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A look inside!

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At the 2019 Upper New York Annual Conference in June, five clergy and five lay delegates were elected for the 2020 General Conference and five clergy and five lay delegates were elected for the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference; two clergy and two lay delegates were elected as alternates.

Meet your delegates with an interesting fact about each one

The lay delegates, in order elected for General Conference:
- Carmen Vianese—head of the delegation (Her favorite morning beverage is coffee = Hot - 1/2 Reg & 1/2 Decaf with cream).
- J.J. Warren (His favorite ice cream is mint chocolate chip).
- Ian Urriola (His first job was a little league umpire).
- Marthalyn Sweet (She only writes in cursive).
- Sam Smith (He has two guiding scriptures, Micah 6:8 and Galatians 5:1).

The clergy delegates, in order elected for General Conference are:
- The Rev. Bill Mudge (His favorite ice cream is vanilla—he claims all others are additives).
- The Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II (He can sing Row, Row, Row Your Boat backwards).
- The Rev. Beckie Sweet (She has a cuddly French Angora rabbit named Jacques).
- The Rev. Carmen Perry (Her preferred morning beverage is Blonde Roast Coffee with cream).
- The Rev. Rachel Ann Barnhart Morse (Her spiritual home is wherever she is called to be!)

The lay delegates, in order elected for Jurisdictional Conference are:
- Samuel Mudge (His favorite ice cream is Cherry Garcia).
- Drew Griffin (He is a literal shepherd with a small flock of sheep).
- Rachel John (She plays four instruments).
- Linda Barczykowski (At one time, she was a firefighter and had her EMT certification).
- Melysa Acevedo (She loves to race go-karts but can’t drive a real car).

The clergy delegates, in order elected for Jurisdictional Conference are:
- The Rev. Dr. Michelle Bogue-Trost (Her preferred morning beverage is chai tea).
- The Rev. Carlos Rosa-Laguer (He likes fishing).
- The Rev. Martha Swords-Horrell (Her favorite ice cream is chocolate Panda Paws).
- The Rev. Drew Sperry (He does not like chocolate).
- The Rev. Rebecca Laird (She played accordion in elementary school).

The lay reserve delegates are:
- Dan Fuller (His favorite ice cream is Sea Salt Caramel).
- Rachel Giso (She is a member of the Adirondack 46er club).

The clergy reserve delegates are:
- The Rev. Dr. Bill Allen (His preferred morning beverage is orange juice).
- The Rev. Harold Wheat (His preferred morning beverage is Earl Grey tea).

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