



**CLERGY SESSION**  
Tuesday, May 23rd, 1:30pm  
Sycamore United Methodist Church

<b>Call to Order</b>	Bishop Dan Schwerin
<b>Welcome/Seating of Designated Laity</b>	Mark Meyers
<b>Bishop's Reflections</b>	Bishop Dan Schwerin
<b>Moral and Official Conduct of All Ordained Clergy and Local Pastors</b>	Dean of the Cabinet, Jeffrey Bross
<b>Presentation of Candidates for Ministry</b>	Lynn Mikels and Mary Gay McKinney
<b>Conference Relations Report</b>	Luis Reyes
<b>Fellowship of Local Pastors Report</b>	Sharon Engert
<b>Order of Deacons Report</b>	Sherry Steele & Kimberly Davis
<b>Order of Elders Report</b>	Paul Lee
<b>Board of Ordained Ministry Chairperson's Report</b>	Mark Meyers
<b>Communion</b>	Bishop Dan Schwerin
<b>Adjournment/Sending Forth</b>	Bishop Dan Schwerin



## Seating of Designated Laity at Clergy Session

### 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 persons be allowed to be present during the 2023 Clergy Session:

Marva Andrews – Bishop’s Administrative Assistant  
Victoria Rebeck - Director of Communications  
Lisa Smith – Communications Specialist  
Randy Hayes – Conference Secretary  
Jim McCue – Sycamore UMC Tech Support

### 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:*

### **JAEEOON CHO**

1704 McGovern Street, Highland Park, IL 60035  
B.Th. Methodist Theological University / Theology  
M.Div Boston University School of Theology  
M, Asian(Korea), PE

### **CLAYTON SCOTT EDWARDS**

1437 N. Chelsea Ave. Palatine, IL 60067  
B.A. Mount Vernon Nazarene University / Pastoral Ministry  
M.Div. Garrett Evangelical-Theological Seminary  
M, Caucasian (US), PE

### **GENIUS MORRIS K. JARKLOH, JR.**

2307 W Greenleaf Avenue Chicago, IL 60645  
B.S. United Methodist University (Liberia) / Sociology And Public Administration.  
M.Div. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
M, African (Liberia), PE



## Order of Elders

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

### **BEVERLY DOREEN DUKES**

19726 Lake Shore Dr. Ct., Lynwood Illinois, 60411  
B.S. Eastern Illinois University / Consumer Science  
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M.S. DePaul University / Public Service Management  
F, African American, E

### **JAMES CHANG FU**

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B.S. University of Pennsylvania/Computer Science and Engineering  
M.S. Stanford University/Computer Science  
M. Div. Asbury Theological Seminary  
M, Asian (Chinese), E

### **SUNG-EUN KIM**

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F Asian(Korean), E

### **ELSA NOEMI MEZA (Noemi)**

4958 W. Ainslie St, Chicago IL 60630  
B.S. Universidad Nacional del Centro del Peru / Forestry  
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M.A. Lehman College, CUNY  
F, Hispanic (Peruvian), E

### **ELIZABETH M. RUTHERFORD**

P.O. Box 114 Apple River, IL 61001  
B.S. Marquette University / Business Administration  
J.D. University of Arizona School of Law  
M.Div. North Park Theological Seminary  
F, Caucasian (US), E



**JI EUN MORI SIEGEL**

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**TYLER SWIHART-WARD**

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M.Div. Candler School of Theology  
M, Caucasian (US), E



## Order of Deacons

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

**WILLIAM “CODY” JOHNSON**

4416 N. Ashland Ave, Unit 1E, Chicago, IL 60640

M.Div. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

B.A. University of Texas at Austin

M, Caucasian (US)



# Conference Relations Report

## 2023 MATTERS REQUIRING VOTE Pertaining to ordained and licensed clergy

(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	Year When Service in your AC began
Hill, Charlene	Ordained	United Church of Christ	2016
Lee, Dong Keun	Ordained	Korean Methodist Church	2018
Mitchell, Julie Windsor	Ordained	United Church of Christ	2000
Pathak, Vinay Shobhit	Ordained	Delhi	2020
Stone, Delian	Ordained	United Church of Christ	2020
Wilson-Howard, Janette	Ordained	Baptist	2020

(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
Doolittle, Eric	Holston 2023	2023

(3) Provisional members who transferred from other conferences or denominations (§§347.1) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Original Year of Membership	Previous conference or Denomination
McLeod, Aaron	FE	2022	United Church of Christ

(4) 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.

