



Arkansas Conference Committees 2025

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE (elected quadrennially)

Conference Treasurer (¶619) Todd Burris (lay) tburris@arumc.org
Conference Statistician (¶603.7) Melissa Sanders (lay) msanders@arumc.org
Conference Secretary (¶603.7) LaToya Shepherd (clergy) lshepherd@arumc.org (2024)
Conference Chancellor (¶603.8) Michelle Ator (lay) mator@fridayfirm.com (2020)
Conference Lay Leader (¶607) Kathy Conley (lay) kathy.conley@arumc.org (2020)

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE 635

Claire Newbill (clergy), (479) 965-7130, claire.newbill@arumc.org (2022)
Sara Pair (clergy), (2018)
Bill Cato (clergy), (2019)
Alternates:
Jeff Hampton (clergy), (2023)
Angie Gage (clergy), (2023)
CE McAdoo (clergy), (2022)

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY (COMMISSION ON) 641.1 *Updated 6/9/25

Chairperson: Tom Rollie Mullins (clergy), (620) 768-9919, rollie.mullins@arumc.org (2024)
Central: Brenda Norwood Henson (lay), (2023)
Northeast:
Northwest: Kerri Bradford (lay)(2022)
South: Mary Jo Tucker (lay)(2024)
South: Barrie Hardin (lay)(2024)
UM Historical Society of Arkansas Chairperson: Bonda Moyer (clergy)
UM Museum of Arkansas Committee Chairperson: Chad Hornsby (clergy)(2024)
Michael McMurray (lay)(2023)
UM Museum of Arkansas Committee Member: Carl Miller (lay)
UM Historical Society of Arkansas Member: TBA
Conference Archivist: Ellen Bruce (lay)

CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRIES (CONFERENCE) (Non-Disciplinary) SR 402.3

Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries Coordinator: Julie Smith (lay), (870) 866-2202, smithfam@ccc-cable.net (2024)
Director of Connectional Ministries: Amy Ezell (lay)
Conference Director of Children's Ministries or representative: Lori Canada (lay)
Conference Director of Youth Ministries or representative: TBA
Conference Council on Youth Ministries Coordinator or designee: Zach Schrick (lay)
Conference Young Adult Ministries Chair: Lauren DeLano (clergy)
Campus Ministry Representatives: Virginia Brown, (clergy)
Campus Ministry Representative: Michelle Amos, (clergy)
Camp Tanako Director: Matthew Gwinner (lay)
Mount Eagle Retreat Center Director: Katelyn Hiatt (lay)
Shoal Creek Camp Representative: Renee Henson (lay)

CHANCELLORS (CONFERENCE) 602.10, 603.8 *Updated 6/16/25

Conference Chancellor: Michelle Ator (lay), (501) 376-2011, mator@fridayfirm.com
District Chancellors:
Central: Keith Coker
Northeast: Barrett Moore (lay)
Northwest: Dalton Person (lay)
South: Paul Keith (lay)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (COUNCIL ON) SR 402.2 *Updated 6/9/25

Coordinator: TBA
District Council Representatives:
Central: Crystal Taylor (lay)(2021)
Central: Stephanie Dunn (lay)(2022)
Central: Tamara Valley (clergy)(2021)
Northeast: Christi Crawford (lay)(2021)

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Northeast: Carissa Tarkington (clergy)(2020)
Northwest: Page Phillips (lay)(2020)
Northwest: Ashley McNeal (lay)(2021)
South: Shelly Burgess (lay)(2021)
South: Rochelle Gray (lay)(2025)

Advisors to Council:

New Children's Minister Mentor: Pam Lentz (lay)
Childcare Ministry Advocate: Kris Mickna (lay)(2021)
Camp Tanako Representative: Christie Park (lay)

CHURCH AND SOCIETY (CONFERENCE BOARD OF) 628

Chairperson: Betsy Singleton Snyder (clergy), (501) 664-3600, betsy.snyder@arumc.org (2022)

Central: Harold Hughes (lay)(2023)

Northeast: Kelly Giese (clergy)(2025)

Northwest: Brenda Gullett (lay)(2025)

South: Cindy Jackson (lay)(2022)

Peace with Justice Coordinator: TBA

Creation and Care Task Force: TBA

At-Large:

Randy Seale (clergy)(2024)

