

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

WNCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS:

President	Elizabeth Schiemann
Vice-President	Rev. William Sowers
**Secretary	Rev. Misty Polston-York

BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Catawba District</u>	<u>Expires</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Town/City</u>
Rev. Patrick Campbell	2016	1 st term	Church of the Master	Hickory
Ms. Dawn Wilson	2016	1 st term	Trinity UCC	Conover
Rev. Ed Neff	2016	1 st term	High Country UCC	Boone
<u>Davidson/Forsyth District</u>				
**Dale Bennett	2017	1st term	Heidelberg UCC	Thomasville
**Rev. Alan Hutchens	2017	1st term	Christ UCC	Lexington
**Rev. Alex Nance	2017	1st term	New Friendship UCC	Lexington
<u>Guilford/Randolph District</u>				
Ms. Jennette Robinson	2016	2 nd term	Beulah UCC	Liberty
Rev. Lloyd Spencer	2016	2 nd term	Mt. Hope UCC	Whitsett
**Bill Craft	2017	1st term	Mt. Hope UCC	Whitsett
<u>Rowan District</u>				
Rev. Michael Baldonado	2016	1 nd term	Holy Covenant UCC	Charlotte
Rev. Diane Tugel	2016	1 st term	Holy Covenant UCC	Charlotte
Mr. Clark Corriher	2016	1 st term	Mt. Zion UCC	China Grove

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

<u>Catawba District</u>				
Rev. Anne Abernethy Wepner	2016	1 st term	Bethel UCC	Hickory
<u>Davidson/Forsyth District</u>				
**Rev. June Grubb	2017	2nd term	First Reformed UCC	Lexington
Ms. Ramona Michaels	2016	2 nd term	Heidelberg UCC	Thomasville
<u>Guilford/Randolph District</u>				
Rev. Gary Owens	2016	2 nd term	Monticello UCC	Browns Summit
<u>Rowan District</u>				
Ms. Ann Teague	2016	2 nd term	Ursinus UCC	Rockwell

****To be elected 10/3/15**

WNCA CHURCH AND MINISTRY COMMISSION

October, 2015

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Town/City</u>
Rev. David Crook	2017	2 nd	First UCC	Winston-Salem
Rev. Mark Burns	2017	2 nd	Mt. Zion UCC	China Grove
*Rev. Colleen Sampson	2017	1 st	Bethany UCC	Claremont
Rev. Peggy Matthews	2017	2 nd	Parkway UCC	Winston-Salem
Mr. Karl Hayes	2017	2 nd	St. Stephen UCC	Greensboro
<i>(1 additional lay nominee needed)</i>	2017			
Rev. Butch Conrad	2016	2 nd	New Friendship UCC	Lexington
Glenyce Fulton	2016	2 nd	First UCC	Lexington
Mr. Tyler Williams	2016	2 nd	Trinity Reformed UCC	Concord
*Rev. Angela Roberson	2016	1 st	Congregational UCC	High Point
*Moses Taylor	2016	1 st	Holy Covenant UCC	Charlotte

*=eligible for 2nd term

BIO'S ON NOMINEES

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

DAVIDSON/FORSYTH DISTRICT

Rev. June M. Grubb (2nd term, 2017) First Reformed UCC, Lexington, NC

June is a retired ordained United Church of Christ (UCC) minister, who served as Dir. of Christian Ed in congregations of the Southern Conference (SOC), and First Protestant Church in New Braunfels, Texas. In 1986, she was ordained while serving as Associate Conference Minister of the Rocky Mountain Conference, and was on the staff of Plymouth Congregational UCC in Seattle, Washington. She has also served as Interim Western North Carolina Association (WNCA) Associate Conference Minister and Interim Minister at Peace UCC in Greensboro. She a curriculum trainer for "Our Whole Lives, Sexuality and Faith", and provides training to UCC and UUA congregations throughout the USA. Presently she is the Pastoral Care Minister at First Reformed UCC, Lexington, where she is a member.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

***Rev. Misty Polston-York (1st Term, 2017) Beulah UCC, Lexington, NC**

Rev. Misty Polston-York is a UCC ordained minister. She has served as a Chaplain, Grief/Bereavement Counselor, and Trauma Counselor for 17 years within both the Hospital and Hospice settings. Her ministry began at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ, where she served as a Trauma Chaplain. While there, she was a part

of the Tri-State Trauma team, where she provided grief counseling, ministry, and support to families who lost loved ones during 9/11. In the past 17 years Misty has worked as a Chaplain and/or Grief Counselor with Odyssey Healthcare, Hospice of Charlotte, Hospice of Cabarrus County, and Hospice of Davidson County. She is currently the Director of Spiritual Life at Carolina Senior Care/PACE in Lexington. When needed she serves as a UCC supply minister to area churches in transition. Misty also specializes in grief counseling and provides Grief and Loss training for area churches, health care agencies, and organizations. She attends Beulah UCC, serves as an ambassador for FaithHealth North Carolina, is the secretary of the Greater Lexington Area Ministerial Association, has been trained and commissioned as a peer group moderator within the UCC, and is currently the Moderator for the God's Potters Clergy Support Group in the UCC Davidson Ministerial District. Misty lives with her husband Howard and two daughters, Anna and Arabella, in Lexington.

