



## **CLERGY SESSION**

Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm

The United Methodist Church of New Lenox

<b>Call to Order</b>	Bishop John Hopkins
<b>Welcome/Seating of Designated Laity</b>	Mark Meyers
<b>Bishop's Reflections</b>	Bishop John Hopkins
<b>Moral and Official Conduct of All Ordained Clergy and Local Pastors</b>	Dean of the Cabinet, Jeffry Bross
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Ministry</b>	Lynn Mikels and Mary Gay McKinney
<b>Conference Relations Report</b>	Pam Rossmiller
<b>Fellowship of Local Pastors Report</b>	Sharon Engert
<b>Order of Deacons Report</b>	Adrienne Stricker
<b>Order of Elders Report</b>	Paul Lee
<b>Board of Ordained Ministry Chairperson's Report</b>	Mark Meyers
<b>Communion</b>	Bishop John Hopkins
<b>Adjournment/Sending</b>	Bishop John Hopkins



# Seating of Designated Laity at Clergy Session

(Updated 5/2022)

## **MOTION TO BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:**

Bishop, I move that the laypersons, local pastors and associate members of the annual conference who are members of the Northern Illinois Conference Board of Ordained Ministry be seated within the Clergy Session with voting privileges. And that the following Annual Conference staff persons be allowed to be present during the 2022 Clergy Session:

Marva Andrews – Bishop’s Administrative Assistant  
Anne Marie Gerhardt – Director of Communications  
Randy Hayes – Conference Secretary  
Lisa Smith – Communications Specialist

## **TO ALL PERSONS GATHERED HERE TODAY, just a reminder:**

You **can** vote at Clergy Session “on matters of ordination, character and conference relations of other clergy” if:

- You are a clergy member in full connection;
- Or you are a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry

You **cannot** vote at Clergy Session if you are a:

- Provisional Member
- Associate and Affiliate Clergy Member
- Full-time and Part-time Local Pastor
- Clergy Members of another annual conference or other Methodist denominations (346.1)
- Clergy from other denominations (346.2)
- Laity



## Order of Elders

The following persons are recommending for **provisional membership** and **commissioning as Elder candidates**:

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M, A(Korean), PE

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**\*\* Abbreviations M=Male, F=Female, C=Caucasian/white, A=Asian with country of origin in parentheses, AfAm= African American, PE=Provisional Elder, PD=Provisional Deacon, D=Deacon, E=Elder**



## Order of Elders

*The following persons whom we are recommending for **full membership** and **ordination** as **ELDER**:*

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M, C, E

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M, A(Korean), E



## Order of Deacons

This person is recommended for **provisional membership** and **commissioning** as a **Deacon candidate**:

ANTHONY LIVOTI  
610 Oyster Creek Drive Richwood TX 77531  
B.S. Indiana Wesleyan University  
M.Div. Garret-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
M, C, PD

This person is recommended for **full membership** and **ordination** as **Deacon**:

ANNIE A. LOCKHART GILROY  
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B.A. Dickinson College  
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F, AfAm/ A (East Indian), D



# Conference Relations Report

## PART 1 – MATTERS REQUIRING VOTE

1. What clergy in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved to serve appointments or ecumenical ministries within the bounds of the Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation (§§331.8, 346.2) (v) Designate with an asterisk those who have been accorded voting rights within the annual conference. Indicate credential.

Name	Clergy Status	Denomination
DeVries, Rich	Ordained	American Baptist
Fiut, Casey	Ordained	Roman Catholic
Hill, Charlene	Ordained	United Church of Christ
James-Brown, Erin	Ordained	United Church of Christ
Lee, Dong Keun	Ordained	Korean Methodist Church
Mitchell, Julie Windsor	Ordained	United Church of Christ
Pathak, Vinay	Ordained	Methodist Church in India
Stone, Delian	Ordained	United Church of Christ
Wilson-Howard, Janette	Ordained	Baptist

2. Who are affiliate members: List alphabetically; indicate annual conference or denomination where membership is held.

Without vote (§§334.5, 344.4) (v 2/3)

Name	Member Conference/Denomination	First Year of Affiliation
Case, Ronna L.	California-Nevada	1997
Collier, Elizabeth	South Carolina	2005

3. Who have been received by transfer from other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (§§347.1, 416.5, 635.2n) List alphabetically. Indicate credential. See note preceding Question 27.: (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Conference	Date of Transfer
Miller, Innis	FE	Liberia	7/1/2022

4. What Provisional members have transferred from other conferences or denominations (§347.1) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Original Year of Membership	Previous Conference or Denomination
McLeod, Aaron J.	PE	2022	United Church of Christ

5. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§353) Indicate credential. Record Charge Conference where membership is held.