Toby Austin (clergy)(2024)

Conference UWF Representative:-TBA

Colleen Caldwell (lay)(2025)

Matt Daniels (clergy)(2025)

Mary Stewart (clergy)(2025)

COMMUNICATIONS (COMMISSION ON) 646

Chair: Rev. Sara Bayles Charlton (clergy), (501) 835-3410, sara.bayles@arumc.org (2019)

Central: James Sawyer (lay)(2025)

Northeast: Sarah Ellzey (clergy)(2023)

Northwest: Lori Krie, (lay)(2023)

South: Hannah Diffie (lay)(2025)

At-large:

Tracey Ritchey (lay)(2023)

Holly Hall (lay)(2025)

Corey Read (clergy)(2025)

Ex-officio:

Conference Director of Communication and Congregation Vitality: Amy Ezell (lay)

Local Church Liaison: Day Davis (lay)

DISABILITY CONCERNS (COMMITTEE ON) 653

Chair: Doni Martin (lay), (870) 926-2107, fredonimartin@gmail.com (2023)

Melissa Bowen (clergy)(2020)

Gretchen Diffie (lay)(2021)

Jeanne Williams (clergy)(2023)

Trinette Barnes (lay)(2021)

Shelley Lee (lay)(2021)

Sonya Murphy (lay)(2022)

Bettye Johnson (lay)(2022)

DISCIPLESHIP (BOARD OF) 629, 645

Chairperson: Bill Sardin (clergy), (870) 530-1299, bill.sardin@arumc.org (2018; 2021 chair)

Small Membership Church Coordinator: Diane Wright (lay)(2020)

At Large Representatives:

Bart Gray (lay)(2018)

Darnell Rice (clergy)(2023)

Jeanne Williams (clergy)(2023)

Zeke Allen (clergy)(2023)

Bill Waddell (lay)(2025)

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Cindy Henry (clergy)(2025)
Walt Garrett (clergy)(2025)
Caitin Spears (lay)(2025)
Extended Cabinet Rep. & DCM: Amy Ezel (lay)

EPISCOPACY (COMMITTEE ON) ¶636, 637

Lay member of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee: Karon Mann, (501) 681-2311, karon57@comcast.net (2012)

Clergy member of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee: Mark Norman (2016)

Conference Lay Leader: Kathy Conley (2020)

Conference Associate Lay Leader: Cathy Hall (2024)

Dean of Appointive Cabinet: Zach Roberts (clergy) (2025)

Laywomen:

Ann Averitt (2024)

Harrietta Lindsey (2025)

Laymen:

Michael Bynum (2023)

Robert McCallum (2025)

Clergy:

Pam Estes (2024)

Nathan Kilbourne (2024)

Todd-Paul Taulbee (2024)

At-large:

Sara Andrews (clergy) (2024)

Meredith Gadberry (lay)(2025)

Kay Brogdon (lay)(2025)

Bishop Appointees:

Caty Parker (lay)(2023)

Danita Waller-Paige (clergy)(2023)

Maybelline Strong (lay)(2025)

ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS COMMITTEE: 642

Chair: Michael Bolin (clergy), (501) 288-2169, michael.bolin.arumc.org (2022)

At-Large Members:

Kayte Chambers (clergy)(2025)

Miranda Hornsby (clergy)(2025)

Justin Ledbetter (clergy)(2025)

EQUITABLE COMPENSATION (COMMISSION ON) 624 *Updated 6/16/25

Chairperson: Ronnie Miller-Yow (clergy), (214) 288-0109, pastoryow@gmail.com (2024)

Central Clergy: Edna Hargraves(2024)

Central Lay: Carolyn Galbreath(2016)

Northeast Clergy: Jeremy Hopperm (479) 225-8142 Jeremy.hopper@arumc.org (2025)

Northeast Lay: Fred Martin (2024)

Northwest Clergy: Jana Green (2024)

Northwest Lay: Doug Stumbaugh (2024)

South Clergy: Andrew Orr (2023)

South Lay: Julie Smith (2022)

South Lay: David Beatty (2022)

Arkansas Representative to the National Board of Equitable Compensation: Danita Waller-Paige (clergy) (ELC Chair, 2024)

Chairperson Board of Ordained Ministry: Mark Norman (clergy)(2024)