(a) Personal, 5 years or less (§§353.2a3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Davis-Bridges, Regina	FD	7/1/2021	Homewood: St. Andrew
Hong, Jin-Ho	FE	7/1/2023	
Judd, Paul	FE	7/1/2020	
Kim, Theddeus J.	FE	7/1/2022	
Lim, Kwang Sung	FE	9/15/2021	
Talapian, Reuel Argamaso	FE	12/31/2021	



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

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Fox, Monty	FE	6/1/2018	Cherry Valley
Hayag, Jonathan B.	FD	7/1/2014	

(c) Family, 5 years or less (§353.2b 3) (v)

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Rawlinson, Mary	FD	3/10/2023	

(d) 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	

(e) Who are granted sabbatical leave (§351) (v)

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

\*Pending Extension Ministry Appoinotment

(f) 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	

(5) Who are discontinued as provisional members (§327) (v)

(a) By involuntary discontinuance (§327.6) (v)

Name	Date Effective
Choi, Kihwan	

(b) What provisional members will have their time extended (§ ) (v)

Name	Date Effective
Watkins, Michele	





(6) 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 This year:

Name	Date Effective
Marich, Claire	

Elders This year:

Name	Date Effective
Anderson, Cynthia Peters	7/1/2023
Bunt, Julie L.	7/1/2023
Flinn-Portee, Susan Louise	3/31/2023
Panlilio, Noah Reyes	7/1/2023
Peluso-Verdend, Gary E.	2/1/2023
Rough, James Harry	7/1/2023
Singleton, Jonathan M.	7/1/2023
Todd, Brett A.	7/1/2023
Wilson, Bradford Bryan	7/1/2023
Zajac, Mary	7/1/2023

Associate Members:

Name	Date Effective
LeBaron, Brian	7/1/2023
Nieves, Miguel A.	8/1/2022

(7) 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 Time
Campanano, Juancho C.	Western Springs	1/2
Cripps-Vallejo, Paula	Chicago: Humboldt Park	1/2
Johnicker, Violet	Rockford: Brooke Road	1/2
Rawlinson, Thomas	Chicago: St. Matthew	1/4
Rutherford, Elizabeth M.	Scales Mound	3/4
Smith, Matthew James	Warren	3/4



(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
Dorr, Wesley Patton	Oak Park: First	1/4

(8) What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year, to valid ministries under the provisions of §344.1d (v 2/3):

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Ahn, Ilsup	FE	2004	North Park College, Chicago, IL	Glenview
Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Rachel	FE	2023	Children's Defense Fund	Dolton: Faith
Chong, Kwan	FE	2014	Global Healing Mission, Barrington	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	
Pickens, Larry Duane	FE	2015	Pennsylvania Council of Churches	
Rubietta, Richard	FE	2000	Abounding Ministries, Grayslake, IL	Lake Villa
Turner, William Jason	FE	2022	Phil's Friends, Roselle, IL	
Watkins, Michele	PE	2018	University of San Diego, San Diego, CA	Chicago: St. Mark
Weber, Jenny	FE	2023	New Morning Retreat Center, Hampshire, IL	
Whang, Heon-Young (Henry)	FE	2016	Seoul Theological University, Seoul Korea	Flossmoor South Suburban Korean



(9) Who have had their conference membership terminated by withdrawal to unite with another denomination (¶360.1,.4) (v)

Name	Date Effective	Prior Clergy Status	New Reported Denomination
Carroll, Doug	7/1/2023	FE	GMC
Field, Scott N.	6/9/2023	FE	GMC
Kim, Hogun	4/9/2023	FE	GMC
Roh, Ken	1/1/2023	FE	