(1) Personal, 5 years or less (§353.2a 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Davis-Bridges, Regina	FD	7/1/2021	Homewood: St. Andrew
Fox, Monty	FE	6/1/2018	Cherry Valley
Flinn-Portee, Susan	FE	7/1/2019	Oak Park First
Judd, Paul	FE	7/1/2020	



Lim, Kwang Sung	FE	9/15/2021	
Stricker, Adrienne	FD	1/1/2021	Skokie: Central
Talapian, Reuel Argamaso	FE	12/31/2021	
Yun, Kookjin	FE	7/1/2022	

(2) Personal, more than 5 years (¶353.2a 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Hayag, Jonathan B.	FD	7/1/2014	

(3) Family, more than 5 years (¶353.2b 3) (v 2/3)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Best, Judith Early	FE	7/1/2007	

6. Who are granted sabbatical leave (¶351) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Kardon, Hannah	FE	7/1/2022	

7. Who have been granted medical leave due to medical or disabling conditions (¶356) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Black, Geraldine	FE	11/01/2003	
Crites, Laura	FE	11/20/2017	
Hawkins, Lynda W.	FE	7/1/2005	
Nolla, Anna Awilda	FE	1/1/2007	

8. What members in full connection have been retired (¶357): **List** alphabetically - If retiring in the interim between conference sessions (¶357.2d), indicate the effective date of retirement. (Under ¶357.1, no vote required; under ¶357.2, v; under ¶357.3, v 2/3)

Deacons

a) This year

Name	Date Effective	Years of Service
Magrini, Cheryl	7/1/2022	18
Roth, Bonny	11/17/2021	9.5



Elders

b) This year

Name	Date Effective	Years of Service
Campbell, Robert	5/15/2022	27.75
Dunlap-Berg, Larry (No Vote)	7/1/2022	12.75
Hadaway, Vickie	7/1/2022	19.5
Lacock, Michelle Oberwise	8/1/2021	36
McKay, Catiana (No Vote)	7/1/2022	23
Percell, Deborah	7/1/2022	21
Pereira, Peter	7/1/2022	35.5
Rossmiller, Pam	7/1/2022	13
Sanders, Michelle	7/1/2022	21
Swinson, Daniel	7/1/2022	43

9. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (¶320.5):

This year

Name	Date Effective	Years of Service
Engert, Sharon	7/1/2022	13.5
Fassig, Rich	7/1/2022	12.75
Lafferty, Teri	7/1/2022	11.75
Stewart, Cheri	7/1/2022	16

10. Who are approved for less than full-time service

- a) What associate members and elders (full and provisional) are approved for appointment to less than full-time service, what is the total number of years for which such approval has been granted to each, and for what fraction of full-time of service (in one-quarter, one-half, or three-quarter increments) is approval granted (¶¶338.2, 342.2, 1506) (v 2/3, after 8 years v 3/4):

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Campañano Juancho	Western Springs	1/2
Cripps-Valejo, Paula	Chicago: Humboldt Park	1/2
Johnicker, Violet	Rockford: Brooke Road	3/4
Rawlinson, Tom	Chicago: St. Mathew	1/2
Rutherford, Elizabeth	Apple River & Scales Mound	3/4
Smith, Matthew	Warren	1/2

- b) What deacons in full connection and provisional deacons are approved for appointment to less than full-time service (¶331.7)

Name	Appointment	Fraction of Full-Time Service
Javore, Barbara	Glencoe: North Shore	1/2
Rainey, Virginia	Lombard: First	1/2





11. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year.

To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶344.1d (v 2/3)

Elders:

Name	Clergy Status	Start Date	Ministry	Charge Conference
Ahn, Ilsup	FE	2004	North Park College, Chicago, IL	Glenview
Biekman, Robert	FE	2020	Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Chicago United Church of Rogers Park
Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Rachel	FE	2021	Chicago Jobs Council	Dolton: Faith
Chong, Kwan	FE	2014	Global Healing Mission, Barrington, IL	Northfield
Eaton, Gregory	FE	2005	Eaton and Associates, Indianapolis, IN	Glenview
González, Annie Jeanne	FE	2019	Access Community Health Network, Chicago, IL	
Hall, William (Trey)	FE	2016	The Epicenter Group, UK	
Hawking, Carol J.	FE	2008	Arise, Chicago, Chicago, IL	Oak Park: Euclid Ave.
Knight, Kelli Beard	FE	2022	D I R A Partners, Chicago, IL	
Lightsey, Pamela	FE	2018	Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago, IL	Chicago: Broadway
Paik, Young Min	FE	2012	Yonsei University College of Theology, Seoul, South Korea	
Peluso-Verdend, Gary	FE	2005	Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK	Glen Ellyn: First
Pickens, Larry Duane	FE	2015	Pennsylvania Council of Churches	Crete
Rough, James	FE	2002	Havenwood Heritage Heights Retirement Village, Concord, NH	Naperville: Community
Rubietta, Richard	FE	2000	Abounding Ministries, Grayslake, IL	Lake Villa
Tuner, William Jason	FE	2022	Phil's Friends, Roselle, IL	Itasca: The Center
Weber, Jenny	FE	2022	New Morning Retreat Center, Hampshire, IL	
Whang, Heon-Young (Henry)	FE	2016	Seoul Theological University, Seoul Korea	Flossmoor South Suburban Korean



## INFORMATION AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

12. Who have been transferred out to other annual conferences of The United Methodist Church (¶16.5)

Name	Clergy Status	New Conference	Date of Transfer
Cha, Heju Nam	Elder	Illinois Great Rivers	7/1/2022

13. Who are discontinued as provisional members (¶327).

b) By voluntary discontinuance (¶ 327.6)

Name	Clergy Status
Hernandez, Uziel	Provisional Elder

14. Who have had their conference membership terminated

By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (¶360.1, .4)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Hill, Carol	11/20/2021	FD	Park Ridge Community Church

15. Deceased (List alphabetically)

What provisional members have died during the year -Indicate credential.

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Vellinga, Henry	9/25/1936	9/29/2021

What elders have died during the year

Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Berchtold, Fred Arthur	9/19/1936	6/28/2021
Boyer, Richard M.	6/23/1936	8/6/2021
Conger, Fred H.	2/22/1933	6/11/2021
Constantino, Leo M.	5/14/1935	8/10/2021
Galow, Clyde	2/13/1928	11/13/2021
Giese, Judith Marie	10/15/1953	9/29/2021
Heyer, Edward Leon	12/17/1927	5/31/2021
Janes, Bruce	10/27/1926	4/19/2022
Keller, Robert	2/1/1933	4/25/2022
Loaiza, Evaristo	10/25/1924	2/13/2022
Lovell, J. Peter	12/21/1940	6/29/2021
Noxon, Andrew Carson	2/4/1929	8/29/2021
Pangilinan, Rogelio	9/1/1940	12/27/2021
Robinson, Flora	2/15/1942	7/20/2021
Ruth, Orrell	11/13/1937	3/21/2022



Local Pastors:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Downs, Gregg	2/12/1953	5/2/2022
May, Thoreau	5/18/1958	7/29/2021

Associate Member

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Loaiza, Evaristo	10/25/1924	2/13/2022

16. What provisional or ordained members (elders and deacons) have received appointments in other Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church while retaining their membership in this Annual Conference (¶¶331.8, 346.1)

(a)

Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment
Barkley, Laura	FE	Kentucky	2022
Casey, Sarah	FE	Pacific Northwest	2016
Evans, Betsy	PD	West Virginia	2020
Green, William	FE	Baltimore/Washington	2016
Ko, Eun Young	FE	Desert Southwest	2021
McCoy, Jon	FE	Mississippi	2020
Nolden, Paul	FE	New England	2017
Roh Kenneth	FE	Cal/Pac	2020
Schol, Mark	FE	Greater New Jersey	2018
Yoo, Ran	FE	Wisconsin	2016
Van, Christian	FE	North Georgia	2020
Wilson, Jennifer	FE	Wisconsin	2021



18. What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year. Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (§344.1a,c)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Appointment	Charge Conference
Bross, Jeffry	FE	2018	District Superintendent, Prairie Central	
Christopherson, Arlene W.	FE	2007/2016	Assistant to the Bishop and DCM	Chicago: FUMC
Conway, Jacques	FE	2016	District Superintendent Lake South	
Gilbert, Brian	FE	2019	District Superintendent, Prairie South	
Grandon-Mayer, Fabiola	FE	2019	District Superintendent, Prairie North	
Isaac, Brittany	FE	2018	District Superintendent, Lake North	
Kim, Jin Yang	FE	2017	GBGM/Switzerland	
Kim, Thomas E.	FE	2018	United Methodist Communications	Mundelein: Vision
Kim, Young Seon	FE	2014	GBGM Dir. Next Gen. Ministries, Tanzania	Orangeville
Lee, Jongmin Martin	FE	2000	Director of Congregational Development & Redevelopment	Chicago: FUMC
Na, Hyemin	FE	2022	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC	
Oh, CheonEui	FE	2018	United Methodist Communications	
Pirtle, Pamela	FE	2019	COSROW	Chicago: St. Mark
Takahashi, Yoshiya	FE	2020	Duke University	
Walters, Christopher	FE	2016	NIC United Methodist Foundation	Glenview: Glenview
Ward, Tyler	PE	2021	GBGM	Naperville: Community
Woo, Kyeong-Ah	FE	2017	GBGM/Switzerland	