Cabinet Representative: Zach Roberts (clergy)

Conference Administrative Office Assistant: Audrea Stephens (lay)(2024)

ETHNIC LOCAL CHURCH CONCERNS (COMMITTEE ON) 631

Chairperson: Danita Waller-Paige (clergy), (501) 612-0746, danita.paige@arumc.org (2024)

Central: Lonzell Blackmon (lay)(2024)

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Northeast: TBS
Northwest: Nathan Ramirez (lay)(2024)
South: Ellis Floyd (clergy)(2023)
Con. Comm. Religion & Race (ex-officio): Brenda Gullett (lay)
Conference Staff (ex-officio): Natasha Murray (clergy)

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRY (COMMITTEE ON): (SUBCOMMITTEE OF COMMITTEE ON ETHNIC AND LANGUAGE CONCERNS)
654

Chair: Dan Read (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma) (clergy), (816) 529-7863, dan.read@arumc.org (1)
ELC Committee Rep: TBA
Commission on Race and Religion Rep: Brenda Gullett (lay)
Northwest Rep: Billie Jean Buckler (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) (lay)(1)
Central Rep: Walt Garrett (clergy)(2023)
South: Rep: Billy Britt (Cherokee) (lay)(2)

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (COUNCIL ON) 611 to 618

President: Ken Pearson (clergy), (870) 837-4268, ken.pearson@arumc.org (2021; 2024 P)
Vice-president: Sandy Smith (lay)(2023; 2024 VP)
Secretary: David Hunt (lay)(2024; 2024 Sec)

Clergy:

Judy Hall (2024)
Jennie Williams (2024)
Jamie Alexander (2024)
Beth Waldrup (2024)
Michael Roberts (2024)
Tommy Halsell (2024)
Rashim Merriwether (2024)

Laity:

Terry Wynne (2024)
Phyllis Rogers (2024)
John Gibson (2024)
Larry Hatley (2020, ad-interim)
Joe Archer (2023)
Lali Palmer (2021 ad interim)

Ex-officio members of the Council (without vote) shall be:

Presiding Bishop: Laura Merrill (clergy)
Conference Treasurer: Todd Burris (lay)
Assistant to the Bishop: Judy Rudd (clergy)
Director of Connectional Ministries - Amy Ezell (lay)
Conference Coordinator on Stewardship: Bart Gray (lay)
Conference Financial Controller: Melissa Sanders (lay)
UMFA: J. Wayne Clark (clergy)

AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE 617.4

This committee will be determined by CFA

GLOBAL MINISTRIES (BOARD OF) 632 *Updated 6/9/25

Chairperson: Hammett Evans (clergy), (501) 944-9719, hammett.evans@arumc.org (2022)
Conference Secretary Global Ministries: Lindsey Russell (clergy)(2024)
Central District Secretary: Carolyn Schumacher (lay)(2024)
Northeast District Secretary: TBA
Northwest District Secretary: Paula Irwin (lay)(2024)
South District Secretary: Betty Claire Peacock (lay)(2024)
Conference UWIF Coordinator Mission Ed. & Interp.: Rosetta Dubose (lay)
General Board of Global Ministries: Kelly Murray-Norman (lay)
The Board designates the following:
Volunteer in Mission Coordinator: Roy Lee (lay)
Disaster Response Coordinator: Sheri Mathews (lay)
Missionary Personnel Coordinator: Brenda Norwood Henson (lay)
Hispanic Ministries Advocate: Lupita Chavarria-Garcia (clergy)

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Conference Advocate for the Poor: TBA
Earthkeeper: Angie Gage (clergy)(2023)
Abundant Health: Laurie Barber (lay)(2025)
At-Large rep: Heather Rose (clergy)
Parish and Community Development Coordinator: TBA
Conference Liaison and DCM: Amy Ezell (lay)

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY (BOARD OF) 633

Chairperson: Jana Green (clergy), (405) 613-8482, Jana.Green@arumc.org (2024)

District Reps:

Central: Courtney Teeter (lay)(2024)
Central: Chris Wright (clergy)(2020)
Northeast: Blake Schrepfer (lay)(2023)
Northeast: Jonathan Griesse (clergy)(2020)
Northwest: Abbey Maynard (clergy)(2024)
Northwest: Ember Davis (lay)(2024)
South: Tiffany Powell (lay)(2024)
South: Beth Waldrup (clergy)(2020)