In the United Methodist Church, there are two parts to clergy identity. United Methodist candidates become Clergy Members by vote of the Clergy Session and hold that membership, first as Provisional, and then as Full, in the conference where they were approved. Following approval by Clergy Session vote they are Commissioned (Provisional Member) or Ordained (Full Member) during the annual conference session. When a Full Clergy member withdraws to unite with another denomination under Para. 360.1 their certification of conference membership is returned. They remain Ordained but not a United Methodist clergy member. If a clergy withdraws from the ministerial office under Para. 360.2 both membership and ordination are surrendered.

## Information and concluding business

(10) Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (¶347.2)

Name	Clergy Status	Previous Methodist Denomination	Date of Transfer
Sudhakar, Satya	FE	Church of South India	2023
Sudhakar, Solomon	FE	Church of South India	2023

(11) What elders have died during the year: Retired

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Cantwell, John R.	2/25/1935	8/16/2022
Curl, Gary L.	2/6/1940	2/22/2023
Davis Jr., Walton	10/1/1940	6/17/2022
Dickson, Elmer A.	3/13/1931	12/28/2022
Dillard, Kay Bevans	7/18/1937	1/5/2023
Groh, Dennis Edward	8/9/1939	4/22/2023
McDonald, James Brian	6/4/1948	4/21/2023
Mitrovich Jr, Nicholas S.	10/12/1939	12/23/2022
Mixon, Bettye S.	7/13/1939	1/13/2023
Morales, Dennis	12/26/1935	7/18/2022
Randall, Burton	3/8/1928	4/6/1923
Rathod, John	12/12/1938	8/8/2022
Shealy, Jr. William R.	5/28/1925	1/14/2023
Walden, Donald	10/12/1929	12/19/2022

(12) What Local Pastors or Diaconal Ministers have died during the year:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Bush-Norris, Jean, Diaconal	8/30/1943	11/23/2022
Plock, Donald, Local Pastor	3/12/1957	6/16/2022



(13) 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)

Name	Clergy Status	Conference Where Appointed	Appointment
Barkley, Laura	FE	Kentucky	2022
Casey, Sarah	FE	Pacific Northwest	2016
Evans, Betsy	PD	West Virginia	2020
Evans, Elizabeth	FD	Great Plains	2020
Green, William	FE	Baltimore/Washington	2016
Kang, Deborah	FE	Cal-Nevada	2023
Kim, Sung-Eun	FE	New Mexico	2023
Ko, Eun Young	FE	Desert Southwest	2021
McCoy, Jon	FE	Mississippi	2020
Nolden, Paul	FE	New England	2017
Oglesby, Dennis	FE	Minnesota	2023
Rainsberger, Keri Leigh	FE	Cal-Nevada	2023
Schol, Mark	FE	Greater New Jersey	2018
Yoo, Ran	FE	Wisconsin	2016
Yun, Kookjin	FE	Iowa	2023
Van, Christian	FE	North Georgia	2020
Wilson, Jennifer	FE	Wisconsin	2021

14) What elders (full connection and provisional), associate members, and local pastors are appointed to extension ministries for the ensuing year (Attach a list)

(a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (¶¶344.1a,c)

NAME	CLERGY STATUS	DATE EFFECTIVE	EXTENSION MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT	CHARGE CONFERENCE
Bross, Jeffrey	FE	2018	District Superintendent, Prairie Central	
Chong, Hwa-Young	FE	2023	District Superintendent, Prairie North	
Christopherson, Arlene W.	FE	2007/2016	Assistant to the Bishop	Chicago: FUMC
Eesley, Jane	FE	2023	GBGM/Jerusalem	
Gilbert, Brian	FE	2019	District Superintendent, Prairie South	
Grandon-Mayer, Fabiola	FE	2019	DCM	
Isaac, Brittany	FE	2018	District Superintendent, Lake North	
Kim, Jin Yang	FE	2017	GBGM/Switzerland	
Kim, Thomas E.	FE	2018	United Methodist Communications	
Kim, Young Seon	FE	2014	GBGM Dir. Next Gen. Ministries, Tanzania	
Lee, Jongmin Martin	FE	2000	Director of Congregational Development & Redevelopment	Chicago: FUMC
Nanabray, Audrea	FE	2023	District Superintendent, Lake South	
Oh, CheonEui	FE	2018	United Methodist Communications	
Takahashi, Yoshiya	FE	2020	Duke University	
Walters, Christopher	FE	2016	NIC United Methodist Foundation	
Ward, Tyler	PE	2021	GBGM	
Woo, Kyeong-Ah	FE	2017	GBGM	



