



Eastern Association Council

2025 Annual Report

Greetings Members of the Illinois Conference,

2025 has been a year of reflection and eagerness for the Eastern Association. Our governing council has maintained a steady cadence of meetings and discussion. We remain together to support each other and stay connected, when so much in the world is keeping us apart.

In September, we had our annual Fall Worship Celebration and Business Meeting at Plainfield Congregational. In our worship space, Rev. John Dorhauer challenged us to think about ‘what are we to say about these things (happening to and in the world around us)’ (*ref. Romans 8:31-39*). It was inspiring, and helped us reflect on who we are and why speaking up matters. At the business portion of that day’s meeting, we were able to confirm the Rosters for the Council and Committee on Ministry for the coming year, as noted here:

NAME	ROLE	CURRENT TERM	TERM ENDS
Shawn Hillman	Moderator	1 of 1	2026
Doug Zimmerman	Vice-Moderator	1 of 1	2026
Dan Waterman	Past Moderator	1 of 1	2026
Tom Norwalk	Secretary	1 of 2	2026
Rocky Sheneman	Member	2 of 2	2026
Patricia Morton	Member	2 of 2	2027
Alice Huebner	Member	2 of 2	2028
Lynette DuBord	Member	2 of 2	2028
Terri Smith	Member	1 of 2	2028
Carol Currier-Frighetto	Member	1 of 2	2028
Barbara Lohrbach	Member	1 of 2	2028
Ericka Crist	Member	1 of 2	2028

In the coming year, the EA’s focus will be CONNECTIONS. We are planning on visits with our member congregations to have meaningful discussions on ‘how we’re all doing’ as the church. By connecting more - with intent - we hope to inspire and learn from one another by hearing all the things that are going right with our churches, as well as all the opportunities we can learn from. The quantity of physical churches in our group, no matter the number, will not interfere with the quality of our mission and purpose.



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We share – and ask for – prayers of love and support in our ministries for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Hillman

Plainfield Congregational Church

Moderator – Eastern Association Council

Eastern Association Mission Statement

“We are called to love and serve God,
to be inspired by the Holy Spirit,
and to celebrate and embody the
healing, reconciling ministry of Christ!”