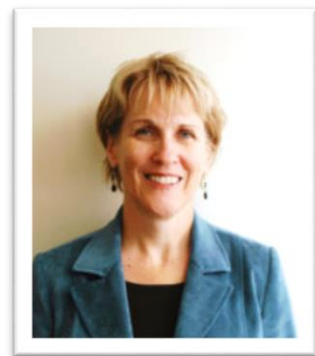


Mennonite Church USA

Nominees for churchwide boards



Affirm as moderator-elect for two years followed by a term as moderator for two years:



Joy Sutter

(moderator-elect and moderator, 2017-21) – East Norristown, Pennsylvania, Salford Mennonite Church, Franconia Conference

Joy Sutter, a hospital administrator and current member of the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, has been called as the nominee for moderator-elect of the church beginning in 2017. Her nomination was approved by the Executive Board and affirmed at the Constituency Leaders Council meeting held Oct. 17-19.

Sharon Waltner of Parker, South Dakota, chair of the board's Leadership Discernment Committee, says Sutter brings a number of important qualities to the role. "We felt she was spiritually well grounded and very well-seasoned," Waltner says. "It became clear to the committee as we talked with her that spiritual growth and depth is central to who she is. She has also demonstrated strong leadership gifts in the church and within the field of health care. As an administrator, she deals with some difficult things."

In addition, Waltner says, she has found Sutter to be an exceptional listener – an especially important gift as the church faces "turbulent times." "She listens well to hear all sides of difficult issues within the church," Waltner says. "Her gift of listening communicates respect and dignity for all, whether it's in Mennonite Church USA or her conference or wherever she happens to be. This gift helps to build consensus and helps move Mennonite Church USA to be the church Christ calls us to be."

In addition to her demanding health care career and churchwide service, Sutter is currently chairing the search committee for the new executive minister of Franconia Mennonite Conference and serves on the church board at Salford Mennonite and on the Committee on Trustees at Dock Mennonite Academy. When she does have free time, Sutter says she enjoys exercising, reading, traveling, playing piano and enjoying other forms of music.

Originally from Metamora, Illinois, where her family owned a grocery store, she went to Goshen College (Indiana) to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, then spent the next 25 years in Iowa City, Iowa. She earned master's degrees in counseling, social work and business at the University of Iowa while working in health care, and found an important faith community at the city's First Mennonite Church.

She left Iowa to work at a continuing care retirement community in the Lansdale, Pennsylvania, area before moving to Penn Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania a few years later.

If her nomination is affirmed by delegates at the 2017 Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, Florida, Sutter will serve two years as moderator-elect and then two years as moderator and chair of the Executive Board, presiding over the 2021 Mennonite Church USA Convention. Patricia Shelly of Newton, Kansas, is serving as the current moderator and David Boshart of Wellman, Iowa, as moderator-elect through the Orlando meeting. Boshart will serve as moderator for the 2017-2019 biennium.

Mennonite Church USA Nominees for churchwide boards



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator, moderator-elect and 14 members are elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA). The Executive Board (EB) appoints up to four additional members. Members are eligible to serve two full four-year terms. The outgoing moderator is eligible to serve two years as past moderator if he or she chooses to serve and the incoming moderator agrees. The types of terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Linda Dibble
(1st term, 2017-21, DA) --
Albany, Oregon, Albany
Mennonite Church, Pacific
Northwest Conference.
She is a farmer and works in
special services for Mennonite
Village.



Dawn Yoder Graber
(1st term, 2017-21, DA) --
Sarasota, Florida, Bahia
Vista Mennonite Church,
Southeast Conference.
Dawn is Director of
Academics at Sarasota
Christian School.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Diane Zaerr Brenneman
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) --
Wellman, Iowa, West Union
Mennonite Church, Central
Plains Conference. Diane
previously served as
moderator for Central Plains
and as pastor for several

congregations. She is a farmer and substitute
teacher.



Jim Caskey
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) --
Goshen, Ind., College
Mennonite Church, Indiana-
Michigan Conference. Jim
is Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
of Goshen College.



David Boshart
(moderator, 2017-19) --
Wellman, Iowa,
Wellman Mennonite
Church, Central Plains
Conference.
David serves as executive
conference minister for

Central Plains Mennonite Conference.



Michelle Dula
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) --
Lancaster, Pa. Blossom
Hill Mennonite Church,
Atlantic Coast Conference.
Michelle is lead pastor of
Blossom Hill Mennonite
Church.



