

# **Penn West Conference – Nomination Report June 2018**

## **Board of Directors**

### **Officers to be Elected (two year terms)**

#### **Secretary – Class of 2020**

#### **Rev. Liddy Barlow**

In April 2014, Rev. Liddy Barlow became the first woman to be installed as Executive Minister of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. She reports to the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, who represent 28 Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox church bodies throughout the region. As Executive Minister, Rev. Barlow sets a vision for Christian Associates and manages all of the organization's projects and relationships. She is a key organizer of public worship services and events and edits Christian Associates' publications, including *The Call* newsletter and *The Word in Our Voices* series of sermon collections.

Rev. Barlow holds a variety of leadership roles in local organizations, serving as chair of the Allegheny County Emergency Food & Shelter Board, secretary of the Western PA Regional VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters), steering team member for All for All, planning team member for the Greater Pittsburgh Interfaith Coalition, and board member for the Foundation of HOPE and Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute. In 2015, she traveled to Israel and Palestine in the inaugural journey of Interfaith Partners for Peace.

A lifelong member of the United Church of Christ, Rev. Barlow was ordained in 2008. She served for six years as Chair of the Pittsburgh Association Committee on Ministry, and was a member of the Habakkuk Group, a national United Church of Christ task force that rewrote the church's Manual on Ministry.

Rev. Barlow grew up in Keene, New Hampshire and attended Mount Holyoke College. After teaching sixth grade in Rocky Mount, North Carolina with the Teach for America program, she earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School. Prior to her ministry at Christian Associates, Rev. Barlow served Smithfield United Church of Christ in downtown Pittsburgh and St. John's United Church of Christ in Larimer. She lives in Pittsburgh with her husband Gregory, a robotics entrepreneur, and their two children, eight-year-old Pippa and Edmund, age five.

#### **Treasurer – Class of 2020**

#### **Ms. Nancy Harclerode**

Nancy Harclerode and her husband, Larry, live on their farm in southern Bedford County. They attend Friends Cove Trinity UCC where Nancy has served as President of the 2-charge consistory, Trinity consistory and lay speaker; as well as, Treasurer of the Juniata Association. She has 30 years in corporate finance at Hedstrom Corporation and 10 years as a product development systems instructor at Kennametal Inc. Now retired, Nancy is trying to pack in everything that she has wanted to do for the last 40 years.

***Continuing Officers:***

Moderator – Class of 2019  
Assistant Moderator - Class of 2019

Rev. Diane Wiley  
Mr. Tom Croner

***Association Representatives – elected by the Associations (two year terms)***

Class of 2019 – note: “2” indicates second term

Clarion – Rev. Stephen Fair	Faith, Ridgway
Juniata – Ms. Chelsea Neatrou	St. Paul’s, Imler
Lake Erie – Ms. Joy Johnson	Community United, Erie
Pittsburgh – Rev. Alice Lindsay-Bignell (2)	First, Millvale
Somerset – Rev. Dr. David Williams	Trinity, Berlin
Westmoreland – Mr. Robert Kruel	St. John’s/Harrolds, Greensburg

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Clarion – Ms. Theresa Cook	St. Jacob’s, Shelocta
Juniata – Rev. John Emig	Faith, Altoona
Lake Erie – Ms. Pat Seiple (2)	Zion’s Reformed UCC, Greenville
Pittsburgh – Ms. Joyce Giebel (2)	St. Peter’s UCC, Pittsburgh
Somerset – Rev. Dr. Joseph Beer (2)	Mt. Laurel UCC, Boswell
Westmoreland – Rev. Dr. Robert McKie (2)	Trinity UCC, Greensburg

**General Synod Delegates**

***An asterisk (\*) indicates that they are to be elected this year.***

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Respectfully submitted by the Penn West Conference Nominating Committee:

Mr. Sam Swick (Clarion)

Ms. Gladys Pluskey (Pittsburgh)

Rev. Matt Deal (Somerset)                      Rev. Jason Boyd (Lake Erie)  
Mr. Robert Kruel (Westmoreland)          Rev. Mary Hendricks (Juniata)  
Mr. Diane Wiley (Moderator)                Mr. Tom Croner (Assistant Moderator)  
Rev. David Ackerman (Conference Minister)