
DISTRICT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION – MINISTERIAL NOMINEES



Christopher Baldwin

Christopher is the founding and lead Pastor of the Vine Wesleyan Church in Lancaster/Depew and director of Encounter Buffalo Ministries. He has been walking with the Lord since July 1990. In March of 2015, the Vine celebrated 10 years of ministry. Prior to this Pastor Christopher served on the staff of Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Williamsville and as Lead Pastor of Levant Wesleyan Church in Falconer. Pastor Christopher has served the district previously as a teacher at Houghton Family Camp, as a member of the DBA, and on the Church Multiplication Team. Pastor Christopher is a graduate of Houghton College (1995) and earned a Master of Divinity (1998) and Doctorate of Ministry (2006). He was a Beeson Scholar Fellow at A.T.S. in 2003-4 and his dissertation was on the Missional Church. He is married to Rev. Tammy Baldwin and they have two children.



Steve Dunmire

Steve has been walking with the Lord for 20 years, was a pastor for 12 of those years, and has served at Houghton College for the last 2 years. He was ordained in 2007 and serves full-time as Director of Houghton College's Office of Ministry Resources. He has spearheaded the revival of Houghton's Equipping for Ministry Program of nontraditional ministerial education, and will serve as an instructor in the program. He previously spent 8 years as Senior Pastor of North Collins Wesleyan Church in North Collins, NY, three years in a Salvation Army church on Buffalo's East Side, primarily ministering to people in various phases of recovery from drug and alcohol abuse, as well as one year as Youth Pastor in a Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Wheatfield, NY. Steve is married to Tammy Dunmire and they have four children.



Bruce Ellis

Bruce has been the pastor of the Forestville Wesleyan Church since July of 1991 and has served the district as Sunday School Director, Director of Evangelism and Church Growth, Member of the District Board of Administration, Coordinator and member of the District Board of Ministerial Development, District Action Committee, District Nominating Committee and Pastor's Retreat Planning Committee. He currently serves as a member of the School Board of Education for the Forestville Central School and has initiated various ministries within the school community. He remains committed to impact the rural community of Forestville with the message of Jesus. In 2014, Houghton College awarded Bruce the Claude A. Ries Pastor of the Year Award.



Becci Wood

Becci serves on the Pastoral Team at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg. She and her husband, John, have been serving at WCH for 20 years. Becci was raised in the Wesleyan Denomination and appreciates her strong Christian heritage from her family and Wesleyan ties. Becci previously served on the DBA and DBMD, but needed to step away from those positions as a lay representative as she prepared for ordination in 2011. She also serves as the Field Coordinator for Education & Clergy Development for Special Events. Becci's passion is to see The Church be effective and impactful in how God designed her to be used for His purposes.

DISTRICT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION – LAY NOMINEES



Bob Arnold

Bob is a Covenant Member at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church where he has attended for the past 19 years. He has been walking with the Lord since 1977. Bob currently serves as Vice-chair of the Local Board of Administration for EHWC and as a part-time usher. He has also served as a Small Group leader for fourteen years, a Discipleship teacher and has facilitated a small group with the Eastern Hills Chinese Church for four years as well as being a delegate to the District Conference and at a small church in Lockport, was the

Youth Pastor. He is a retired insurance agent and currently works part-time for the Catholic Health System. Bob and his wife Pat have four adult children and ten grandchildren.



Rick Fohl

Rick is a covenant member of The Vine Wesleyan Church located in Depew where he serves on the Local Board of Administration (Vice Chair), as well as on the Worship Team, Buildings and Grounds Committee and with Men's Ministry. For many years Rick has worked at Lucent Technologies (now Alcatel-Lucent) starting as a Systems Engineer and worked his way into Global positions of Global Business Development Manager and Product Line Manager traveling extensively throughout the world. This experience

cemented his faith and highlighted the critical void and importance of actively evangelizing the message of Jesus Christ to the entire world. Rick was privileged to grow up in a Christian family and came to know Jesus when he was very young. He is pleased to be part of a church which is relentless in its quest to reach the "un-churched" in creative ways. He feels the leadership roles he has held have helped him to assist The Vine in this endeavor. Rick and his wife Karen live in the Village of Lancaster, New York



Graham Hayes

Graham has been following Jesus for over 50 years. He has been a Covenant Member of the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg since 2003 where he serves as the Secretary of the Local Board of Administration. He works part-time in the Facility Maintenance Department at Buffalo City Mission and The HUB youth center. He also applies his skills as a Geospatial Demographic Consultant helping churches understand the geographic distribution of their members and the potential impact on their communities. For the past year he has served as a District Conference Action Committee Lay Member.