Leslie Francisco, III
 (1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
 Hampton, Va., Calvary
 Community Church, Virginia
 Conference.
 Leslie is pastor of Calvary
 Community Church. He is
 president of the African-
 American Mennonite Association.



Phil Rich
 (1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
 Archbold, Ohio, Zion
 Mennonite Church, Ohio
 Conference. Phil owns and
 operates a car dealership.
 He also serves on the MEA
 investment committee.



Larry Hauder
 (2nd term, 2015-19, DA) –
 Boise, Idaho, Hyde Park
 Mennonite Church, Pacific
 Northwest Conference.
 Larry works as a mediator
 for Common Ground.

Members appointed by Executive Board



Erica Littlewolf
 (1st term, 2017-21, EB) –
 Newton, Kansas. She is the
 Native Mennonite
 Ministries representative.
 Erica works with
 Mennonite Central
 Committee Central States
 and the Indigenous Visioning Center.



Joyce Kusuma
 (1st term, 2015-19, EB) –
 Upland, Calif., Upland
 Peace Church, Pacific
 Southwest Conference.
 Joyce is the representative
 of the network of Asian
 Mennonite congregations.
 Joyce is a nurse
 practitioner.



Earl Kellogg
 (2nd term, 2017-21, EB) –
 Member of First
 Mennonite Church of
 Champaign-Urbana,
 Central District and
 Illinois Conferences. Also
 attends Shalom Mennonite
 Church, Tucson, Ariz. Earl is a retired professor
 and consultant.



Zenobia Sowell-Bianchi
 (1st term, 2015-19, EB) –
 Chicago, Ill., Bethel
 Mennonite Community
 Church, Illinois Conference.
 Zenobia is a dentist and
 member of the Constituency
 Leaders Council. She is the
 representative of the African-
 American Mennonite
 Association.

IMH Representative to be appointed
 (1st term, 2017-21, EB)

EVERENCE

The board consists of 12-15 members. Four members are elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA) of Mennonite Church USA, up to eight are appointed by the Everence board subject to confirmation by the Executive Board and three are appointed by other Anabaptist denominations participating in Everence. The majority of members must be from Mennonite Church USA. Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. Terms for Everence board members begin January 1 and end December 31 of the years listed below.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Karen Lehman
(2nd term, 2017-21, DA)
– Furlong, Pa., Plains
Mennonite Church,
Franconia Conference.
Karen is CEO of Rockhill
Mennonite Community in
Sellersville, Pa.



Sandra Vielman
(3rd term, 2017-2021,
DA) – Goshen, Ind.,
Hively Avenue
Mennonite Church,
Indiana-Michigan
Conference. Sandra is
an ENL Collaborator
Goshen Community
Schools.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly of Mennonite Church USA



Nicole Francisco Bailey
(2nd term, 2016-19, DA) –
Hampton, Va., Calvary
Community Church,
Virginia Conference.
Nicole is Chief Financial
Officer of Calvary
Community Church.



Duane Oswald
(chair, 3rd term, 2016-19,
DA) – Fresno, Calif.,
Mennonite Community
Church, Pacific
Southwest Conference.
Duane is president of
Oswald Associates and
served as moderator of Mennonite Church USA.

The remaining members are appointed by the Everence board or by other Anabaptist denominations who are part of Everence.

MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY

Six board members elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), five appointed by the Executive Board (EB) and up to two additional members selected by MEA with confirmation by the Executive Board. Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. The types of terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Addie Banks
(2nd term, 2017-2021, DA) –
Bronx, N.Y., King of Glory
Tabernacle, Lancaster
Conference. Addie is pastor of
King of Glory Tabernacle.



Dr. Judy Miller
(Chair, 2nd term, 2017-2021,
DA) – Othello, Wash., Warden
Mennonite Church, Pacific
Northwest Conference. Judy is a
retired Bethel College professor.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Ramiro Hernandez
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) –
Washington, Iowa, Washington
Mennonite Church, Central Plains
Conference. Ramiro is pastor of
Washington Mennonite Church

and conference minister for Central Plains
Conference.



Carol Roth
(2nd term, 2015-2019, DA) –
Clinton, Miss., Open Door
Mennonite Church, Gulf States
Conference. Carol previously
served as staff for Native

Mennonite Ministries.



Dr. Marlene Kropf
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Port
Townsend, Wash., Portland
Mennonite Church, Pacific
Northwest Conference. Marlene
is a retired AMBS professor.

MEA Members appointed by Executive Board



Lynnette Bontrager
(2nd term, 2017-21, EB) –
Archbold, Ohio, Zion
Mennonite Church, Ohio
Conference.



