

Second Report of the Thirtieth General Synod Nominating Committee

It is with deep appreciation for their skills, willingness to serve and love of the United Church of Christ that the General Synod Nominating Committee unanimously selects the Rev. Sue Artt for election as Moderator of the Thirty-first General Synod and Mr. Norman J. Williams as Assistant Moderator of the Thirty-first General Synod and places their nominations before the Thirtieth General Synod for election.

Rev. Artt is a Euro-American ordained female, 50-59, who has served as Assistant Moderator for the past two years and, as the framers of the new governance structure envisioned, she is being placed before the General Synod for elevation to Moderator. She currently serves as the Acting Conference Minister of the Rocky Mountain Conference after serving a local church in the Illinois-South Conference. Rev. Artt comes to her ministry after a corporate career as an executive for Mobil Exxon. She holds an MBA with focus on Organizational Behavior and Development and received her MDiv in 2006.

Mr. Williams is an African American lay male, 60+ and is a member of Church of the Good Shepherd Congregational in Chicago. He has served as its treasurer, as a deacon and as a trustee. He is the Chair and CEO of Illinois Service Federal Savings and Loan. He also manages his family-owned funeral parlors in Chicago. Mr. Williams is the Chair of the Chicago Theological Seminary Board of Trustees and sits on the Illinois League of Financial Institutions. Like Rev. Artt, Mr. Williams brings extensive financial expertise to the position, which carries with it membership on the United Church of Christ Board of Directors.

The selections of Rev. Artt and Mr. Williams came after careful consideration of a deep and rich pool of candidates submitted by the Conferences and various Groups eligible to nominate, along with other candidates who self-nominated. However, at the conclusion of our discussion the nominations of Rev. Artt and Mr. Williams were unanimous and we ask for the affirmation of our selections by all voting delegates at the Thirtieth General Synod.

In Christ,
Angela Myers
Chair-The Thirtieth General Synod Nominating Committee

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