To ministries endorsed by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry (344.1b)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Appointment	Charge Conference
Campañano, Digna	FE	2014	Advocate Sherman Hospital, Elgin, IL	Aurora: Wesley
Eubanks, Mary Lou	PL	2015	Kindred Hospital, Sycamore, IL	Sycamore
Harbour, Sandra	FE	2014	Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL	Rockford: Christ
Jacques, Susan	FE	2005	St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN	Downers Grove: FUMC
LeCompte, Carol	FE	2015	Atrium Health Pineville, Charlotte, NC	Naperville: Wheatland Salem
Lee, DooSoo	FE	2018	United States Army	
Mariani, Matthew	PE	2022	Northwestern Medicine, Huntley, IL	Evanston: First
McCleneghan, Brett	RE	2019	Houston Methodist Hospital, The Woodlands, TX	Park Ridge: Community
Moore, Jeffrey	FE	2016	Federal Correctional Institution, Allenwood, PA	Hinsdale
Park, Kyungsu	FE	2021	Silverado Hospice Costal Valleys, Temecula, CA	
Shapley, Dean	FE	2018	Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, MA	Chicago: FUMC
Starwalt, Joy	FE	2017	Lincolmland Hospice, Mattoon, IL	Belvidere: FUMC
Wilson, Laura Underwood	FE	2021	Heartland Hospice, Buffalo Grove, IL	



To other valid ministries

Deacons

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Ministry/Assignment	Charge Conference
Barclay, M	FD	2017	Enfleshed, Iowa City, IA	Chicago: Broadway
Bowes, Elizabeth	FD	2019	Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund, Naperville, IL	Naperville: Community
Cheema, Jane	FD	2022	Appalachia Service Project, Johnson, TN	
Dorr, Wes	FD	2022	West Cook YMCA, Power Scholar Academy Site Manager, Oak Park, IL	Downers Grove: First
Evans, Elizabeth	FD	2021	Sexual Trauma and Abuse Care Center, Lawrence, Kansas	
Gillespie, Tura	PD	2020	Teaching Cultural Compassion, Arlington, VA	Chicago: First
Grasse-Hendrix, Gloria	FD	2013	Center for Religion & Psychotherapy, Chicago, IL	Chicago: Ravenswood Fellowship
Gross, Gregory	FD	2015	Care for Real, Chicago, IL	Chicago: Berry Memorial
Hunter, Nancy Grim	PD	2016	Chicago State University, Chicago, IL	Oak Park: St. John's
Hwang, Heesung	FD	2017	Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL	Chicago: First
Ilseman, Adrienne Ann	FD	2008	Healing Flow Yoga and Retreat Ministries, Naperville, IL	Naperville: Wesley
Ingram, Deborah	FD	2021	Edwards Hospital, Naperville, IL	Oswego: Good Shepherd
Isaac, Monica	FD	2021	Ampersand Counseling & Wellbeing, Evanston, IL	Evanston: First
Johnson, William Cody	PD	2021	Advocate Aurora Health, Chicago, IL	
Lewis-Davis, Kimberly	FD	2014	Chicago Police Department, Chicago, IL	Chicago: Maple Park
Lockhart-Gilroy, Annie	FD	2019	Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK	Evanston: First
Loeppke, Teran	FD	2019	InterFaith Fellowship, Hamden, CT	
Loveridge, Danice	FD	2020	Healthy4U, Poplar Grove, IL	Cherry Valley
Pepper, Luke	FD	2017	Jay Stream Middle School, Carol Stream, IL	West Dundee: First
Rawlinson, Mary	FD	2022	Hamptons Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing, Southampton, NY	Chicago: United Church of Rogers Park
Smoke, John	FD	2008	Hillcrest Elementary School, Downers Grove, IL	Downers Grove: First
Simmons, Erin	PD	2019	Department of Children, Youth & Families, Port Angeles, WA	
Talbert, Allyson	FD	2015	UI Health, Chicago, IL	Chicago: Hartzell Memorial



19. Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6) (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Name	Clergy Status	School
Bailey-Green, Joshua	FE	Southern Methodist University, University Park, TX
Bonilla, Patricia	FD	Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, IL

20. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) [1992 Discipline] (Attach list)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Diaconal Ministry Appointment	Charge Conference
Cheney-Eagan, Kathryn	Diaconal	11/1/2014	Reconciling Ministries Network, Chicago, IL	Chicago: Holy Covenant

21. What other personal notations should be made (Include such matters as changes in pension credit (§1506.5), corrections or additions to matters reported in the "Business of the Annual Conference" form in previous years, and legal name changes of clergy members and diaconal ministers.)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Diaconal Ministry Appointment	Charge Conference
Hayag, Joy de Leon	Deaconess	7/1/2016	Rockford: Christ	Lanark
Inserra, Catherine Celia	Deaconess	2/25/2019	Kids Above All	Park Ridge First
Lundgren, Margaret	Deaconess	7/1/2022	Leave of Absence	
Mencias, Geraldine	Deaconess	7/1/2022	Oak Park: St. John's Music	
Meyer, Christina M	Deaconess	7/1/2014	Rockford Public School, Rockford, IL	Oregon
Reimer, Amy Janet	Deaconess	7/1/2018	Wilmette	Wilmette Trinity

22. Ecumenical Shared Ministries – Other Denominations §345

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Ecumenical Shared Ministries	Charge Conference
Hides, Christine	FD	7/1/2019	Kenilworth Union Church	Park Ridge First
Marich, Claire	FD	7/1/2020	Non-Denominational	
McCleneghan, Bromleigh	FE	7/1/2015	Union Church of Christ, Hinsdale, IL	
Wellman, Kathy	FD	7/1/2022	Yorkfield Presbyterian	Plainfield: First

23. Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on Transitional leave of absence

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Hawkins, Debra	FE	12/15/2021	Harvey: Transformation Community



## Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members Report

*Registrar, Rev. Sharon Engert*

It can be quite difficult to pastor a church at any time, but it has been especially difficult for us all in pastoring our churches during these last two years of COVID. During these past two years of COVID, I feel that it has been more important than ever to have support and collegiality among our pastors. And to the end, we have tried to provide ongoing support with each other through personal visits, phone calls, texts, emails, and zoom meetings. Other opportunities have also arisen for collegiality through such as Cluster gatherings and COS gatherings. Our focus has been fellowship, collegiality, learning, growth, ministry, and support.

Realizing that the District Superintendent Supply Pastors and Certified Lay Ministers, for the most part, do not have a clergy collegial support system, since 2017 we have invited the DSSs and the CLMs to join us for our meetings and several of them have attended these last few years and it continues to seem very well received by both the LPs and the CLMs and DSSs.

On Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we had our Fall meeting over ZOOM. DS Rev. Jeffrey Bross was our guest speaker and facilitator. His topic was "What Is RIGHT And GOOD With The UMC". This was a very timely topic because at that time there seemed to be so much negative talk and feeling of "what is wrong about the UMC". And so, to talk about what is right was perfect timing. We had about 35 persons attend this zoom session.

This 2021 Fall session led into a discussion of how can we grow our church congregations when our "field" is so limited; and gave us our topic for our Spring 2022 meeting. This had direct implications for our rural communities, but also for our urban and suburban churches. In pursuing a speaker and facilitator for this topic, one person was suggested to speak on this topic...DS Rev. Dr. Brian Gilbert. We did have our Spring meeting with him as our speaker on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and about 35 persons attended this meeting over zoom. We received lots of good ideas from him and from the attendees.

In the past, I have attended our National Fellowship of Local Pastors 3-day annual seminar. This did not happen in 2020 or 2021. I am hopeful that it will happen this Fall 2022.

On a personal note, I think that we pastors have done amazing ministry over these two years, especially with our divisive virus issues, our divisive political issues, and our divisive church issues. We have had diametrically opposed congregation members passionate on all sides of any of the fences, and not usually agreeing to disagree. We have continued to lead our church in these extraordinary times. We have led our church in safety precautions. We have learned how to do ministry in different ways. We have preached from our pulpits, from our computer screens, from our front lawns, and from our parking lots. We have cared for our congregations and communities through visits, phone calls, emails, texts, and zooms. The creativity, the passion, the caring, and the innovativeness of this "new normal" has been absolutely amazing. Both pastors and congregations very much deserve our gratitude and appreciation.