Wesley Foundation Reps:

Arkansas State U: Samantha Black Menley (lay)
Arkansas Tech U: Richard Harmon (lay)
Henderson/OBU: Brent Black (lay)
Southern AR U: Ryan Bachuss (clergy)
U of A Wesley College Ministry, Fayetteville: Julie Thibodaux (lay)
U of A, Little Rock: Sara Bayles-Charlton (clergy)
U of A Fort Smith: Michael Mings (lay)
U of A, Monticello: Brad Elrod (clergy)
U of A, Pine Bluff: Bonita Hatley (lay)
U of Central Arkansas: Jan Davis (lay)
Hendrix College Rep: JP Lyon (lay)
Philander Smith University Rep: Robert Nichols (lay)
Lyon College Rep: Jerome Jolly (clergy)

Ex-Officio Campus Ministers:

Arkansas State Univ: Dennis Ellzey (clergy)
Arkansas Tech Univ: Corey Read (clergy)
Henderson State/OBU: Michelle Amos (clergy)
Southern AR Univ: Timothy Rushing (clergy)
U of A Wesley College Ministry-Fayetteville: Virginia Brown (clergy)
Univ. of A at Monticello: Kavan Dodson (clergy)
Univ. of A at Pine Bluff: Danita Waller-Paige (clergy)
Univ. of Central Arkansas: Amy Shores (lay)
Hendrix College: Ellen Alston (clergy)
Philander Smith: Ronnie Miller-Yow (clergy)

Ex-Officio:

Director of Age Level Discipleship: TBA
Director of Connectional Ministries: Amy Ezell
CORR/COSROW Representative: Bettye Johnson(lay)

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INCAPACITY 357, 652

Chairperson: Chosen by the BOM
Secretary and BOM Rep: Chosen by the BOM
Conference Board Pension and Health Benefits Rep: Roy Smith (clergy)
Cabinet Representative: Natasha Murray (clergy)
Conference Benefits Officer (ex-officio): Wendy Brunson Daniels (lay)

LAITY (BOARD OF) 630.3 *Updated 6/9/25

Chairperson: Kathy Conley, (870) 780-4191, kathy.conley@arumc.org (2020-2024)
Associate Chair: Cathy Hall (2024)
Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries: Teresa Bolin (2023)
Assoc. Conference Dir. of Lay Servant Ministries: Karen Anderson (2019-2020)
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Conference Asst. Director for Certified Lay Ministry: James “Jim” Silvi (lay)(2022-2026)

District Lay Leaders:

Central: Karen Henery (2025)

Assistant Lay Leaders: Nathan Fryer and James Sawyer (2025)

Northeast: David Malone (2023)

Northwest: Carole Baker (2022)

South: Becky Simmons (2023)

At-Large: Cathy Blackwood (lay)(2022)

At-Large: TBS

Cabinet Representative: Amy Ezell (lay)

LAY LEADER (CONFERENCE) 607.9

Conference Lay Leader: Kathy Conley (lay), (870) 780-4191, kathy.conley@arumc.org (2020-2024)

Associate Chair: Cathy Hall (lay)(2024)

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES (CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF) 630.6(d)

Director: Teresa Bolin (lay), (501) 837-4764, teresa.bolin@arumc.org (2023)

Associate Conference Director: Karen Anderson (lay)(2019-2020)

Conference Assistant Director for Certified Lay Ministry: James “Jim” Silvi (lay)(2022-2026)

Assistant to the Bishop: Judy Rudd (clergy)

Director of Connectional Ministries: Amy Ezell (lay)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CONFERENCE) SR301

Chair: Susan Ledbetter (clergy), (870) 805-0528, susan.ledbetter@arumc.org (2024)

District Reps:

Central Clergy: Hammett Evans (2021 ad interim)

Central Lay: Don Riffin (2025)

Northeast Clergy: George Odell (2024)

Northeast Lay: Evie Jones (2024)

Northwest Clergy: Steve Poarch(2018-2020)

Northwest Lay: Brenda Gullett

South Clergy: Matt Daniels (2025)

South Lay:

At-Large:

Harold Hughes (lay) (2025)

UC Washington (clergy)(2025)

Ex-officio with vote:

The Bishop: Laura Merrill (clergy)

Conference Lay Leader: Kathy Conley (lay)(2016-2020)

Conference Associate Lay Leader: Cathy Hall (2024)

President of CCYM: Sadie Ledbetter (lay)(2025)

Chairperson ELC Committee: Danita Waller-Paige (clergy)(2024)

Ex-officio without vote:

Assistant to the Bishop: Judy Rudd (clergy)

Director of Connectional Ministries: Amy Ezell (lay)

ORDAINED MINISTRY (BOARD OF) 634

Chair: Mark Norman (Elder), 501-303-0600, mark.norman@arumc.or (2024)

Vice-Chair: Brian Diffie (Elder) (2024)

Executive Registrar: Will Choate (Elder)(2016)

Class of 2016:

Will Choate (Elder)(2016)

Heather Clawitter (Elder)(2017)

Ben Crismon (Elder)(2016)

Keith Dodson (Elder)(2017)

Lynn Kilbourne (Elder)(2016)

Susan Ledbetter (Elder)(2016)

Edna Hargraves (Elder)(2025)

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David Moseley (Ret Elder)(2024)
Teresa Holt (Ret Deacon)(2016)
Samantha Meadors (Deacon)(2016)
Don Bacon (Lay)(2016)
Dawn Spragg (Deacon)(2025)
Betty Scull (Lay/Ret LP)(2024)

Class of 2020:

Mark Norman (Elder)(2021)
J.J. Galloway (Elder)(2020)
Rob Holifield (Elder)(2021)
Bryan Diffie (Elder)(2020)
Reggie Russell (Elder)(2022)
Yvonne Glien (Lay)(2025)
Terry Gosnell (Elder)(2024)
Dane Womack (Elder)(2024)
Jay Clark (LP)(2024)
Melissa Maskell (LP)(2024)
Paula Ihms (Lay)(2019)
Jo Stanfield (Lay)(ad interim 2021)
Sarah Argue (Lay)(2024)

Class of 2024:

Zeke Allen (Elder)(2027)
Chase Green (Elder)(2027)
Jacob Lynn (Elder)(2024)
Michael Roberts (Elder)(2024)
Michael Bolin (Elder)(2024)
Lauren DeLano (Elder)(2024)
Melanie Tubbs (Elder)(2024)
Blake Bradford (Elder)(2024)
Toby Austin (Assoc Member)(2024)
Linda Black (Lay)(2023)
Brenda Purifoy (Lay)(2023)
Bonnie Adcox (Lay)(2023)
Kevin Barrington (Lay)(2023)

Ex-Officio:

Cabinet Representative: Natasha Murray (Elder)
Cabinet Representative: Roy Beth Kelley (Elder)
Assistant to the Bishop: Judy Rudd (Elder)
Chair, Order of Elders: TBD
Chair, Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members: Peaches Smith (LP) (2024)
Chair, Order of Deacons: TBD
Chair, Ministerial Assessment(w/o vote): Patti Butler (Elder)(2023)
Dean of Course of Study: Michelle Morris (Elder)
Secretary/Treasurer: Nancy Meredith (lay w/o vote)

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION 2703

Chair (elected by the committee): Tony Griffin (clergy), (501) 230-9858, tony.griffin@arumc.org (2024)

Clergy:

Phil Hathcock (2017)
JJ Whitney (2022)
Tony Griffin (2019)
Barbara Douglas (2019)

Lay:

Brad Moore (2019)
John Crawford (2019)
Mary Lewis Dassinger (2019)

Alternate Members:

Clergy:

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Robin Moore (2023)
David Hoffman (2023)
David Fleming (2023)

Lay:

Donna Flenniken (2021)
Terry Gregiry (2025)
Betty Cook (2025)
Tracey Ritchey (2025)
Bart Gray (2025)

PENSIONS AND HEALTH BENEFITS (CONFERENCE BOARD OF) 638, 1501 to 1505

Chairperson: Roy Smith (clergy), (501) 350-0330, roy.smith@arumc.org (2024)

Clergy:

Ron Hayes (2023)
Corey Read (2024)
Todd-Paul Taulbee (2024)
Roy Smith (2022)

Laymen:

Greg Humphries (2022)
Dick Dodson (2023)
Baker Kurrus (2023)
Pat Kenady (2025)