Kim Pecora

Kim has served the last two years on the District Board of Administration as a Lay Member and as the assistant to the District Treasurer. She has also been blessed with being able to serve in many positions at North Collins Wesleyan such as Treasurer and Ministry Coordinator. In the fall of last year she and her husband felt called to Angola Wesleyan Church and have really enjoyed coming alongside Pastor Mike Trippett and his wife Marie and love serving in their new church family. She currently works at Baillie Lumber Company and has four beautiful children and one grandchild.

Currently Serving Terms on the DBA

Joey Jennings, District Superintendent

Todd Glendenning, Assistant District Superintendent

Nadine Houghton, District Treasurer (2016)

Robin George, District Secretary (2016)

Wes Oden, Ministerial Member (2016)

Jason Shambach, Ministerial Member (2016)

Barbara Farrow, Lay Member (2016)

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Ralph Kerr, Lay Member (2016)

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016 DELEGATE – MINISTERIAL NOMINEES



Tammy Baldwin

Tammy grew up in Newfane, and was raised in a Christian home. She graduated from Houghton College with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She received her Master's degree in counseling from Liberty University and was ordained in 2001. She was the Children's Ministry Assistant at Eastern Hills Wesleyan and Family Pastor at Levant Wesleyan. She helped her husband, Christopher plant The Vine in 2005, where she currently serves as the Associate Pastor. She oversees children's, women's, prayer, outreach, growth groups, and the first impressions ministries. She considers her two boys gifts from God and is thankful to

be "mom" to two people. Tammy has a passion for prayer and to help others heal emotionally from wounds in their past, so they can walk in the freedom Jesus gives us.

Bruce Ellis (See page 1)



Robin George

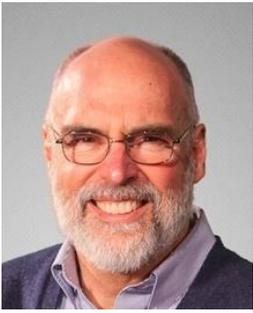
Robin has been walking with the Lord for 47 years and has pastored for 38 of those years. He was ordained in 1979 and serves full-time as Senior Pastor of Brookside Wesleyan Church in Wellsville, NY. Most of Robin's ministry (34 years) has been in this district except for four years as an assistant pastor in the Indiana South District. He serves the Western New York District as a member and Secretary to the District Board of Administration, as CYC Director (11 years), led many children's camps, taught at Houghton Family Camp,

and has served several times as a General Conference Delegate.



Todd Glendenning

Todd is a graduate of Houghton College and has been a Wesleyan Minister since 1990. In 1999 he became the the Senior Pastor of The Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park where he continues to serve. He has also served for many years in the District on the District Board of Administration, Chair of the District Board of Ministerial Development and as Assistant District Superintendent. Todd is married to Wendy and they have four children.



Greg McClain

Greg chose to follow Jesus 55+ years ago and sensed a call to the ministry when he was 8. Greg has a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College, M.Div. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and Doctor of Ministry from Asbury Theological Seminary. Ordained in 1986, he has pastored only the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg. Under his leadership, the church has grown from a congregation of 400 to 1800. He has a heart for reaching the world with the love of Christ and has a particular passion and burden for the city of Buffalo. He is married to Sue McClain and they have three grown children and three grandchildren.

Becci Wood (See page 1)

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016 DELEGATE – LAY NOMINEES



Barbara Farrow

Barbara loves God and is passionate about telling others about the love of Christ. She is very aware of God's grace and mercy in her life. Barbara grew up as a southern girl, but attended and graduated from Houghton College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and Bible. She received a Master's Degree from Ball State University in Indiana; and has been employed as the Director of Preventive Services at Baker Victory Services in Lackawanna, NY for 17 years. She is a mother of 3 beautiful adult children,

Michael, Talitha and Ashley. It is her honor to be the wife of Pastor Cap Farrow (for the past 35 years) who is the pastor of Grace Community Wesleyan Church in Buffalo. She is invested in working on the Westside of Buffalo with traumatized and disempowered people because she knows she has the answer for their lives (Jesus).



Nadine Houghton

Nadine is a charter member of Angola Wesleyan Church and became a Christian under the ministry of Rev. Richard Kaylor. Over the years, she has served as Sunday School teacher and superintendent, Kids Klub director, choir member, missions director along with various other ministries. She is presently the treasurer of the church and vice chair for the LBA. Nadine worked for Evans National Bank for over 43 years, achieving a position as assistant vice president and retired in 2007. She has been district treasurer since 2008 and serves with

appreciation for the support from the district board, pastors, church treasurers and many friends she has the privilege of meeting since being in this position. After almost 45 years of marriage to Dennis Houghton, his sudden death prompted Nadine to get involved with Grief Share and the start of a support group for widows, called SWIFT (strong women in fellowship together). Dennis and Nadine proudly parented Dan, Susan, Janet and Lynn. She enjoys being with them, their spouses and ALL 9 grandchildren. Nadine and Dennis claimed John 3:16 as favorite verse in their Christian walk.



