

## **Ohio Conference UCC Report of the Nominating Committee, May 2016**

### Members

Tim L Smith, Chair (Board of Directors)  
Jerry Kruse (EOA)  
Darla Metz (NWOA)  
Rebecca Wickham (At Large)  
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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 the weekend of June 10 & 11, 2016.

### Association Representatives

Dr. Cynthia Tyson (CSE - Clergy)  
Jeff Roeger (EOA - Lay)  
Jim Meyer (WRA - Lay)  
Jay McMillen (SONKA - Clergy)

### Notes:

- The two-year terms expire at the June 2018 Annual Meeting
- All of the above are incumbent in their positions, having been appointed to the board to fill vacancies in 2015.

2. All of the nominating committee members listed above willing to serve another year through the 2017 Annual Gathering. We still need representation from Central South East Association.

### Biographies of Recommended Candidates

#### **Jeff Roeger**

I am currently a member of Stow UCC, where I have served as Deacon, Vice-Moderator and Moderator. I also attend Kent UCC, which is close to where we live. My wife Rachelle and I have three beautiful girls, Emily 16, Sara 13 and Natalie 8. They are active in choir and most all activities at Kent UCC. I have had the privilege to serve on three search committees and three General Synods. My current position is Past Moderator of the Eastern Ohio Association. I am currently a Walgreen's store manager, 21 years, starting in Chicago, and then part of the expansion into Northeastern Ohio in the 1990's. I have a Bachelor's in business administration from Mount Union.

#### **Jay McMillen**

I have been a licensed pastor for the past ten years at Shiloh in Dayton. Having served there for 15 years now. I have served on church development both on the association level as well as conference level. I currently serve on the ministry council of SONKA in a local ministry function focused on listening sessions. My previous employment before ministry was corporate trainer for Bob Evans and then moved to management for four years. I have worked with youth in various forms of ministry and I'm very focused on charity work in missions and ministries. I feel one of my strengths is listening. My other is my passion for God's work in the world. Lastly I am a married man with a devoted wife Dawn and one step daughter who is 23 Ashton, and my 16 year old daughter

Makenzie. Because of them I am blessed to love them and to be loved in return. I hope this info speaks to you and to all I can bring to the conference. Blessings and peace Pastor Jay Macmillan.

### **Jim Meyer**

I grew up in the First Congregational Church in Akron. I have been a member of The Federated Church in Chagrin Falls since 1978 where I have served in a number of offices including Moderator. I presently serve as Treasurer of the Western Reserve Association and have served as Moderator in the past. I presently chair the Budget and Finance Committee of the Ohio Conference and have served as Moderator in the past. I have a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Ohio University, but since becoming a CPA my work has been primarily in financial and computer systems management. I had a major role in the relocation of the UCC national offices from New York to Cleveland.

### **Dr. Cynthia Tyson**

I am a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education in the Central Southeast Association of the Ohio Conference UCC. I am also an educator licensed by the State of Ohio for Elementary Education, Reading and Kindergarten.

I am currently a member of Advent UCC, serving as Deacon and Minister of Christian Education. As a member of the Spiritual Care Team, I participate in planning and leading worship. As Minister of Christian Education I helped develop adult Sunday school classes and children's moment for each Sunday. As a member of the Christian Education Team I am participating in the development of an on-going program for spiritual growth and faith formation for our children and youth. I serve on the CSEOA Department of Church and Authorized Ministry.

In addition, I volunteer in the Kobacker House inpatient hospice center where I work with hospice teams to provide support services for patients and their families. I also volunteer with the Stepping Stones Program as part of their grief support (emotional and spiritual) program for children ages 6-12 who have lost a loved one.

I am working with several churches on curriculum development and teaching. At Second Chance Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), I am helping the pastor of this new church start to develop curriculum and programing for children and young adults. I currently am writing a column for the monthly newsletter with a focus on supporting the academic achievement and faith formation of children and youth for parents. At Karl Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), I have worked with the Christian Education Team to develop curriculum and programing for children, and I have served as a substitute teacher for the children's church. I worked with the Disciples of Christ - General Assembly Children's Christian education committee chair to develop and implement a specialized, full-day programs for their 2014 Convocation and 2015 General Assembly.

Previously, I volunteered at the Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility, working with the juvenile offenders at the reception center. The programs included both spiritual direction and fellowship coupled with academic support.