



By unanimous vote, the Thirtieth General Synod Nominating Committee has selected the following 13 members of the United Church of Christ for nomination as members at-large and is placing their names for election before the Thirtieth General Synod, meeting June 26-30, 2015 in Cleveland, Ohio for election to the United Church of Christ Board of Directors.

These outstanding individuals will join the other 23 members at large and the 16 ex officio members now serving.

Each person that came before the Nominating Committee was carefully and individually considered and references for each candidate were checked. The Committee was blessed with a deep and rich pool of nominees of superior ability, attributes, skills and experience. With the election of these highly-qualified members of the United Church of Christ we succeeded in exceeding the diversity requirement for the Board of Directors, as outlined in the Bylaws.

The members of the Committee give thanks to God for the quality and dedication of the members of the Church it had to choose from and it is with high esteem that we present these outstanding individuals for election to the United Church of Christ Board of Directors.

Ms. Angela Myers
Chair-the Thirtieth General Synod Nominating Committee

January 26, 2015

For Election to the United Church of Christ Board of Directors

Carolyn Call is a European American ordained female, 50-59, who is an Associate Conference Minister for the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. She holds Ministerial Authorization. She is a member of Zion UCC in South Bend, Indiana. She holds a PhD in Educational Psychology from Cornell University. Ms. Call has previously served as a local church pastor, an adjunct instructor at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and as the Director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Ms. Call is active in various ecumenical and civic volunteer organizations. She was nominated by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference. Ms. Call will serve in the Class of 2021.

Dennis Coy is a European American male, 30-39, who is an executive security officer for Consumers National Bank in Canton, Ohio and the pastor of Congregational UCC in Canton. He holds Ministerial Authorization as a Licensed Minister. Mr. Call is a former police officer and former Special Agent for the State of Ohio. He served as the 85th President of the Ohio Jaycees and remains an active volunteer for various civic organizations, including the North Canton Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his call at Congregational UCC he served as the Director of Youth Ministry at Trinity UCC, also in Canton. He self-nominated to the Board. Mr. Coy will serve in the Class of 2021.

Darrell Goodwin is an African American ordained male, 30-39, who serves as Dean of Students at Seattle University. He is a member of Liberation UCC in Seattle, Washington. He holds an A.B.D. Doctor of Ministry. He is the founding Pastor of Liberation and earlier in his career served as Director of the Shaw Leadership Program at Boston College. He served two terms as a member of the Penn West Conference Nominating Committee, is a member of his local ecumenical clergy group and is active in various community and civic organizations. He was nominated by the Coalition. Mr. Goodwin will serve in the Class of 2017.

Carla Gregg-Kearns is a European American ordained female, 30-39, who serves as Senior Pastor of Good Shepherd UCC in Cary, North Carolina. She holds a M.Div. Prior to entering the ministry Ms. Gregg-Kearns worked as a Caseworker for social service agencies in Austin, Texas. She has served as Senior Pastor at Good Shepherd since July, 2013. Ms. Gregg-Kearns is a former member of the Office of General Ministries Board of Directors under the former governance structure. She currently serves as the President of the Southern Conference Board of Directors. She is the co-founder of the United Church of Christ/Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Duke University. She was nominated by the Southern Conference. Ms. Gregg-Kearns will serve in the Class of 2021.

Richard Harter is a European American lay male, 60+, who is a retired lawyer. He is a member of First Church UCC in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He holds a J.D. from the University of Chicago. Mr. Harter served as a Partner and Head of Employee Benefit Practice for Bingham McCutchen LLP. He served as the interim President of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He is a former Moderator of his local church and the Massachusetts Conference and served on the Conference Board of Directors. Mr. Harter currently serves as a Member with Special Expertise, without vote, on the Special Committee on Development of the United Church of Christ Board

of Directors. He was nominating by the Massachusetts Conference. Mr. Harter will serve in the Class of 2021.

Alice W. Hunt is a European American ordained female, 50-59, who is the President, Chicago Theological Seminary. She is a member of Trinity UCC in Chicago. She holds a PhD. Prior to her call at CTS she was the Academic Dean at Vanderbilt Divinity School. She worked as a Systems Analysis on the Hubble Space Telescope. She is a former school math teacher in Georgia, Alabama and Kenya. Ms. Hunt served on the Executive Council under the former governance structure and currently serves on the Search Committee for the next General Minister and President. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Progressive Renewal. She serves on a Chicago interfaith group and has volunteered at half-way homes and nursing homes. She self-nominated to the Board. Ms. Hunt will serve in the Class of 2021.

