

## Notes

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Arlene works closely with the bishop, cabinet and leadership of the conference to ensure alignment of conference resources. Her work centers on support for the visioning bodies of the conference as we promote our mission and sharpen our priorities and values, which grew out of the Landscape process. In addition, Arlene supports standing committees in their ongoing efforts. This conference year the special focus is on structure as the Organizational Task Force further redefines our organizational structure for the future.

**Woody Bedell**  
**Director of Human Resources and Benefits**  
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Woody's main responsibilities are to manage the benefits and human resources needs of the Annual Conference, which includes design and implementation of the medical programs and working with pastors to navigate Wespeth's pension and disability programs. As the Human Resource manager, he's responsible for staff development and accountability to the annual conference to resource congregations and members.



**Jeff Casey**  
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Jeff provides professional staff leadership to Outdoor & Retreat Ministries as the Executive Director. Jeff is the lead steward for both NIC Retreat Centers—giving centralized administration for hospitality, food service, facilities, marketing, finances, and personnel. He is also liaison to UM Jurisdictional and National camp ministry organizations. Visit niccamp.org for more info on both NIC camps.



**Lonnie Chafin**  
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Lonnie's main responsibility is to keep the integrity and oversee the conference financial management system, to care for the business concerns, and to support groups in making sensible financial strategies in the service of the annual conference's mission.



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### **Anne Marie Gerhardt - Director of Communications**

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Anne Marie is responsible for sharing the many stories of transformation, mission and ministry of the annual conference. She is the editor for the monthly print Reporter, the weekly eNewsletter and Webmaster for [www.umcnic.org](http://www.umcnic.org), which includes calendar submissions. She is the Conference photographer and videographer and coordinates promotion of events. She works closely with the Episcopal office to clearly communicate the bishop's messages and to cover her various appearances. She also handle media requests and crisis communications strategies for the conference and local churches.



### **Rev. J. Martin Lee - Director Congregational Development & Redevelopment**

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Martin works to equip church leaders to reach new people through the development of new faith communities and the redevelopment of existing congregations. Martin can provide local congregations with demographic information, an architectural consultation, guidance in creating a Ministry Action Plan, ministry assessment tools, training through the School of Congregational Development and the Institute for Congregational Development and the Conference [Hispanic] Academy for Faith Community Development, tools to promote healthy discipleship systems, and more.





**Diane Strzelecki**  
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Diane works closely with the Directors of Communications and Connectional Ministries on web and media and oversees tech work for annual conference. She helps assist in publications, flyers, website content, graphics, and social media.



**Laura Lopez**  
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Laura provides general administrative duties and support to Connectional Ministries and the Office of Congregational Development and Redevelopment. She is the registrar for Annual Conference and organizes many of the details and planning for conference-wide events.



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**Director of the United Media Resource Center**  
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The NIC collaborates with the United Methodist Resource (UMRC) center located in Springfield, Ill., and provides print and video resources to individuals and churches to facilitate their growth and education in discipleship, biblical understanding, outreach, social justice, stewardship, and leadership. Materials are free to borrow with the only cost being return shipping. For more information visit [www.umcnic.org/mediaresources](http://www.umcnic.org/mediaresources).



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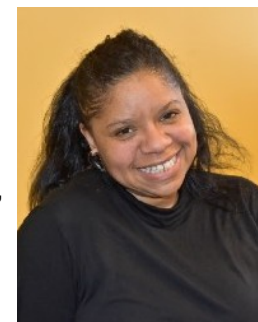
Dwayne is the manager of the Conference's Property and Casualty program which includes; providing claim advocacy for Property, Liability and Workers' Compensation losses, calculation of the annual insurance allocation/premium and development of a safe environment for Conference churches, volunteers and guests.



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LaMeise is responsible for the administration of the Conference's pension, health, and disability and life programs. This includes monthly billing and reconciliation, reporting compensation and clergy appointments to Wespeth, and fielding and responding to participants benefit request and concerns. Included in this administrative work is the development of arrearage reports, authorizing Medicare B participation, creation of retirement packages and the filing of death and disability claims with Wespeth.



**David Quinn**  
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David collects and reports church statistics, apportionments, and second mile giving donations to the conference and general church. In addition to this, he compiles appeals and payment reports to the District Superintendents and the Conference Committee on Finance and Administration (CCFA).