# The Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members

## Statistics:

*(realizing that these statistics are always in a state of flux, this is the most current and accurate information that I have)*

A big thank you goes to Marva Andrews for her assistance in this statistical report.

### Statistics 2021-2022:

#### 2 Associate Members

1. Brian LeBaron (2008)
2. Miguel Nieves

#### 58 Total Local Pastors (64 in 2020)

19 Full-time Local Pastors (22 in 2021)

39 Part-time Local Pastors (41 in 2021)

Among Full-time and Part-time Local Pastors, we have

#### 3 Doctorate level graduates

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|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Tina Shelton  | D. Min. 2022 |
| 2. Rodney Walker | D. Min. 2016 |
| 3. Velda Wright  | Doctorate    |

#### 16 Master Level graduates (12 in 2021)

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. Peter Ahn             | M. Div. Graduated 2021  |
| 2. Bruce Anderson        | M. Div. Graduated 2014  |
| 3. Kim Chapman           | M. Div. Graduated 2011  |
| 4. Dana Cox              | M. Div. Graduated 2021  |
| 5. Mary Lou Eubanks      | MAPCC Graduated 2009 (Master of Arts in Pastoral Care and Counseling) |
| 6. Rolland Hayag         | M. Div. Graduated 2009  |
| 7. Mark Himel            | MAMD Graduated 2021 (Masters in Missions and Discipleship)            |
| 8. David Jungnickel      | M. Div. Graduated 2008  |
| 9. Teresa Lafferty       | M. Div. Graduated 2010  |
| 10. Young Sun Lee        | M. Div. Graduated 2020  |
| 11. Joel McClellan       | M. Div. Graduated 2021  |
| 12. Deanna Mede          | MACE (Master of Arts in Christian Education)                          |
| 13. Cherie Quillman      | M. Div. Graduated 2022  |
| 14. Eric Reniva          | M. Div. Graduated 2018  |
| 15. Tina Shelton         | M. Div. Graduated 2020  |
| 16. Elizabeth Rutherford | M. Div. Graduated 2019  |
| 17. Rodney Walker        | M. Div. Graduated 1997  |





5 COS graduates. (5 in 2021)

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Lori Bee                 | COS Graduated 2016 |
| 2. Ilza-Enid Bosque-Nieves. | COS Graduated 2022 |
| 3. Sharon Engert            | COS Graduated 2015 |
| 4. Sandra J. Smith          | COS Graduated 2018 |
| 5. Jaclyn K. Wills          | COS Graduated 2006 |

4 Local Pastors who have priorly retired and have appointments

1. Jan Shaulis
2. Timothy Biel Sr.
3. Thomas Hay
4. Mary Lou Eubanks

32 DS Supply (18 in 2021)

22 CLMs

5 CLMs serving in ministry in congregations as DSSs.

17 CLMs serving as Prayer Warriors, HIV/AIDS awareness and support, Care Givers Support, Youth Ministry, Visitation Ministry, local church support and Laity Development and Opportunities.

**Milestones:**

Seminary Graduations since Clergy Session 2021

1. Peter Ahn M. Div. 2021
2. Dana Cox M. Div. 2021
3. Clayton Edwards M. Div 2022
4. Cherie Quillman: M. Div. 2022
5. Tina Shelton D. Min. 2022

COS Graduation since Clergy Session 2021

1. Ilza-Enid Bosque-Nieves. COS 2022

LP Retirements since Clergy Session 2021: (5 in 2021)

1. Sharon Engert
2. Richard Fassig
3. Teri Lafferty
4. Cheri Stewart



LP Licenses Granted since Clergy Session 2021

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| 1. Rod Benavidez     | 1/1/2022   |
| 2. Cheryl Carroll    | 5/1/2022   |
| 3. Kelly McKune      | 9/1/2021   |
| 4. Jay Shin          | 8/1/2021   |
| 5. Jennifer Stephens | 5/1/2022   |
| 6. Ilhan You         | 10/15/2021 |

Finally, LPs, AMs, DSSs, and CLMs are doing great ministry. Many times, these persons are juggling bi-vocational employment, their churches, their personal lives, and school all at the same time. And through it all, they are faithful to God and to their congregations and to the Conference. And we need to thank them.

