

Report of the Nominating Committee
Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ

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1. The Nominating Committee recommends the following nominations be approved by the Board of Directors and be presented as a slate of candidates for election to the Ohio Conference UCC Annual Gathering on September 16, 2017.

Officers

Vice Moderator – David Plant (2+2+2 years)

Association Representatives

NWOA – Adrian Sunday (2 years)
NWOA – Donna Overholt (Special 1 year term)
SONKA – Pam Linderson (2 years)
EOA – Kurt Wieser (2 years)
CSEA – open, did not participate (2 years)
WRA – open, candidate withdrew on 8/24/17 (2 years)

Please note:

The two-year terms expire at the 2019 Annual Gathering
The one-year term expires at the 2018 Annual Gathering

2. The Nominating Committee recommends the Board of Directors affirm the following transition as specified by our Constitution:

- Cathy Green, currently Vice Moderator becomes Moderator for 2 years
- Mindy Quellhorst, currently Moderator becomes Past-Moderator for 2 years

Biographies of Recommended Candidates & Appointments

Pam Linderson (SONKA)

Pam is a recently retired commissioned minister. A graduate of Capital University she holds her commission in the field of pastoral care and is certified in Thanatology. She has almost 20 years of service as a Chaplain, first at Upper Valley Medical Center followed by the Hospice of Miami County. Under her leadership the HOMC opened a bereavement center or the community as well as their patients and families.

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Pam is a member of Polk Grove United Church of Christ. She has served at the association level on various boards and committees including moderator.

Donna Overholt (NWOA)

Donna Overholt is a member of Trinity UCC in Tiffin, OH where she currently serves on Church and Ministry Team and the Church Council. She also founded and directed the Trinity Handbell Choir. She has served the NWOA on the Restructuring Committee, Christian Education Team, Church and Ministry Team and was past Moderator. She has served the Conference as chair of the Benevolent Institutions committee. She is blessed with two children and one grandchild.

David Plant (Vice Moderator)

David has served the Ohio Conference as a minister or interim for a variety of churches and locations. Currently he is the Lead Pastor at Memorial United Church of Christ in Toledo. He also served Defiance College as Alumni Relations Director and was responsible for fundraising, communications, organization and relationship building between alumni and the college. He has been active in the wider church, performing a variety of duties for the NWOA including Moderator; the Ohio Conference in Church Development. He has served in several local elected offices as well as on multiple non-profit boards.

Adrian Sunday (NWOA)

Adrian has served five churches including Salem UCC, Emmanuel, First Presbyterian, Calvin UCC in Toledo and currently serving at Buckland UCC. He is Chaplain to the Toledo Fire and Rescue. He has been active in the NWOA serving in a variety of areas including the Nominating Committee, El Salvador Team, Stewardship and Caring and the association Cabinet, as well as the Dean of the Auglaize Valley Clergy Association and the as Convener for Auglaize Regional Coordinating Team. He is an active camper serving as a Co-Director at Ohio Conference Camps.

Kurt Wieser (EOA)

Kurt is the pastor of Grace United Church of Christ of Loyal Oak in Norton, OH. Prior to this Kurt served Liberation United Church of Christ in Lakewood, OH, for 12 years; was a level 1 Trauma Chaplain at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and did AIDS Education in Pennsylvania's Maximum Security Prison in Graterford, PA. He earned his bachelor's degree in Ornamental Horticulture before studying at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Active on the Council of the Western Reserve Association over many years in a variety of positions, Kurt now serves on the EOA/WRA Joint Council. Kurt is married to James Ebbenga. They have 5 children and 6 grandchildren who all still reside in the Philadelphia, PA area. His hobbies include reading, cooking, knitting and pencil sketching.