Ralph Kerr

Ralph is a Covenant Member at Houghton Wesleyan Church in Houghton, NY where he has attended for the past 15 years. He has been walking with the Lord for more than 60 years. Ralph presently serves as a Sunday School teacher and Greeter. In the district, he has served on the District Board of Administration, District Board of Ministerial Development and as a delegate to District and General Conference. He is a retired Superintendent of Schools

and serves as President of the Teaching and Learning Institute. He is also the General Manager of the Genesee Rapids, a summer baseball team which plays in the New York Collegiate Baseball League and is affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



John Lee

John Lee has been following the Lord for 55 years. He has been a Covenant Member of the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg for the past 12 years where he also serves as a board member. He is a retired former executive at Praxair. Currently he serves as Chairman of West Side Ministries and Vice-Chairman of Jericho Road Community Health Center, both faith-based para-church ministries on the West Side of Buffalo. John also serves as a member of the Houghton College Board of Trustees and the Board of World Hope International.



Gary Stith

Gary has been following the Lord for 40 years and has been a Covenant Member of the Wesleyan Church for 38. He has attended Fillmore Wesleyan for the past 12 years serving in various capacities including adult Sunday School teacher, prayer team member, and Local Board of Administration member. He was appointed Professor and Coordinator of Music Education at Houghton College in 2002 where he conducted the Symphonic Winds for 8 years, served as Interim Director and Associate Dean of the School of Music for 1 semester, served on the Spiritual Life Committee, and was the recipient of the college-wide Excellence in Teaching Award for 2010-11. He and his wife, Joyce, retired from the college in December, 2012. Prior to moving to Houghton, he served consecutively as adult choir director at the Orchard Park and Eastern Hills Wesleyan Churches for a total of 15 years where he also served in various capacities including worship leader, lay leader, high school Sunday School teacher, and co-director for VBS. In 2008, he was elected and served as WNY delegate to the Wesleyan General Conference in Orlando. He is currently one term as a lay delegate to the District Board of Administration.



Ashley Ward

Ashley graduated with a BS in music education from Indiana Wesleyan University. While attending IWU, she met and married Jonathan Ward. He has been pastoring since 1997. They lived in Waldorf, Maryland and Paint Lick, Kentucky over the next 5 years where they served together in ministry. In 2004 Jon and Ashley accepted the call to North Park Wesleyan Church in Cuba, NY and fell in love with the community, congregation, and geography of the area. She currently leads the district women's ministry, teaches piano lessons, and tunes pianos. The Wards have four children and are currently learning the perils and blessings of raising teenagers. With an amazing team of ladies, she has enjoyed planning events and providing opportunities for women of her district to grow closer to Christ and to serve Him.

ACTION COMMITTEE – MINISTERIAL NOMINEES



Ian Archer

Ian re-committed himself to Christ in 2009 and began his journey in ministry as a student in 2011. In addition to serving as assistant pastor at ZionQuest Christian Fellowship, Ian is also an engineering program manager working in the aerospace industry. Ian has assisted with the marriage ministry at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church together with his wife of 8 years, Traci. He is

passionate about marriage, and families, and is committed to reaching the lost with the Gospel throughout our community. In 2014, he also became a foster dad to two young boys.

Robin George (See page 3)



Neil Koppen

Neil has been walking with the Lord for 44 years. He has been a Covenant Member of the Wesleyan Church 32 years, pastoring for 30 years. He pastored in the Iowa/Minnesota District for 15 years, serving 4 congregations. He has been here in Western New York for 15 years, serving the last 5 years as the Sr. Pastor at Fellowship Wesleyan. In Iowa/Minnesota, he was District Youth President, Youth Camp Director, on the District Board of Administration, District Board of Ministerial Development, District Nominating Committee, District Action Committee and District Camp Board. In

Western New York, he served as District Superintendent (10 years), chaired nearly every District Committee and Board. He also served on the Houghton College Board of Trustees and was elected their Board Secretary.