1) Who are approved and appointed as: (Indicate for each person the first year the license was awarded. Indicate what progress each has made within the course of study or the name of the seminary in which they are enrolled. Indicate with an asterisk those that who have completed the five-year course of study or the M.Div. (¶319.4) PLEASE NOTE: Persons on this list must receive an episcopal appointment. (3/4 v)

a) Full-time local pastors (¶318.1)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Years Completed with Course of Study
Ashley, Corey	2018	
Bee, Lori	2009	M. Div Graduated 2008
Brace, Jeffrey	2018	
Cho, Jaeon	2019	
Cho, Nadan	2021	
Eddy, Edward J.	2013	
Gardner, J. Natarsha	2016	
Gilmore, Mark	2015	
Herrera, Juan Pablo	2020	
Jungnickel, David A.	2006	
Lee, Alex Sangwon	2021	
Lee, Young Sun	2020	
Moller, Abraham	2020	
Morris, Brenda Elaine	2011	
Pulgar-Hughes, Shirley M	1998	
Reniva, Eric M.	2017	M. Div Graduated 2018
Saunders, Stevan D.	2016	M. Div Graduated 2018
Stanford, Leslie R.	2017	
Stephens, Jennifer L.	2022	
Straight, Charles M.	2008	



b) Part-time local pastors (¶18.2) (fraction of full-time in one-quarter increments)

Name	First Year License Awarded	Fraction of full time to be served	Years Completed with Course of Study
Anderson, Bruce	2016	1/4	M.Div. 2014
Biel Sr., Timothy J.	2010	1/2	Retired LP
Bronkema, Roger	2013	1/2	
Carroll, Cheryl L.	2022	1/4	
Edwards, Clayton Scott	2021	3/4	
Engert, Sharon	2009	1/4	COSs graduated 2015
Eubanks, Mary Lou	2015	1/2	MAPCC Graduated 2009
Gardner, Dawn Marie	2021	1/2	
Hay, Thomas T.	2010	1/4	Retired LP
Hayag, Rolland B.	2010	1/2	
Herrera, Juan Pablo	2020	3/4	
Himel, Mark	2017	1/4	Retired LP
Jarkloh Jr., G. Morris K.	2020	1/2	MAMD 2021
Le, Mai	2020	1/4	
Lozano, Emma	2015	1/4	
Mason, Luther	2016	1/2	
McKune, Kelly	2021	1/4	
Mede, Deanna Moore	2011	3/4	MACE
Mitchell Sr., Michael	2013	1/2	
Molina Jr., Jesus	2006	3/4	
Munro, Joe Michael	2017	1/2	
Novy, Terri	2019	1/4	
Ottens, Richard	2020	1/4	
Plock, Donald	2017	1/4	
Quillman, Cherie	2020	1/4	
Rich, Gary	2017	1/4	
Rivera, Ruben	2012	3/4	
Rochet, Auderine	2010	3/4	
Schwirblat, Siegfried	2019	1/2	
Sersen, Karen	2013	1/2	
Shaulis, Janice G.	2013	1/2	Retired LP
Shelton, Tina	2020	1/4	
Shin, Jay Hyesang	2021	1/4	M. Div 2020
Smith, Sandra J.	2010	1/4	COS Graduated 2018
Walker, Rodney C.	2014	3/4	M.Div Graduated 2016
Wills, Jaclyn K.	2001	1/4	COS Graduated 2006
Woo, Chanje	2021	1/2	
Wright, Velda M.	2018	1/4	
You, Ilhan	2022	3/4	



## 2022 Northern Illinois Order of Deacons Report

*By: Rev. Adrienne Stricker, Co-chair, Order of Deacons*

*Presented by: Rev. Barbara Javore*

The Order of Deacons continues to find new ways to live into our call to serve the church and world. We are excited to share that our order just finished a virtual book study of Dr. Margaret Ann Crain's book, *Advancing the Mission: The Order of Deacon in the United Methodist Church*. This book is an excellent resource for all deacons as we embrace our history and look to the future of what it means to be in ministries of Word, Service, Compassion and Justice.

Since the last annual conference, we have continued to enjoy having small group meetings via Zoom, and in late March we had another "Lunch and Learn" session. This was a time of sharing resources from our ministries and discussing ideas as an order. One great suggestion that came out of this meeting was to develop a document of shared resources we can all use as we continue in diaconal ministries in the midst of COVID. Because we're blessed to have such a diversity of creative ministries in our order, we will also use this document to recognize and utilize the many resources and publications created by our own Northern Illinois deacons.

Our deacons serve outside the church in a multitude of ways - including ministries of education, mission, college ministries, counseling and therapy, after school care, social work, and hunger advocacy, to name a few. We also serve in an array of ministries in local churches: through preaching, leading the liturgy, ministries with children and youth, faith formation, mission outreach, and congregational care.

