Illinois Conference Nominating Committee Report

October 19, 2026

The Illinois Conference Nominating Committee has met several times over the past year to engage in conversation and strategy to seek candidates for open positions on our Conference Board of Directors (BoD), Conference Standing Committees, and Conference Program Teams. With the adoption of the new governance structure at the 2025 Annual Celebration, we were charged with filling open positions throughout the year that we then took to the Board of Directors for their official approval when we were able to secure candidates for those positions.

It has been somewhat of a difficult task to begin the work of the Conference Program teams outlined in the new Conference structure. With the leadership of the Team Chairs, known as the Ministry Council, the Nominating Committee has revisited the commitment of those who had agreed to previously serve and to also engage new members for that work. We believe that we are now at a stage where the work of those teams will begin with purpose.

We present our ballot for the 2026 Annual Celebration with several open positions that we continue to seek to fill prior to our meeting. For any open positions at the 2026 Annual Celebration, we will invite nominations from the floor to help us provide as strong a structure and as wide a participation from across the Conference.

I thank the members of the Nominating Committee who have worked diligently with me to provide the ballot that you will find in our Annual Celebration packets.

Respectfully,
Rev. Tom Norwalk, Chair

CMA Representatives: Rev. Gloria Cox & Rev. Michelle Day
EA Representatives: Rev. Terri Smith & Rev. Tom Norwalk
FV Representative: Rev. Catherine Erwin
PA Representative: Rev. Hank Fairman
WA Representatives: Rev. Jon Prain & Rev. Jan Johnson