchised, or under-served communities from serving on Conference Agencies or Boards whose primary mission is serving and/or advocating for their minoritized, disenfranchised, or under-served communities, including, but not limited to, the Conference Commission on Religion and Race, the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries, the Conference Hispanic Ministries Team, the Conference Committee on Disability Concerns, the Conference Ministry Action Team for Higher Education, the Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries, the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, and the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries. Likewise, this preference shall not preclude individuals from *ex-officio* membership on Conference Agencies and Boards by virtue of their position or status.

RATIONALE: This recommendation codifies existing norms in the way Nominations and Leadership Development does its work, stating that it's our preference for individuals to only serve on one agency, board, or team at a time so that our conference leaders are not burnt out or stretched too thin. However, we also recognize that this may limit individuals from serving on boards, agencies, and/or teams related to aspects of their racial, age, gender, and/or disability status identities. This recommendation frees those individuals to serve on a team that speaks to their lived realities as well as serving on a team for which they may possess gifts.

## RECOMMENDATION 2:

Amend the Organizational Rules of the Upper New York Annual Conference, found starting on Page 157 of the 2021 Upper New York Annual Conference Journal, Vol. II, by adding to the paragraph labeled “**Terms of Office and Term Limits of Elected Members of Conference Agencies**” on page 157, starting at line 45:

### **Terms of Office and Term Limits of Elected Members of Conference Agencies**

For persons who are elected to serve as members of groups in “membership classes”, the term of office is from the moment of

adjournment of the Conference Session at which the election took place or the selection was announced, until the moment of adjournment of the regular Conference Session held in the year of the “class.” Persons will normally be elected to classes for full-length terms, exceptions occurring only to fill vacancies and during the period of startup for the group concerned. Unless stated otherwise for specific groups, full-length terms shall be for four years, and the maximum term for persons serving in classes shall be two consecutive full-length terms. Individuals who have served two consecutive full-length terms may be invited by the Nominations and Leadership Development Team to continue service on the team in *emeritus* status, with voice and no vote. Individuals serving in this capacity may return to full service on the group following one year of emeritus service, if nominated by the Nominations and Leadership Development team. Partial length terms of less than three years shall not be counted in this regard for elections occurring before 2012. Service “on a quadrennial basis” indicates full-length terms beginning and ending in years when the General Conference meets. Successive tenures on the same group must be separated by an absence of at least one year.

RATIONALE: This recommendation allows individuals to continue serving on conference boards, agencies, and teams past any term limits, with voice but no vote, in emeritus capacity on the invitation of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development in the interest of preserving institutional wisdom and memory.

### RECOMMENDATION 3:

Amend the Organizational Rules of the Upper New York Annual Conference, found starting on Page 157 of the 2021 Upper New York Annual Conference Journal, Vol. II, by adding to the paragraph labeled “**Terms of Office and Term Limits of Elected Members of Conference Agencies**” on page 157, starting at line 45:

#### **Terms of Office and Term Limits of Elected Members of Conference Agencies**

For persons who are elected to serve as members of groups in “membership classes”, the term of office is from the moment of adjournment of the Conference Session at which the election took place or the selection was announced, until the moment of adjournment of the regular Conference Session held in the year of the “class.” Persons will normally be elected to classes for full-length terms, exceptions occurring only to fill vacancies and during the period of startup for the group concerned. Unless stated otherwise for specific groups, full-length terms shall be for four years, and the maximum term for persons serving in classes shall be two consecutive full-length terms. Partial length terms of less than three years shall not be counted in this regard for elections

occurring before 2012. In the event of a vacancy opening in a class after the adjournment of the regular Annual Conference session at which the election for that took place or the selection was announced, the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development shall nominate an individual to fill the vacancy to be confirmed by Conference Leadership Team. The appointee's service on this group shall begin immediately following their confirmation. At the regular Annual Conference session immediately following their nomination to the Conference Agency or Board, the Annual Conference shall ratify this nomination or elect a new individual to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If their vacancy service equates to less than half of the length of the full term of that team, their vacancy service shall not count as a full term, and they shall not be subject to existing term limits for that team. If their vacancy service equates to half the length of the full term for that team or longer, their vacancy term shall count as a full term, subject to existing term limits for that team. Service "on a quadrennial basis" indicates full-length terms beginning and ending in years when the General Conference meets. Successive tenures on the same group must be separated by an absence of at least one year.

RATIONALE: This recommendation codifies what occurs when a vacancy in a board, agency, or team is created. Additionally, it clarifies that a vacancy term counts as a full term if the vacancy term lasts as long as half the length or longer of the full term when considering term limits. Otherwise, the vacancy term will not be considered a full term of service.

#### RECOMMENDATION 4:

Amend the Organizational Rules of the Upper New York Annual Conference, found starting on Page 157 of the 2021 Upper New York Annual Conference Journal, Vol. II, by adding to the paragraph labeled "**Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (¶610)**" on page 159, starting at line 6:

#### **Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (¶610)**

The Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development shall be elected and serve in accordance with the provisions of *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* and the Rules of the Upper New York Annual Conference. The "complete report of nominations" submitted by the Committee to the Annual Conference shall include not only the nominations for chairs and/or members of groups initiated by this committee, but also the nominations made by other groups or individuals in accordance with *The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church* and these Rules. The committee shall solicit suggestions from committees on nominations and leadership development of local churches, and from local church lay leaders. The elected membership of

this Committee shall consist of nine persons (ideally three clergy-persons, three laymen, and three laywomen) elected to quadrennial classes of 2016, 2020, etc. on a staggered basis. The normal, full length term of office shall be for four years, with the membership of the existing classes of 2013 and 2014 having their terms adjusted to 2016 or 2020. The District Lay Leaders, or designee, shall serve *ex-officio*, with vote if that person is the only person present from the district, concerned, or without vote otherwise. The Conference Lay Leader (or one of the Associate Conference Lay Leaders), and the Chairperson of the Rules Committee shall serve *ex-officio* with vote. The Conference Commission on Religion and Race, the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries, the Conference Hispanic Ministries Team, the Conference Committee on Disability Concerns, the Conference Council on Older Adult Ministries, the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, and the Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries may each send one member, to be determined at their organizational meeting, to serve on this team *ex-officio* with vote. The Director of Connectional Ministries shall serve *ex-officio* without vote.

RATIONALE: This recommendation invites conference teams, boards, and agencies who serve and advocate for minoritized and/or disenfranchised communities at the Annual Conference level to name a member of their team to serve on the Conference Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, *ex-officio*, with voice and vote. This would bring in more diverse perspectives to the work of Conference Nominations and Leadership Development as well as build more bridges between the Annual Conference teams, boards, and agencies.