Al Meyers

Born in Cattaraugus County, raised in Allegany county Al has been walking with the Lord for 33 years and has been pastoring for 17 of those years. He was ordained in 2000 and now serves full-time as Senior Pastor of the Levant Wesleyan Church in Falconer, NY. Previous to that, Al served as Family Pastor in WNY and as Youth Pastor in CNY District, where he directed Junior High Teen & Discipleship Camps, and in this district as part of the Refresh Family Camp Team. He currently resides in Randolph, NY and has a heart for Western NY families. With his

wife of 22 years, 12 children (1 foster daughter), Al enjoys coaching, mentoring and counseling those interested in experiencing the fullness of life through healthy relationships centered on Christ.

ACTION COMMITTEE – LAY NOMINEES



Dan Butcher

Daniel Butcher currently lives in East Otto NY where he is married to his wife Maria, and is blessed with four children. He currently is the Lay leader at Little Valley Wesleyan Church where he and his family have now attended for 6 years. Daniel is currently taking correspondence courses through the Wesleyan Church to get his licensing to become a pastor. He fills in for Pastor Buck Hall in any area needed, And he has also been attending the Cattaraugus county fatherhood group with Pastor Al Meyers. Daniel is very eager to begin his life in the ministry. All for the Glory of God.



Cairn Marrale

Cairn has been a born again Christian for over 50 years, having been brought up in a Christian home by Christian parents. She is presently a Covenant Member of the Fellowship Wesleyan Church in West Seneca where she serves on the LBA and is also involved in the Worship Team by sharing her God-given talent playing the Saxophone. Cairn also works part time as a Nurse Practitioner in a busy Rheumatology Practice in Orchard Park where she is able to share her faith with many others...a true Missionary opportunity where hurting people are open to hear the Good News.



Mark Tucker

Mark accepted the Lord at a concert while he attended Spring Arbor College, thirty-five years ago. After graduating, he became a social worker and has served in the capacity of meeting the needs of the mentally ill for twenty-eight years. (Upon arriving in New York, he took a job in a hospital as a mental health worker for four years. But he is now, happily, back in social work.) Mark is married to Karen whom he met at Spring Arbor. Karen has been the pastor of Ashwood Wesleyan Church in Lyndonville for the past four years. Mark has served at any position the church needed filled for the thirty-one years they have been in pastoral ministry. These jobs include teaching youth, children and adults; building and repair of church property; and all the “little” things that go unnoticed unless they are not completed. Currently, Mark is teaching Sunday School and running the children’s mid-week program. He is also doing repair on the church building.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – MINISTERIAL NOMINEES



Gale Cirocco

Gale is a Buffalo native and has been walking with the Lord for 30 years, was ordained in 2005, and is currently serving at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg as Pastor of Congregational Care and Prayer. She has been serving on staff at that church for 11 years and previously served for 9½ years at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, where she received the call to become a pastor. Before going into ministry she was an elementary teacher at Christian Central Academy. Gale has served the district previously on the Nominating Committee and also at Children’s Camp at various times through the years as a counselor and speaker. She is married to her husband Ron and they have 2 adult children. Gale is being nominated to be on the District Nominating Committee.



Dan Duda

Dan has been serving the Lord since early childhood when he was saved on the mission field where his parents served in Zambia. He returned there after college and 4 years in the USAF to serve as Field Engineer under Wesleyan World Missions for another eight years where he met and married Martha Gordon, the missionary children’s teacher. They were reassigned to church planting shortly after the wedding. After returning to the United States he began serving under Wesleyan Native American Ministries as a missionary pastor to the Cattaraugus Wesleyan Indian Chapel. Fifteen years later, in the summer of 2002, this church was turned over to the Western New York District, so he became part of this district, staying on as the missionary pastor. Dan was ordained in 1996 in the Wesleyan Native American District where he served as the District Director of World Missions and District Auditing Committee. He has taught a seminar at Houghton Family camp. Beginning in 2003, together with his wife, Martha, and others, he helped develop Marriage Encounter Wesleyan, Inc. (MEW) where they currently serve as the Clergy Presenting Couple and representatives of the Wesleyan Expression on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Interfaith Board. Since MEW’s inception, nearly 400 couples have experienced the Marriage Encounter Wesleyan Weekend. Dan & Martha have two grown daughters who were born in Zambia.



Bill Lawson

Bill came to the Western New York District in October 2010 and is currently the Senior Pastor at Fillmore Wesleyan Church. He was ordained in The Wesleyan Church in our district in September 2013. Before coming to New York, Bill pastored Willow Community Church in Lansing, Michigan for five years where he saw God bring healing and significant growth to a struggling congregation. He has also held the positions of Adult Education Pastor and Youth Pastor in his ministerial career that began in 1998 with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Bill grew up in a pastor's home and came to know Jesus as his Savior at a young age. Through the course of his life, Bill has developed a passion for people and a commitment to introducing them to the saving power of Christ.