James Maki is a European American lay male, 19-29, engineer, now pursuing an advanced degree in engineering. He is a member of Zion UCC in Le Sueur, Minnesota. He holds a B.S. computer engineering from the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Mr. Maki served a six-year term on the Executive Council of the former governance structure, one of the youngest members to ever sit on that body, serving during the time while the new governance structure was under consideration and then enacted. Mr. Maki is fencer and fencing instructor and while in school served as the treasurer of his college fraternity, managing a sizable annual operating budget. He self-nominated to the Board. Mr. Maki will serve in the Class of 2021.

Douglas McClelland is a European American lay male, 60+, who is a lawyer and retired business law professor at Montana State University. He is a member of First Congregational UCC in Billings Montana. He holds a J.D. He is a graduate of Yale and University of California-Berkley Law School. Mr. McClelland operates a travel planning business featuring winery tours and fly-fishing in Argentina. He is a conservationist and previously served as National President of Trout Unlimited and on the Board of the Yellowstone Park Foundation. Mr. McClelland currently serves as a Member with Special Expertise, without vote, on the Special Committee on Development of the United Church of Christ Board of Directors. He is a former member of the Executive Council of the former governance structure, serving two years as its Vice-Chair. He self-nominated to the Board. Mr. McClelland will serve in the Class of 2012.

Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez is a Hispanic American lay female, 40-49, who is a Parenting Educator, holding a Masters Degree in Social Work. She is a member of Iglesia Hispana de la Comunidad UCC in Boston, Massachusetts. She has worked professionally for a childhood autism agency. Additionally, she has worked as a Restaurant Operations Manager, a business consultant and as the Interim Director of a Big Brothers Big Sisters program. She is the Moderator at her local church and signs in the choir. She sits on the Massachusetts Conference Board of Directors. She was nominated by the Massachusetts Conference. Ms. Menendez-Sanchez will serve in the Class of 2021.

David Nelson is a European American lay male, 60+, who is the President Nelson Equity Development, LLC and of Ocean Energy Company, both of Des Moines, Iowa. He is a member of Plymouth Congregational UCC in Des Moines. Mr. Nelson holds an AB and an MBA from

Harvard. Prior to his current position he served as the Chief Financial Officer at various Midwestern companies and began his career as a bank officer in New York. He has long been active at all levels of his local church and served on the Iowa Conference Board of Directors. He volunteers his time as President and Chair of the Board of Directors of Plymouth Place and has previously served his local YMCA and Polk County Youth Law Center as a board member and President. He was nominated by the Iowa Conference. Mr. Nelson will serve in the Class of 2021.

Inez Reid is an African American lay female, 60+, who is a Senior Judge, District of Columbia Court of Appeals. She is a member of Peoples UCC in Washington, DC. She holds a J.D. Ms. Reid served as General Counsel to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare prior to her appointment to the court. She served on the Local Church Ministries Board of Directors, as Chair for two years, under the former governance structure and has served on the Cornerstone Fund Board of Directors. Ms. Reid was a contributing participant in the effort that brought the new governance structure to the UCC. She is active in various community and civic organizations. She self-nominated to the Board. Ms. Reid will serve in the Class of 2021.

Frances Q.F. Wong is an Asian American lay female, 60+, retired Circuit Court Judge for the State of Hawaii, now serving in a retired-fill in capacity. She is a member of Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu, Hawaii. She holds a J.D. and served as the Senior (Administrative) Judge during her time on the court. Ms. Wong's undergraduate degree is in education and she taught special education early in her career. She is a graduate of the Pacific School of Religion. She has five times served as Moderator of her local church and has served on various Conference boards and committees. Ms. Wong has served on various civic boards, many related to the arts. She was nominated by the Hawaii Conference. Ms. Wong will serve in the Class of 2021.

Yvette Wynn is an African American lay female, 40-49, Private Banker for Morgan Stanley Private Bank. She is a member of Community Church of the Pelhams in Pelham, New York. She holds a Masters Degree in Economics. She has served as Moderator of her local church, sits on the Metropolitan Association Board of Directors and served on the New York Conference Annual Meeting Planning Team. Ms. Wynn currently serves as a Member with Special Expertise, without vote, on the Investment and Endowment Committee of the United Church of Christ Board of Directors. She volunteers her time for the Westchester County Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and her local food bank. She was nominated by the New York Conference. Ms. Wynn will serve in the Class of 2021.

COMPOSITION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD 2015-2017

United Church of Christ Board (36 At-Large Positions)	Count	Board Percentages
Male	18	50.0%
Female	18	50.0%
Clergy	12	33.3%
Lay Males	12	33.3%
Lay Females	12	33.3%
African American	6	16.7%
Hispanic	4	11.1%
Native American	2	5.6%
Pacific Island	2	5.6%
Asian American	4	11.1%
Total	18	50.0%
European American	18	50.0%
60+	12	33.3%
50-59	4	11.1%
40-49	6	16.7%
30-39	6	16.7%
19-29	7	19.4%
Youth	1	2.8%
Disability	3	8.3%
LGBT	6	16.7%