James Logan
(1st term, 2017-21, EB) –
Richmond, Indiana, 7th Street
Mennonite Church. Dr. Logan
is a professor at Earlham
College.



Lin Rush
(2nd term, 2015-19, EB) –
Portland, Ore., Portland
Mennonite Church, Pacific
Northwest Conference.



Dr. Tom Stuckey
(2nd term, 2017-21, EB) – West
Unity, Ohio, Zion Mennonite
Church, Ohio Conference.



Roy Williams
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Land
o' Lakes, Fla., College Hill
Mennonite Church, Southeast
Conference.



John Yordy
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) –
Goshen, Ind., College
Mennonite Church, Indiana-
Michigan Conference.

MEA member appointed by the MEA board
subject to confirmation by Executive Board



Basil Marin
(3rd term, 2015-19, MEA) –
Harrisonburg, Va., New Song
Anabaptist Fellowship,
Virginia Conference.

MENNONITE HEALTH SERVICES

Twelve members serve on the board with six elected by MHS Alliance member organizations and six appointed by sponsoring denominations. Of the denominational members, Mennonite Church USA Executive Board appoints four and Mennonite Brethren and Brethren in Christ each appoint one. Members are eligible to serve up to two 4-year terms (per bylaws amended in 2013). Terms end in April of the years listed below.

Affirm the following for a four-year term



Ertell Whigham
(2nd term, 2017-21, EB) –
Harleysville, Pa. East
Norristown Mennonite
Church, Franconia Mennonite
Conference. Ertell is
Associate Pastor at Nueva

Vida Norristown New Life Mennonite Church.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Maribel Hinojosa
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
College Station, Texas, Houston
Mennonite Church, Western
District. Maribel is a clinical
psychologist.



Rolando Santiago
(2nd term, 2015-19, EB) –
Lancaster, Pa., Neffsville
Mennonite Church, Atlantic
Coast Conference. Rolando is the
director of Lancaster Mennonite
Historical Society.



Don Tyson
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Harrisonburg, Va., Lindale
Mennonite Church, Virginia
Conference. Don is a professor
of nursing at Eastern Mennonite
University.

The remaining MHS board members are appointed by the member organizations or other denominations that are part of MHS.

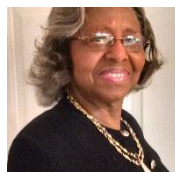
MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK

Seven board members elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), six appointed by the Executive Board and up to two additional members selected by the Mission Network with confirmation by the Executive Board (EB). Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. The types of terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Barry Bartel
(2nd term, 2017-21, DA) – Golden, Colo., Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, Mountain States Conference. Barry is an attorney who served in Haiti and Bolivia through Mennonite Central Committee.



Angie Williams
(1st term, 2017-21, DA) – Harrisonburg, Virginia, Mennonite Church, Virginia Conference. Angie is a speaker and writer.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Steve Breidigan
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Douglassville, Pa., Vincent Mennonite Church, Franconia Conference. Steve is an accountant.



Russell Jensen
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Fort Wayne, Indiana, Maplewood Mennonite Church, Indiana-Michigan Conference. Russell is pastor of Maplewood Mennonite Church.



Susan Hertzler Burkholder
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) – Denver, Colo., First Mennonite Church of Denver, Mountain States Conference. Susan is a Program Manager at Capital Sisters International.



Steve Penner
(3rd term, 2015-19, DA) – Reedley, Calif., First Mennonite Church, Pacific Southwest Conference. Steve is pastor of First Mennonite Church.



Cindy Cumberbatch
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) – Tampa, Fla. College Hill Mennonite Church, Southeast Conference. Cindy is an attorney.

Mennonite Mission Network members appointed by the Executive Board



Andrew Bodden
(2nd term, 2015-2019, EB) –
Plantation, Fla., Iglesia Menonita
Encuentro de Renovacion,
Southeast Conference. Andrew is
East Coast Program Director with
Mennonite Central Committee.



Madeline Maldonado
(3rd term, 2017-2021, EB) –
Ft. Myers, Fla., Iglesia
Menonita Arca de Salvacion,
Southeast Conference
Madeline most recently served
as pastor.



Sunoko Lin
(3rd term, 2017-2021, EB) –
Van Nuys, Calif., Indonesian
Christian Fellowship
Maranatha, Pacific Southwest
Conference. Sunoko is pastor of
Indonesian Christian Fellowship
Maranatha.