Laywomen:

Ginny McMurray (2023)
Melissa Young (2025)
Shannon Bolin-Tate (2022)
Sylvia Borchert (2023)

Cabinet Representative: DeeDee Autry (clergy)

Conference Benefits Officer: Wendy Brunson Daniels (lay)

Conference Treasurer: Todd Burris (lay)

RELIGION AND RACE (CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON) 643

Chairperson: Bettye L. Johnson (lay) (501) 658-8168, bettyeljohnson@att.net (2025)

Central: Bettye L. Johnson (lay)(2025)

Northeast: Dr. Kelvey Matthews (clergy)(2024)

Northwest: Chelsea Hodge (lay)(2024)

South: Larry Hatley (lay)(2020)

At-Large: Brenda Norwood Henson (lay)(2025)

At-Large: David McCormack

Cabinet Representative: Natasha Murray (clergy)

REVIEW AND RESEARCH (COMMITTEE ON) (Non-Disciplinary) SR402.5

Chairperson: Terry Gosnell (clergy), (479) 422-8258, terry.gosnell@arumc.org (2024)

Central: Natalie Clark (lay)(2018-2020)

Northeast: Katie Pearce (clergy)(2024)

Northwest: Mark Cloninger (clergy)(2024)

South: Carol Mendenhall (lay)(2025)

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Conference Secretary: Latoya Shepherd (clergy), (479) 522-1481, conference.secretary@arumc.org

SAFE GATHERINGS COMMITTEE *Updated 6/16/25

Administrator: Alison Huskey, (lay), (501) 425-0447, alison.huskey@arumc.org

Age-Level Discipleship Coordinator: TBA

Ann Ferris (clergy)
Scott Russell (lay)
Doni Martin (lay)
Zach Schrick (lay)
Peaches Smith (clergy)

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Kris Mickna (lay)
Carole Baker (lay)

STATISTICIAN (CONFERENCE) 603.7 / THE CONFERENCE TREASURER 619

Conference Treasurer: Todd Burris (lay), (501) 324-8000, tburris@arumc.org
Statistician: Melissa Sanders (lay), (501) 324-8022, msanders@arumc.org

STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN (CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON) 644- *Updated 6/9/25

Chairperson: Sarah Argue (lay), (501) 681-4924, sarah.argue@gmail.com (2024)

Central: Jeanne Williams (clergy)(2024)

Northeast: Katie Pearce (clergy)(2024)

Northwest: Regena Fox Mason (clergy)(2021 ad interim)

South: Amanda Smith (clergy)(2024)

Representative from the UWF: Neva Johnson (lay)

Board of Laity: Kathy Conley (lay)

Representative from the General Commission: Mark Norman (clergy)

Cabinet Representative: DeeDee Autry (clergy)

Clergy: Patti Butler (clergy)(2025)

Laywoman: Bonita Hatley (lay)(2025)

Layman: Michael Robinson (lay)(2025)

TRUSTEES (CONFERENCE BOARD OF) 2512 to 2516 *Updated 6/9/25

Chairperson/President: Maxine Allen (clergy), (501) 539-0280, mallen@arumc.org (2024)

Vice-Chair: Stark Ligon (lay)(2024)

Class of 2026

Linda Powell (lay)(2023)

Maxine Allen (clergy)(2018)

Aaron Cochran (lay)(2024)

Class of 2027

Tom Baxley (lay)(2019)

Cindy Switzer (lay)(2019)

Emily Walter (lay)(2019)

Class of 2028

Sara Pair (clergy)(2024)

Charles Donaldson (lay)(2024)

Stark Ligon (lay)(2024) (Vice Chair/Vice President)

Class of 2029

Tandy Hanson (clergy)(2024)

Rev. Deidre Jo "Dede" Roberts (clergy)(2025)

LeAnne P. Burch (lay)(2025)

Ex-officio: Conference Treasurer: Todd Burris (lay)

Secretary: Audrea Stephens (lay)

Cabinet Representative: Roy Beth Kelley (clergy)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON) 650

Coordinator: Lauren DeLano (clergy)(2019-2024)

Central: Harper Purifoy (lay)(2021 ad interim)

Northeast: Michael Robinson (lay)(2022)

Northwest: Gracie Bloodworth (lay)(2024)

South: Andrew Orr (clergy)(2024)

