



Prospective New Members of Board of Trustees—Clergy Positions

On behalf of the Hendrix College Board of Trustees, I submit to the Arkansas Annual Conference the following nominations for clergy trustees. All three have agreed to serve and have been approved by the Hendrix College Board of Trustees. Appointments begin upon approval of the Conference and continue for three years with the possibility of a second three-year term upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Nathan Kilbourne

Rev. Nathan Kilbourne is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Conway FUMC. Prior to coming to Conway First United Methodist Church in January of 2023, he served in other appointments in Arkansas including Jacksonville First UMC, Vilonia UMC, and Asbury UMC (Little Rock), Vilonia UMC. Overall, he's served 15 years in the United Methodist Church, and is excited to continue his work in ministry in Conway.

Prior to receiving his Masters in Divinity from Duke Divinity School (2009), he attended Emory and Henry College receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Psychology (Magna Cum Lade) in 2006.

Nathan also serves on the Board of Methodist Family Health. Nathan is married to Rev. Lynn Kilbourne, who is currently the Director of Development for the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas. They have two children, Eleanor (10) Lydia (4), who keep them busy.

Zach Roberts ('01)

Roberts is an 8th generation Arkansan and a graduate of Watson Chapel High School ('97), Hendrix College ('01), and Duke University ('04). He received his first appointment in the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2004 and was ordained an Elder in 2009. Roberts looks forward to starting his third year as superintendent over the Northeast District and is honored to serve as dean of the ARUMC cabinet. His wife Beth ('04) works for the National Association of Counties. Zach and Beth have two teenaged children, John and Lauren.

Jennie Williams

Rev. Jennie Williams is an ordained elder in the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, serving since 2016. She completed a Bachelor of Science in Accounting at Lipscomb University before enrolling in seminary and following a call to ministry. She is currently appointed to Central UMC in Fayetteville, where she has shepherded the congregation to renewed health and vitality. Before her ordination, Jennie served in youth ministry at Pulaski Heights UMC in Little Rock.

Beyond her local church ministry, Jennie has been actively involved in conference ministries, serving on the Conference Board of Higher Education and the Annual Conference Worship Committee. She currently sits on the Northwest District Committee of Ordained Ministry and the Arkansas Conference Finance Committee. She is passionate about the work and wellness of the UMC in Arkansas and around the world. Jennie is married to Brandon, and together they are raising their two children, Clarke and Ellis.