Jodi Miller
(1st term, 2015-2019, EB) –
Walnut Creek, Ohio, Berlin
Mennonite Church, Ohio
Conference. Jodi is a
homemaker, accountant and
volunteer.

Members selected by Mennonite Network Board with confirmation by the Executive Board



Aaron Kauffman
(1st term, 2015-2019, VMBM)
– President, Virginia
Mennonite Board of
Missions, Harrisonburg, Va.



Nelson Okanya
(2nd term, 2015-19, EMM) –
President, Eastern Mennonite
Missions, Salunga, Pa.,
Lancaster Conference

MENNOMEDIA

Five board members from Mennonite Church USA (three elected by the Delegate Assembly and two appointed by the Executive Board); three members from Mennonite Church Canada. Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. The types of Mennonite Church USA terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Byron Pellecer
(1st term, 2017-21, DA) Grand Prairie, Texas, Iglesia Menonita Aposento Alto in Wichita, KS, Western District Conference.
Byron is associate conference minister in Western District.

Members appointed by the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board



Rafael Barahona, Jr.
(1st term, 2015-2019, EB) – Goshen, Ind., Berkey Avenue Mennonite Church, Indiana-Michigan Conference. Rafael is a designer.

Continuing members previously elected by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly



Janet Buschert
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) Eagle, Idaho, Hyde Park Mennonite Church, Pacific Northwest Conference. Janet works in publishing.

Three members are appointed by Mennonite Church Canada



Lee Schmucker
(Chair, 1st term, 2015-19, DA) Wichita, Kan., Hope Mennonite Church, Western District. Lee owns and operates a business consulting firm.

THE MENNONITE, INC.

Three board members elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), three members appointed by the Executive Board (EB) and up to two additional members appointed by the board of *The Mennonite* (TM) with confirmation by the Executive Board. Members are eligible to serve three four-year terms. The types of terms are noted below as DA, EB or TM.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Hans Houshower
(1st term, 2017-21, DA) –
Bluffton, Ohio, First Mennonite
Church of Bluffton, Ohio
Conference.
Hans is director of advancement
for Bluffton University.

Continuing members previously elected by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly



Steven Edwards
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Goshen, Ind.,
Berkey Avenue Mennonite Church,
Indiana-Michigan Conference. Steve is
director of sales and marketing for New
Paris Telephone.



Duane Stoltzfus
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Goshen, Ind., College Mennonite
Church, Indiana-Michigan
Conference. Duane is professor
of Communication at Goshen
College.

Members appointed by Executive Board



Sarah Kraybill Burkhalter
(3rd term, 2015-19, EB) –
Seattle, Wash., Seattle
Mennonite Church, Pacific
Northwest Conference.
Former writer for *Grist*.



Barth Hague
(Chair, 3rd term, 2015-19, EB) –
Newton, Kan., Shalom
Mennonite Church, Western
District Conference.
CEO at Mirror, Inc.



Sheri Wenger
(2nd term, 2015-19, EB) –
Lancaster, Pennsylvania,
Pilgrims Mennonite Church,
Lancaster Conference.
High School History Teacher,
Lancaster Mennnonite Schools.

Members appointed by the board of The Mennonite with confirmation by the Executive Board



Jason Moyer
(3rd term, 2015-19, TM) –
Canton, Ohio, First
Mennonite Church of Canton,
Ohio Conference
Professor of Communication,
Malone University.

LEADERSHIP DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Four members nominated by the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) and elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), four members appointed by the Executive Board (EB). Members are eligible to serve two full four-year terms or partial terms. The types of terms are noted below as either CLC-DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term
Members nominated Constituency Leaders
Council for consideration by delegates.

Member to be determined
(1st term, 2017-21, CLC-DA)

Member to be determined
(1st term, 2017-21, CLC-DA)

Continuing members previously affirmed by
Delegate Assembly after nomination by
CLC



Kim Vu Friesen
(1st term, 2015-19, CLC-DA) – Minneapolis, Minn., Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference. Kim is a retired school counselor.



Sharon Waltner
(Chair, 1st term, 2015-19, CLC-DA) – Parker, S.D., Salem Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference. Sharon is a farmer and former moderator of

Mennonite Church USA.

Members appointed by Executive Board



Karen Howard
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Pittsburgh, Pa. Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, Allegheny Conference
Karen is an educator.



Nan Kanagy
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Fleetwood, PA, Hope Community Church, Atlantic Coast Conference. Nan is youth and worship pastor.



Cal Zehr
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Tiskilwa, Illinois, Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Illinois Conference
Cal is the pastor of Willow Springs Mennonite Church.

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