YOUTH MINISTRIES (CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON) 649

Coordinator: Zach Schrick (lay), (501) 329-3801, zschrick@conwayfumc.org

Chair: Sadie Ledbetter (Asbury UMC, Little Rock), (lay)

Vice-Chair: Evie Jones (Beebe FUMC, (lay)

Secretary: TBA

Chaplain: Riley Pearson (Paragould FUMC) (lay)

YSF Chair: Courtney Laird, (Benton FUMC) (lay)

At Large Representative: Lucy Haynes, (Pulaski Heights UMC),(lay)

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH LEADERSHIP TEAM (CONFERENCE)

President: Maybelline Strong, (501) 993-7420, Maybellinestrong@att.net

Vice-President: Betty Cook

Secretary: Mary Williams

Treasurer: Betty Baxter

Committee on Nominations Chair: Jamie Bird

Communications Coordinator: Beth Cobb

Mission Coordinators:

Spiritual Growth: Brenda Gullett

Membership, Nurture and Outreach: Kim Barton

Education and Interpretation: Rosetta Dubose

Social Action: LaVerne Paige

Resource Coord/Lending Librarian: Gretchen Diffie

Committee on Nominations:

2025

Neva Johnson

Sue Haskins

2026

Robin Williams

Jo Webber

2027

Tina Marie Boyles

Judy Mattox

2028

LaDonna Busby

Jo Morrison

Central District President: Marleene Calvin

Northeast District President: Terry Gregory

Northwest District President: Lynn Baker

South District President: Kathy Seward

Dean, Arkansas Conference Mission U: Carolyn Schumacher

Mission U Assistant Dean: Sandra Parham Turner

Program Advisory Group UWF:: Cathy Blackwood; Paulina Webber

South Central Jurisdiction Leadership Team Nominations Committee: Shelley Lee

Extended Cabinet representative: Amy Ezell, (lay)

UNITED METHODIST MEN 648

President: Clay McCastlain (lay), (501) 868-5356, jclaymccastlain@gmail.com

Vice-President: TBA

Secretary: TBA

Treasurer: Todd Burris (lay)

District Representatives:

Central:

Northeast:

Northwest: Tom Clark (lay)

South: Tommy Peacock (lay)

Extended Cabinet representative: Amy Ezell, (lay)

BISHOP'S CONFERENCE SESSION PLANNING TASK GROUP (For information, No vote required) SR 402.4

Chairperson: Bishop Laura Merrill (clergy), (501) 324-8019, bishop.merrill@arumc.org

Vice-Chairperson: Judy Rudd (clergy)

Secretary: Danielle Adkisson (lay)

Worship Coordinator: Kathleen McMurray (clergy)

Director of Connectional Ministries: Amy Ezell (lay)

Conference Communications Specialist: Day Davis (lay)

Conference Treasurer: Todd Burris (lay), (501) 324-8004

Technical Director: Patrick Shownes (lay)

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Ronnie Miller-Yow (clergy)

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Cabinet Rep: Natasha Murray (clergy) (2025)

At-large:

LaToya Shepherd (clergy)(2025)

Betty Scull (lay)(2025)

Bettye Johnson (lay)(2025)

Charles Donaldson (lay)(2025)

Craig Williams (lay)(2025)

Darnell Rice (clergy)(2025)

Gretchen Simmons (lay)(2025)

Michael Smith (lay)(2025)

Trisha Manns (lay)(2025)

Yolanda Roby (lay)(2025)

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Central District Board of Church Location and Building

Virginia Porta, Lay 2026

Lascalles Lyn-Cook, Lay 2026

Clif Christopher, Clergy 2026

Tiffany Simmons Cooper, Lay 2027

Pat Kenady, Lay 2027

Sheila Jones, Clergy 2027

Maybelline Strong, Lay 2028

Bart Gray, Lay 2028

Norma Gillerson, Clergy 2028

Ex-Officio:

Natasha Murray, District Superintendent

Karen Henery, District Lay Leader

TBA, District Chancellor

Central District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Natasha Murray, District Superintendent