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

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Extension Ministry Assignment	Charge Conference
Campañano Digna,	FE	2014	Advocate Sherman Hospital, Elgin, IL	Aurora: Wesley
Eubanks, Mary Lou	LP	2015	Sycamore Kindred Hospital	Sycamore
Harbour, Sandra	FE	2014	Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL	
Ingram, Deborah	FD	2021	Edwards Hospital, Naperville, IL	
Jacques, Susan	FE	2005	St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN	Downers Grove:FUMC
LeCompte, Carol	FE	2015	Atrium Health Pineville, Charlotte, NC	
Lee, DooSoo	FE	2018	United States Army	
Mariana, Matthew	PE	2022	Northwestern Hospital, Huntley, IL	
McCleneghan, Brett	RE	2019	Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital, Houston, TX	
Moore, Jeffrey	FE	2016	Federal Correctional Institution, Allenwood, PA	Hinsdale
Na, Hyemin	FE	2020	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington DC	
Park, Kyungsu	FE	2021	Silverado Hospice Costal Valleys, Temecula, CA	
Paul, Lisl Heymans	FE	2018	Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary	
Shapley, Dean	FE	2018	Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, MA	
Shin, Daniel	FE	2017	Drew Theological Seminary, Madison NJ	Elgin: Salem Korean
Starwallt, Joy	FE	2017	Lincolnland Hospice, Mattoon, IL	Belvidere: FUMC
Wilson, Laura Underwood	FE	2021	Heartland Hospice Buffalo Grove, IL	

(c) Who are appointed as deacons beyond the local church (full connection and provisional) for the ensuing year through Non-United Methodist agencies and settings beyond the local church (§331.1a)

Contact	Ministry/Church	Start Date
Barclay, M Jade	Iowa City, IA enflshed	11/1/2017
Bowes, Elizabeth Lee	Naperville, IL Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund	7/2/2018
Cheema, Jane	Appalachia Service Project	6/1/2022
Gillespie, Tura Jovan Foster	Teaching Cultural Compassion	7/1/2020
Grasse Hendrix, Gloria	Chicago, IL Center For Religion & Psychotherapy	9/1/2013
Grim Hunter, Nancy C.	Chicago State University	7/1/2016
Gross, Gregory D.	Care For Real	9/8/2020
Hwang, Heesung	Chicago Theological Seminary	7/1/2019
Ilseman, Adrienne Ann	Naperville, IL Healing Flow Yoga & Retreat Ministries	5/1/2008
Ingram, Deborah	Edwards Hospital	11/8/2021
Isaac, Monica Deanne	Ampersand Counseling & Well Being	7/1/20 21
Johnson, William Cody	Alexian Brothers Medical Center Elk Grove Village	9/19/2022
Lewis-Davis, Kimberly N.	Chicago Police Department	7/1/2014
Lockhart-Gilroy, Annie A.	Tulsa, OK Phillips Theological Seminary	7/1/2019
Loeppeke, Teran Edward	Common Cause Connecticut	2/17/2020



Loveridge, Danice	4HealthyU	5/1/2020
Pepper, Lucas C.	Carol Stream, IL Jay Stream Middle School	10/1/2017
Simmons, Erin	Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families	5/16/2019
Smoke, John	Downers Grove, IL Hillcrest Elementary	7/1/2008

(15) Who are appointed to attend school (§416.6) List those whose prime appointment is to attend school):