One of the things we like to do each year is share our current demographics with the annual conference because these numbers tell stories and show patterns of ministry that are significant for the future of the church.

- We currently have 36 Deacons who are in active ministry:
  - 12 are serving in churches as their primary appointment (including one serving in another denomination)
  - 24 are serving in ministry beyond the local church. Not only are we one of the few conferences in the U.S. with a higher number appointed beyond the local church, but this is the highest number we've had serving outside the church in years.  
Thanks be to God for leading us to creative and fruitful ministries!
- 28 of our active deacons live in Northern Illinois and 8 serve in other states (Iowa, Virginia, Oklahoma, Washington, Connecticut, Kansas, West Virginia, New York). We also have a large number of retired deacons living in many other states and still serving in ministry in some way.



Since our last annual conference, we have two deacons who have moved to retirement: Cheri Magrini and Bonny Roth. Cheri became a provisional member in 2002 and a deacon in full connection in 2005. During her ministry she served at Northbrook: North Northfield in Glenview; First UMC Chicago Temple; in the Bi-Polar Support Alliance Chicago Loop Chapter as president, and as the director of Woodland Spiritual Retreats for Women in Ministry in Woodstock, IL. Bonny Roth moved to retirement from First UMC Evanston. Bonny became a provisional deacon in 2012 and a deacon in full connection in 2014. She served at First UMC Evanston as Pastor of Pastoral Care and Faith Formation. Bonny has also served as the chaplain for clergy candidates interviewing for commissioning and ordination. We are so thankful for the ministries of Cheri and Bonny, and for the ways in which they have shown the love of Christ in the world through their creativity and faithfulness.

The order of deacons would also like to recognize Rev. Lucas Pepper. Luke has served as co-chair of the order since 2019 alongside Adrienne Stricker, who is currently on Family Leave. Luke's primary ministry is teaching at Jay Stream Middle School, and we celebrate with Luke that he was recently elected as co-president of the Carol Stream Educational Association, a union which advocates for justice and equity in education. Due to his need to invest more time as co-president, Luke is ending his time as co-chair. On behalf of the order, thank you, Luke, for serving!

2021 marked the 25th anniversary of the Order of Deacons, which means that this year is 25 years since the first class of Deacon ordinands.



## Order of Elders Report

Chair, Rev. Paul H. Lee

*And are we yet alive,  
And see each other's face.  
Glory, and thanks to Jesus give  
For his almighty grace!*

- The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 553

I want to celebrate that we finally have an in-person clergy session and that share the sacred fellowship with many colleagues in ministry. We've been through many complex challenges during the Pandemic. I don't think that Charles Wesley's hymn, *And Are We Yet Alive*, has touched our hearts more than today.

To prepare for the Order of Elders' gathering, we have a team of 5 or 6 colleagues and brainstorm, design, plan and host the collegial gathering for all retired and active elders and the commissioned elders to support one another. The 2021 gathering was designed to share the thoughts and ideas to get through the Pandemic and navigate the ministry. Yet, since our first meeting last September, the team shared the common need to focus on our identity as clergy and help rediscover our call to ministry. The team chose Kaitlin Curtice among a couple of speaker candidates, as her book, *Native*, focuses on reclaiming identity and meaning of life.

We planned the in-person gathering, but due to the spike of the covid variant, the gathering was held on a virtual platform. Curtice provided a workshop that helped us create a safe space and ponder our "true self." And I appreciate our Bishop Hopkins summarized and applied it to our ministry. After the workshop, sixteen colleagues nurtured our fruitful conversations as facilitators and created a venue where all voices were valued. Rev. Mark Meyer and Bishop Hopkins delivered messages of hope for the future. One hundred fifty-four colleagues participated and fostered collegial support. I sincerely appreciate Rev. Jenny Weber, who led the opening prayer, sixteen facilitators, Rev. Mark Meyer, Bishop Hopkins, and the team.

I hope that we will have the following year's gathering in person and continue supporting and nurturing one another.



## Statistics of the Ordained/Commissioned Elders

(as of May 24, 2022)

The Ordained Elders = 543

The Commissioned Elders = 23

The Ordained appointed to a local church in NIC = 202

The Commissioned appointed to a local church in NIC = 22

The Ordained appointed to organizations = 50

The Commissioned appointed to organizations = 2

The Ordained appointed to another annual conference = 11

The Commissioned appointed to another annual conference = 0

The candidates recommended to be commissioned = 4

The Commissioned recommended to be ordained = 6