DAVIDSON/FORSYTH DISTRICT

***Rev. Alan Hutchens (1st term, 2017) Christ UCC, Lexington, NC**

Alan was born into a singing family in Winston-Salem. His mother's father was a shaped-note singing teacher. His father had been a Western Union singing telegram boy. Alan's pastor stood him in a chair behind his pulpit to sing when he was four years old. That began a ministerial trend, and piano lessons were predestined for him beginning at age eight. Alan wrote, "God called me to preach when I was 16 years old. I was ordained as a Baptist when I was 22, serving in my first full-time ministerial position as assistant and youth pastor. One founding pastorate and five professional vocal recordings later, I came into the UCC through the SCOPE program (in 2001), under Rev. Alan Miller. While I was serving as designated pastor of the First Congregational UCC of Palm City, FL in 2005, I was blessed to receive a Doctor of Divinity degree from Liberty Seminary of Homosassa, Florida. In 2012, the WNCA granted me standing with Privilege of Call and in July 2014, God opened the door for me to serve as pastor of Christ UCC in Lexington. God is not finished!"

***Rev. Alex Nance (1st term, 2017) New Friendship UCC, Lexington, NC**

Alex is a bi-vocational pastor serving New Friendship UCC in Lexington. He is a 31-year "veteran" of the lumber business, and a UCC-converted (31+ years) confirmed Lutheran. A 51 year-old boy scout at heart, he enjoys thrift shopping with his wife, Karen, woodworking, and reading. They have a son, A.J., daughter-in-law Liz, and one 13 year-old cat who rules the roost. Alex's vision for ministry includes helping others discover practical ways to love God and neighbors, and give Jesus the glory through community worship.

***Dale Bennett (1st term, 2017), Heidelberg UCC, Thomasville**

Dale has a long history as a volunteer within the SOC and the WNCA. His service includes serving on the Elon Homes for Children, Inc. Board of Directors, and as past President of their Board. He is presently a Board member of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society. He served a number of years on the Lancaster Theological Seminary Board of Directors. Dale has chaired several Capital Campaigns, two for the SOC and one for John's River Valley Camp (JRVC). He chaired the Search Committee which called the Rev. Dr. Roland Russell as our SOC Minister and served two terms on the WNCA Commission on Ministry. In 1995 Dale was named the UCC Council for Health and Human Services Ministries (CHHSM) "Director of the Year." He and his wife, Lucille reside at Piedmont Crossing and are Associate Members of Heidelberg UCC in Thomasville.

GUILFORD/RANDOLPH DISTRICT

William Craft (1st Term, 2017) Mt. Hope UCC, Whitsett, NC

Bill retired in 2011 from NC A&T State University, where he was on staff in various capacities as Visiting Professor, Assistant/Associate Dean of Engineering, Chairperson, Mechanical Engineering, Campus Space Grant Director, National Institute of Aerospace Liaison Professor, and Interim Vice Chancellor for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies. He is a graduate of NC State Univ. with a B.S. in Applied Physics and Applied Mathematics; Clemson University with an M.S. Degree in Engineering Mechanics and a PhD in Engineering Mechanics. His volunteer activities include serving on the Industries of the Blind Board of Directors in Greensboro, and currently serves as Secretary to the Personal Enhancement Committee. His professional organizations include ABET program evaluator for Domestic

and International Programs; National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying; Space Grant Campus Director, a Reviewer for Nano Materials and Engineering Science/MEMS and IOP Journals, and does expert witness work in machine design and structural failure. He and his wife Elizabeth have been members of Mount Hope UCC, Whitsett, for over 30 years, where he has served on the Consistory, having served as Secretary and currently the Chair of the Stewardship Committee. He is a member of the choir, the Communications Committee, and Maintenance Committee. He was a former Activities Chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee and Treasurer of the church.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Rev. David Crook (2nd Term, 2017) First UCC, Winston-Salem, NC

David is a retired ordained UCC minister of the UCC currently serving as Interim Minister at First UCC in Winston-Salem. He has served on the Nominating Committee of the WNCA and SOC. Presently, he is serving an unexpired term on the Commission on Ministry. He is active in the Davidson/Forsyth Ministerium and with the UCC Retired Servants Retreat held annually at Blowing Rock Conference Center.

Rev. Peggy Matthews (2nd Term, 2017) Parkway UCC Winston-Salem

Peggy was ordained into the ministry in 2004 at Parkway UCC in Winston-Salem, where she is a member. She serves on the Commission on Ministry of the WNCA. Most recently she served at First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, as Parish Chaplain and Director of Congregational Care for nine years. Peggy works part-time in pastoral care and visitation at Home Moravian Church in Old Salem. She is a volunteer Chaplain on a weekly basis at Greensboro Urban Ministry providing Healing Touch to guest, volunteers and staff. Peggy graduated from the Wake Forest Univ. Divinity School in 2002, has a Master of Social Work degree from UNC-Chapel Hill, and received her undergraduate degree at Salem College. Her passion is listening to people's stories, working with others to help make our community a more just place to live, and continued growth in her faith - all of which is experienced in many different ways. She is married to Sam Matthews, Executive Director of the Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem where she most recently initiated a Healing Touch ministry for staff, volunteers, and program participants. They have two daughters, three granddaughters and a 6 ½ year old great-grandson.

Reverend Mark Burns (2nd term 2017) Mt. Zion UCC, China Grove, NC

Mark has been Sr. Pastor of Mt. Zion UCC since early 2012 and prior he served Oakland Christian Church UCC in Suffolk, VA for 18 years. He and wife Heather enjoy spending days in the mountains, or traveling. In earlier days, Mark served as Secretary of Youth Ministries for the Board for Homeland Ministries of the UCC (1986-1988). He left that position to start Mayflower UCC, a new church in Naples, Florida (1988 - 1991.) He is also a Civil War buff, and enjoys collecting / painting miniature lead soldiers from that era.

Karl Hayes (2nd term 2017) St. Stephen UCC, Greensboro, NC

***Rev. Colleen Sampson (1st term 2017) Bethany UCC, Claremont, NC**

* Eligible for second term