Name	Clergy Status	School
Bailey-Green, Joshua	FE	Southern Methodist University
Bonilla, Patricia	FD	Garrett-Evangelical Seminary
Showalter-Swanson, Grant	FD	Garrett-Evangelical Seminary

(16) Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§310) (1992 Discipline)

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

(17) 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	Deaconess	2/25/2019	Kids Above All	Park Ridge First
Melad Joann	Deaconess	3/30/2023	Belmont Village Senior Living, Glenview, IL	Chicago: Edison Park
Mencias, GiGi	Deaconess	7/1/2022	Oak Park: St. John's Music	Oak Park: St. John's
Meyer Christina M.	Deaconess	7/1/2014	Rockford Public School, Rockford, IL	Oregon
Reimer, Amy Janet	Deaconess	7/1/2018	Wilmette	Wilmette Trinity

(18) Ecumenical Shared Ministries – Other Denominations §345

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Ecumenical Shared Ministries	Charge Conference
Bell, John	FE	7/1/2023	Lutheran	
Early, Melissa	FE	7/1/2023	Episcopal	
Hides, Christine	FD	7/1/2019	Kenilworth Union Church	Park Ridge: First
McCleneghan, Bromleigh	FE	9/16/2020	United Church of Gainsville FL	
Stricker, Adrienne	FD	2022	Congregational Church	Skokie: Central
Wellman, Kathy	FD	4/25/2022	Yorkfield Presbyterian	Plainfield: First

(19) Who are the provisional, ordained members or associate members on Transitional Leave of Absence:

Name	Clergy Status	Date Effective	Charge Conference
Hawkins, Debra	PD	12/15/2021	Harvey Transformation Community
Pirtle, Pamela	FE	10/1/2022	



# **The Northern Illinois Conference, UMC Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members Report**

**Clergy Session: May 23, 2023**

*Registrar, Rev. Sharon Engert*

Three years of COVID has been especially difficult for our pastors and our churches. I feel that it has been more important than ever to have support and collegiality among our pastors. And to this end, we Local Pastors, District Superintendent Supply Pastors, and Certified Lay Ministers have provided ongoing fellowship, collegiality, learning, growth, ministry, and support with each other. These opportunities have been provided mainly through individual personal contact and through our Fall and Spring meetings.

On Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we had our Fall meeting at Sycamore UMC. Rev. Sharon Engert facilitated a discussion on “Better Preaching” from resources mainly from a “Festival of Homiletics” lecture and book by Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis, author of “A Lay Preacher’s Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon”. There were about 40 persons in attendance.

At this meeting we celebrated two of us who had recently gone on to the Church Triumphant. Local Pastor Donald Plock was most recently the pastor of German Valley UMC and Winnebago UMC. Walton Davis was a CLM most recently serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry.

On Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, we had our Spring meeting at Earlville UMC. Our new Bishop, Bishop Schwerin, was our guest speaker and facilitator. His wife Julie was also in attendance. Bishop Schwerin shared a reflection on Psalm 114 and then we had a time of getting to know each other. Despite very hazardous travel with the snow, wind, and cold, we had about 20 persons in attendance.

Our National Fellowship of Local Pastors had a 3-day annual seminar in September in Branson, Missouri. Rev. David Jungnickel attended this seminar personally and Rev. Sharon Engert attended this seminar through zoom. The preconference workshop was on “Exploring The Role Of Music In Worship” by presenter Mike Beckner. The main seminar topic was “Helping Small Churches Thrive” by presenter Rev. Karl Vaters. We look forward to this September’s gathering.

In August of 2022, I updated our Local Pastor information booklet and sent to each District Superintendent.

We celebrate 20 persons who graduated from Licensing School at Garrett this past year. And we look forward to COS at Garrett this summer.



