

Penn West Conference – Nomination Report June 13, 2020

Board of Directors

Officers to be Elected (two year terms)

Secretary – Class of 2022 (Second term)

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 2022 (Second term)

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 2021
Assistant Moderator - Class of 2021

Mr. Tom Croner
Rev. June Boutwell

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

Class of 2021 – note: “2” indicates second term

Clarion – Rev. Barry Fillman	Paradise, Reynoldsville
Juniata – Rev. Joe Long	Faith, Altoona
Lake Erie – Ms. Joy Johnson (2)	Community United, Erie
Pittsburgh – Rev. Deirdre King Hainsworth	COR, Pittsburgh
Somerset – Rev. Dr. David Williams (2)	Trinity, Berlin
Westmoreland – Rev. Robert Krueel (2)	St. John’s Union, Mt. Pleasant

Class of 2022 – note: “2nd” indicates second term

Clarion – Ms. Theresa Cook (2)	St. Jacob’s, Shelocta
Juniata – Rev. John Emig (2)	Faith, Altoona
Lake Erie – Ms. Carrie Goral (1)	St. Paul’s, Hermitage
Pittsburgh – Ms. Eileen Schmidt (1)	Trinity, Dorseyville (Pittsburgh)
Somerset – Rev. Ryan Lucas (1)	First/South, Ebensburg
Westmoreland – Mr. Mike Silaggi (1)	Emmanuel (Hill’s), Export

General Synod Delegates

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

Class of 2021

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Class of 2023

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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)	Ms. Alice Niebauer (Lake Erie)
Ms. Avis Specht (Westmoreland)	Rev. Mary Hendricks (Juniata)
Mr. Tom Croner (Moderator)	Rev. June Boutwell (Assistant Moderator)
Rev. David Ackerman (Conference Minister)	