Linda Black, BOM representative

Karen Henery, District Lay Leader

James Sawyer, Associate District Lay Leader

Nathan Fryar, Associate District Lay Leader

Nathan Kilbourne, Clergy

Todd Vick, Clergy

Roy Smith, Clergy

Mary Jane Cole, Clergy

Sara Bayles, Clergy

Lana Gartner, Clergy

Linda Powell, Lay

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Jonnie Nix, Lay
Ginny McMurray, Lay
Brenda Norwood Henson, Lay
Rene Black, Lay
Reggie Russell, Clergy
Shelia Jones, Clergy
Melvin Moss, Clergy
Phil Hathcock, clergy
Garry Teeter, Clergy
Michelle Whitfield, Clergy
Claire Newbill, Clergy
Bill Sardin, Clergy
Voice (no vote): Melanie Churchill, Registrar

NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Northeast District Board of Church Location and Building

Jennifer Emery, Lay 2026
Charles Glover, Lay 2026
Dane Womack, Clergy 2026

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Kenneth May, Lay 2027
Jeremy Hopper, Clergy 2027
Crystal Jolly, Lay 2028
Van Parker, Lay 2028
Kelly Giese, Clergy 2028
Zach Roberts, District Superintendent
David Malone, District Lay Leader
Barrett Moore, District Chancellor

Northeast District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Zach Roberts, District Superintendent
Dane Womack, BOM Representative
David Malone, District Lay Leader
Sarah Ellzey, Clergy
Tandy Hanson, Clergy
John Fleming, Clergy
Jesse James, Clergy
Alicia Finch-McCastlain, Clergy
Kathy Conley, Lay
Teresa Bolin, Lay
Kay Brogdon, Lay
Debby Bodenhamer, Lay
Paul Bube, Lay
Tom Frase, Clergy
Jonathan Griesse, Clergy
Beth Perdue, Clergy
Dede Roberts, Clergy
Voice (no vote): LaDonna Busby, Registrar

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Northwest District Board of Church Location and Building

Cathy Blackwood, Lay 2026

Richard Hudson, Lay 2026

Judy Hall, Clergy 2026

Betsy Phillips, Lay 2027

Larry Weir, Lay 2027

Daniel Thueson, Clergy 2027

Sara Bechdoldt, Lay 2028

Dell Holt, Lay 2028

Alyssa Kuebler, Clergy 2028

Ex-Officio:

Roy Beth Kelley, District Superintendent

Carole Baker, District Lay Leader

Dalton Person, District Chancellor

Northwest District Committee on Ordained Ministry

Roy Beth Kelley, District Superintendent

Lauren Delano, BOM Representative, Clergy

Carole Baker, District Lay Leader

Steve Poarch, Clergy

Brenda Wideman, Clergy

Mark Cloninger, Clergy

Jennie Williams, Clergy

Florine Johnson, Lay

Liz Lusk, Lay

Cindy Marsh, Lay

Paula Ihms, Lay

Jayne Hunter, Lay

Karen Shank, Lay

Missy Kincaid, Lay

Jana Green, Clergy

Rob Holifield, Clergy

Cindy Bright, Clergy

Michael Mattox, Clergy

Brad Moore, Clergy

Blake Lasater, Clergy

Paul Seay, Clergy

SOUTH DISTRICT

South District Board of Church Location and Building

Janice Goldman, Lay 2026

Jim Rice, Lay 2026

Darnell Rice, Clergy 2026

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Betty Cook, Lay 2027
Larry Hatley, Lay 2027
Pam Estes, Clergy 2027
Deanna Gasnier, Lay 2028
Clay Sexton, Lay 2028
Aaron Miller, Clergy 2028

Ex-Officio:

DeeDee Autry, District Superintendent
Becky Simmons, District Lay Leader
Paul Keith, District Chancellor

South District Committee on Ordained Ministry

DeeDee Autry, District Superintendent
Toby Austin, BOM Representative, Clergy
Becky Simmons, District Lay Leader
Bryan Diffie, Clergy
Sara Pair, Clergy
Edna Morgan, Clergy
Sam Meaders, Clergy
Tim Rushing, Clergy
Kenny Lee, Clergy
Julie Smith, Lay
Ellen Horseman, Lay
Sandy Bobo, Lay
Mary Jo Tucker, Lay
Deanna McCormack, Clergy
Amanda Smith, Clergy
Matt Daniels, Clergy
Beth Waldrup, Clergy
Todd-Paul Taulbee, Clergy
Candace Barron, Clergy