## **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 as of today)*

### **Statistics 2022-2023:**

#### 2 Associate Members

1. Brian LeBaron (Retiring 2023)
2. Miguel Nieves (Retired and Serving)

#### 23 FT and 38 PT Local Pastors (61 Total) (59 in 2022) (40.5 Appointments)

Among Local Pastors, we have

##### 4 Doctorate level graduates

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|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Young Sun Lee | Ph.D. 2015   |
| 2. Tina Shelton  | D. Min. 2022 |
| 3. Rodney Walker | D. Min. 2016 |
| 4. Velda Wright  | Ed.D. 2001   |

##### 14 Master Level graduates

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|---|---|
| 1. Mary Lou Eubanks<br>(Care and Counseling)                  | MAPCC 2009 (Master of Arts in Pastoral) |
| 2. Rolland Hayag  | M. Div. 2009                            |
| 3. Mark Himel<br>(Master of Arts in Mission and Discipleship) | MAMD 2021                               |
| 4. David Jungnickel   | M. Div. 2008                            |
| 5. Young Sun Lee  | M. Div. 2020                            |
| 6. Deanna Mede<br>(Master of Arts in Christian Education)     | MACE                                    |
| 7. Josiah Montgomery  | MTS Master of Theological Studies 2018  |
| 8. Cherie Quillman  | M.Div. 2022                             |
| 9. Eric Reniva  | M.Div. 2018                             |
| 10. Tina Shelton  | M.Div. 2020                             |
| 11. Rodney Walker   | M. Div. 1997                            |
| 12. Chanje Woo  | M.Div. 2023                             |





#### 4 COS graduates

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Lori Bee      | COS Graduated 2016 |
| 2. Sharon Engert | COS Graduated 2015 |
| 3. Sandra Smith  | COS Graduated 2018 |
| 4. Jaclyn Wills  | COS Graduated 2006 |

#### 8 Local Pastors and Associate Members who have retired and have appointments

1. Timothy J. Biel Sr.
2. Jane Bradford
3. Sharon Engert
4. Thomas Hay
5. Donna Hoffman
6. Miguel A. Nieves
7. Jan Shaulis

#### 23 DS Supply

#### 17 CLMs

5 CLMs (7.5 Appointments) serving in ministry in congregations as DSSs.

1. Dawn Barr
2. Antoinette Lucas
3. James Miller
4. Steven Pearce
5. Marcia Peddicord

12 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 2022

1. Chanje Woo

### LP and AM Retirements since Clergy Session 2022:

1. Brian LeBaron
2. Bruce Anderson
3. Gary Rich
4. Karen Sersen

### 12 LP Licenses Granted since Clergy Session 2022

1. Lino Aragon
2. Xiomara Aragon-Castro
3. Jane Bradford
4. Joshua Brown
5. Ron DeBraun
6. Nicholas Joyner
7. Shalamar Molina-Perez
8. Jenny Moller
9. Josiah Montgomery
10. Jacqueline Salgado
11. Ivan Sarabia
12. John Sianghio

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.



## **BOOM Chair Report**

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

It has once again been my pleasure to serve as Chair of your Board of Ordained Ministry. This has certainly not been an easy year for any of us, including the Board. Yet, we continue to seek to cultivate, encourage, and support the life and ministry of all clergy connected to the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

We are delighted to present those before you recommended for provisional and full membership. We celebrate those serving in vital and innovative ministry across our connection and across the globe. We praise our Lord, Jesus Christ, for continuing to call people to follow Him. Through the collaboration of clergy and laity in our Annual Conference, the Kingdom truly is present.

I want to encourage all ordained clergy and all local licensed pastors who have finished course of study to please take our online mentor training and contact your local District Committee on Ordination about mentoring in your area. We need each other in so many ways, including encouraging and supporting those in process.

I want to encourage us all to be aware of our hearts, our minds, and most importantly our souls. Connect with the resources we have available and continue to cultivate healthy relationships throughout our connection. We are at our best when we are invested in each other's wellbeing. This will only become more important as we move forward through a season of disorientation.

As always, I want each of you to know that your Board is here for you. Please reach out to us and let us support and encourage you.

Thank you all for your membership in this congregation we call the NIC.

May the Living Spirit be with you all,  
Rev. Mark Meyers  
NIC UMC BOOM Chair