SLATE OF ILLINOIS CONFERENCE POSITIONS
TO BE ELECTED AT THE 2026 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

All positions are to be nominated by the Conference Nominating Committee, with input and suggestions from the designated Associations if a position is to be representing an Association--and elected at the Conference Annual Celebration

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (All terms are for TWO Years)

The Board of Directors shall administer the affairs of the Conference between business meetings of the Conference and have such powers and duties as are usual and customary to a Board of Directors under the laws of the State of Illinois, unless restricted or prohibited by these Bylaws

President:	Emily Mitchell	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)
Vice-President	Pastor Alex Garncarz	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)
Secretary:	Sarah Alexander	(Term Expires 2027)
Treasurer:	Scott Peterson	(Term Expires 2027)

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Kim Shelton	(Term Expires 2027)
Debbie Kent	(Term Expires 2027)
Wilbert Watkins	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)
Sue Harvey	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Doug Zimmerman	(Term Expires 2027)
Mary Gilman	(Term Expires 2028) (new)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Open	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Lisa Gorchels (DeKalb)	(Term Expires 2027)
Lisa Schubert (Freeport)	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Mary Newcomb	(Term Expires 2027)
Rev. Tim White	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

ALSO ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- CHAIRPERSON OF THE CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE:
(Elected for a term of one year by the members of the Finance Committee)
- CHAIRPERSON OF THE CONFERENCE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE
(Elected for a term of one year by the members of the Human Resources Committee)
- CHAIRPERSON OF THE CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
(Elected for a term of one year by the members of the Nominating Committee)

STANDING COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Conference Finance Committee promotes and preserves the financial integrity of the Conference, overseeing committees and teams that manage and promote financial development and stewardship of the Conference's fiscal and real properties

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Rae McCray	(Term Expires 2027)
Harlette Smith	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Bev Obert	(Term Expires 2027) (new term)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Frank Zavaski	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Dave Bateman	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Ken Harding	(Term Expires 2027)
Ken Webster	(Term Expires 2028) **(Chair)** (continues for new term)

CONFERENCE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Conference Human Resources Team promotes fair and just labor practices for all persons employed by the Conference and oversees such committees and teams that assist in this administration. They shall recommend employment policies, job descriptions, evaluation guidelines, and salary structure

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Dr. Regena Caldwell	(Term Expires 2027) **(Chair)**
K. C. Mosley	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Eric Quinney-Burnard	(Term Expires 2027)
Shawn Hillman	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Open	(Term Expires 2027)
Gail Paul	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Muriel Morley Jahn	(Term Expires 2027)
Dina Lauman	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Santina Poor	(Term Expires 2027)
Rev. Jon Prain	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

CONFERENCE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Conference Nominating Committee gathers the members of the Conference to be considered for election by the Conference at its annual meeting, except for those whose nominations are provided by the Associations

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Michelle Day	(Term Expires 2027)
Rev. Gloria Cox	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Tom Norwalk	(Term Expires 2027) **(Chair)**
Rev. Terri Smith	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Open_____	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Open	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Jan Johnson	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

MINISTRY TEAMS

Each Ministry Team is composed of at least five (5) members and a maximum of ten members elected from at least three (3) Associations by the Conference at the Annual Celebration. Each Ministry Team shall elect from its members a Chair and Vice Chair for a two-year term

COMMUNITY AND VITALITY TEAM

(AKA "Program Innovation Events)

The Community and Vitality Team discerns and drives the ministry that creates leadership development, Pastoral Excellence, and deep relationships in and among the local churches and Associations

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Ashley Dowden	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Joycelin Fowler	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Patricia McCure	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Pastor Dennis Hughes	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Rev. Selena Blackwell	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Open	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Mary Alice Kirk Sutter	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Rev. Martin Nussbaum	(Term Expires 2028) **(Chair)** (continues for new term)

JUSTICE AND WITNESS TEAM

The Justice and Witness Team discerns and drives the ministry of advocacy and action to bring the world into a more just, equitable, and inclusive image of God's realm

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Titus Bryant	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Rev. Ketric Emory	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Amanda Herman	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Rev. Mark Jacobs	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Amy Allen	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Rev. Patricia Lindquist	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Eric Ogi	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Ali Groen	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Ursala Webster	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Rev. Duane Lahti	(Term Expires 2028) **(Chair)** (continues for new term)

CHURCH CONNECTIONS TEAM

(AKA "Local Church Team")

The Church Connections Team discerns and drives the ministry that supports the care and connections between the local churches, the pastoral leaders, and the structures that support the interconnected ministries of the Conference

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Doug Roberts	(Term Expires 2027) **(Chair)** (continues)
Rev. Benna Bell	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Maurine Sterrett	(Term Expires 2027) (new term)
Pastor Jay Hurd	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Open	(Term Expires 2027)
Catherine Erwin	(Term Expires 2028) (new term)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Tyler Spellious	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Lauren Padgett	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

WIDER ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The Wider Engagement Team discerns and drives the ministry of connections within the United Church of Christ and across our ecumenical partners

FROM CHICAGO METROPOLITAN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Michael Jones	(Term Expires 2027) **(Chair)** (continues)
Jeni Fabian	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Carol Currier-Frighetto	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Lilana Terlep	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM FOX VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Open	(Term Expires 2027)
Open	(Term Expires 2028)

FROM PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Karen Zellers	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Min. John Omerod	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)

FROM WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Carol Hoke	(Term Expires 2027) (continues)
Rev. Tyler Yost	(Term Expires 2028) (continues for new term)