

# **Penn West Conference – Nomination Report June 12, 2021**

## **Board of Directors**

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

#### **Moderator – Class of 2023**

#### **The Rev. June Boutwell**

The Rev. June Boutwell currently serves as Senior Pastor at Zion’s Reformed United Church of Christ in Greenville. She will celebrate her 22<sup>nd</sup> ordination anniversary in 2021. She has served in local church, conference and national settings in a variety of positions. She currently serves on the PWC Search and Call volunteer team and Annual Gathering & Meeting Planning Team. She has also served as President of the United Church Insurance Corporation, a part of the UCC Insurance Board. She is the mother of two adult sons and the proud grandmother of a four year old grandson.

#### **Assistant Moderator – Class of 2023**

#### **Mr. George Kepple**

George Kepple and his wife, Marsha, have been members of St. Paul’s Community Church UCC for over 40 years. They have two adult children and six grandchildren. George served in the District Attorney’s office in Armstrong County for 41 years, 20 as the elected prosecutor. He graduated from the Penn West Academy for Ministry in 2003 and has served as a licensed minister in the Clarion Association since then. He attended Pittsburgh Theological Seminary night school beginning in 2005 and graduated in 2013. Since then he has been teaching Church History in the Penn West Academy. George and Marsha have been active in their church, the Clarion Association and the Penn West Conference throughout their marriage. He also served a term as a delegate to the General Synod.

George adds this: “I love the polity of the UCC where no part of the church can impose any resolution or doctrine upon any lesser body or individual member. Yet, we remain in covenant throughout the church to serve our Lord in good faith. From time to time I disagree with my peers in the UCC, but I am able to do it without becoming disagreeable. I prefer to focus on the vast areas upon which we agree. I am a part-time farmer now, having retired from the practice of law, but it is my intention to continue serving the Lord in whatever manner I may be led.”

### ***Continuing Officers:***

Secretary – Class of 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

The Rev. Liddy Barlow

Treasurer - Class of 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Ms. Nancy Harclerode

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

Class of 2022 – note: “2<sup>nd</sup>” indicates second term

Clarion – Ms. Theresa Cook (2)

St. Jacob’s, Shelocta

Juniata – The Rev. John Emig (2)

Faith, Altoona

Lake Erie – Ms. Carrie Goral (1)  
Pittsburgh – Mr Joel Pretz (1)  
Somerset – The Rev. Ryan Lucas (1)  
Westmoreland – Mr. Mike Silaggi (1)

St. Paul's, Hermitage  
Smithfield, Pittsburgh  
First/South, Ebensburg  
Emmanuel (Hill's), Export

Class of 2023 – note: “2<sup>nd</sup>” indicates second term

Clarion – The Rev. Barry Fillman (2)	Paradise, Reynoldsville
Juniata – The Rev. Joe Long (2)	Faith, Altoona
Lake Erie – The Rev. Ericjon Thomas (1)	St. Paul's, Hermitage
Pittsburgh – The Rev. Leanna Fuller (1)	Trinity, Dorseyville
Somerset – Mr. Terry Luteri (1)	Trinity, Berlin
Westmoreland – The Rev. Don Watkins (1)	Denmark Manor, Export

### **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)	The Rev. Liddy Barlow (Pittsburgh)
The Rev. Matt Deal (Somerset)	Ms. Alice Niebauer (Lake Erie)
The Rev. Don Watkins (Westmoreland)	The Rev. Mary Hendricks (Juniata)
Mr. Tom Croner (Moderator)	The Rev. June Boutwell (Assistant Moderator)
Rev. David Ackerman (Conference Minister)	