Paul Palmer

Paul Palmer is the Pastor at the Oakland Wesleyan Church in Nunda. He has been serving there for 14 years, (2 Assistant Pastor & 12 Senior/Solo Pastor). He is married to his wife Rebekah and has 3 children, Jeremy (Danielle), Noah & Raychael and has 4 grandsons. Paul has served on the nominating committee for one term and has served as the Social Concerns Director for 2 years. Paul is now on the Livingston County Hospice Board (8 years) and is the Chaplin for the New York 52 Red Knights Motorcycle Club. Paul also drive school bus for Keshequa Central School (11 years).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – LAY NOMINEES



Tammy Dunmire

Tammy has been a follower of Christ since a child and served in full-time ministry with her husband for 12 years before moving to Houghton, NY. Tammy is a member of Houghton Wesleyan, where she leads a small group of teen girls. In the district she serves as the Event Coordinator. Currently, she is the Campus Challenge Director for Houghton College, and volunteers in the Ministry Resources Office. Tammy is married to Rev. Dr. Steve Dunmire, and they have 4 children.



Wendy Glendenning

Wendy resides in East Aurora with her husband, Todd, and their four children. She has attended Orchard Park Wesleyan since childhood and Todd is currently the Senior Pastor there. She works part-time with the elderly at Fox Run in Orchard Park and has hosted an international high-school student in their home for the past two years. Wendy enjoys reading, sports, camping, anything outside and getting to know people. Worship, God's Word and serving together with others are things she is thankful for and hopes to continue to grow in these areas.



Cathy Kelley

Cathy is a Covenant Member at Fillmore Wesleyan Church. She has served in various local church ministries as well as district positions during her 38 years attending Wesleyan churches in Western NY. Second only to being a passionate follower of Jesus Christ, is her joy in spending time with family: husband Brent, a culinary arts instructor at Alfred State; two adult sons and three grandchildren. In recent years she can often be found weekdays at Houghton College auditing classes and attending chapel with students. She

recently returned from her sixth trip to Haiti which included time at the Source Matelas Wesleyan Church where the district has sent five rebuilding teams since the January 2010 earthquake.



Katie Rose

Rose, Katie has been walking with Christ for 18 years. She is a Covenant Member of Hess Road Wesleyan Church where her husband, Rev. Matthew Rose serves as a staff pastor. Matthew is also the pastor of Lockport Wesleyan Church. Katie and Matthew currently have two daughters, Kenzie Marie (4) and Tierza Joy (3). She works at Eastern Niagara Hospital's new Surgery Center as a scheduler and supply tech. In the past Katie has served as youth director, junior high Sunday School teacher, Sunday School

Superintendent and she is currently the Communications Coordinator at Hess Road Wesleyan Church and co-director of the district's Refresh Retreat & Family Camp with Matthew.

GLOBAL PARTNERS DIRECTOR



Kim Gladden

Kimberly is currently on staff at Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church as the Small Groups Pastor and also serves as the lead Pastor of ZionQuest Christian Fellowship. A graduate of Florida A & M University (Business degree) and Colgate Rochester Divinity School (Master of Divinity degree) Rev. Gladden loves to see God's people transformed through spiritual growth opportunities and has a unique heart for missions. Having served as the former pastor of Global Missions at Eastern Hills, she has travelled to over 40 countries and has an affinity for the full spectrum of cultures and peoples God has

created. In addition to her current local preaching and teaching, she has lectured for the World Council of Churches (Geneva, Switzerland), All Africa Council of Churches (Nairobi, Kenya) and as an exchange scholar at the College of Arts and Science of Beijing Union University (China). Through her ongoing mission relationships she has been in partnership with churches in the Caribbean for over 17 years. Nominated for the position of District Director of Global Partners, she enthusiastically accepts the nomination. Previously serving on the Wesleyan Global Partners Advisory Committee and as delegate to the Wesleyan World Conference in Panama she is at home in the world of missions.

CHURCH MULTIPLICATION DIRECTOR

Christopher Baldwin (See page 1)



Mike Dwyer

Dwyer, Mike has served Christ for 15 years. He is an Ordained Minister in the Wesleyan Church and serves as Executive Pastor for Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church. He previously worked as an attorney and social service case worker. Mike has served his church as Men's Ministry Coordinator, adult Sunday School teacher, as a Children's Church host, usher, greeter, and as a delegate to District Conference. He has assisted in ministry at Grace Community in Buffalo, Faith Wesleyan in Cheektowaga and has served on the District Board of Administration and as Church Multiplication Director.