

# First UMC of Evanston Leadership

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Report from the Nominations & Leadership Development Committee

*Asterisk (\*) indicates to new to the committee*

*Two Asterisks (\*\*) indicates returning to the committee in new term*

## CHURCH GOVERNANCE

### CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair: Carol Barnett  
Vice Chair: Craig Chambers  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Grace Imathiu  
Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox

Class of 2025: Todd Bowen\*, Jessica Chadwick\*, Linda Federer\*

Class of 2024: Phil Carihfield, Steve Prout, Chris Webler\*

Class of 2023: Carol Barnett, Craig Chambers, Grant Bailey

## BOOK OF DISCIPLINE COMMITTEES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chair: Bill Brown  
Vice Chair: Elaine Moy Johnson\*  
Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox  
Investment Consultant: Geoff Renk  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Catherine Cerra\*, Martha Rudy\*, Cardelle Spangler

Class of 2024: Eric Alonso, Jim Hagedorn, Elaine Moy Johnson

Class of 2023: Bill Brown, Andrew Connor, Sandra Gordon

### *Trustee Subcommittees*

#### **Investment:**

Eric Alonso (chair), Phil Carihfield, Bob Hetzel, Geoff Renk, Karen Young

**Planned Giving:** TBD

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: George Asante

Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox  
Treasurer: Nancy Pendergrass  
SPRC: David Cerra  
Board of Trustees: Bill Brown  
Church Council Liaison: TBA  
Lay member to Annual Conference: Rebecca Smith

Finance Committee Members at Large:

Class of 2025: Melissa Appelt\*, *pending*, *pending*  
Class of 2024: Don Bender, Nancy Pendergrass, Bob Hetzel  
Class of 2023: George Asante, Robert Jackson, Christine Taylor

The Finance Committee's main purpose and highest priority is to ensure the short- and long-term financial viability of the Church, through oversight of the Church's financial policies and timely monitoring of the Church's current financial state. This work includes coordinating the preparation of the annual budget, monthly review of financial statements and the annual audit. Also the Committee has individual liaison relationships with the staff and committee leaders that is meant to enhance the knowledge and understanding of each of the ministry areas for the finance committee, increase communication between the Finance Committee and the ministry areas, and to provide business support to the ministry areas on fiscal related topics in their area as they carry out the work of the ministry and stewardship of the church.

## **NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Grace Imathiu, Senior Pastor  
Vice Chair: Lynelle Diener  
Staff Liaison: Mary Taylor-Johnson  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Cherie Asante,\* Pam Johnson\*, Julia Jackson\*  
Class of 2024: Jan Chapin, Don Baker\*, *pending*  
Class of 2023: Lynelle Diener, Steve Betzner, Nancy Pendergrass\*

The committee works to (1) identify and nurture the gifts and passions of the congregation; (2) on the basis of those gifts and passions, identify and recruit persons for various First Church leadership and other ministry roles; and (3) provide intentional leadership development opportunities for adults and youth.

## **STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: David Cerra  
Senior Pastor: Rev Grace Imathiu  
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Jack Hinz  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: David Cerra, Katie Brick\*, Abbey Ogunbola\*\*  
Class of 2024: Beth Swanick\*\*, Marion Clemens, Devon Thrush\*  
Class of 2023: Muriel Clair, Matt Peters, John Bausch

## **PROGRAMMATIC COMMITTEES AND INTEREST GROUPS**

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Chair: Henry Carrigan  
Staff Liaison: Colin McDonald  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Elizabeth Cummings\*, Greg Pool\*, James Watts\*  
Class of 2024: Henry Carrigan, Leah Holzwarth\*, Judy Freitag\*\*  
Class of 2023: Connie Gilman, *open*, *open*

The mission of the Adult Council is to provide opportunities to learn, reflect, and explore in a supportive community so that we can grow in our relationship with God and each other, and learn how to live out our faith in the world. Our goal is to offer a variety of formats and topics throughout the program year that support the strategic plan.

### **ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairs: Patty Baker & Cate Whitcomb  
Senior Pastor: Rev. Grace Imathiu

Members: Dexter Bailey, Marcia Epting, Bruce Greene, Jack Hinz, Michael Lindner, Janet Lutz, Laura Mills, Joann Rea, John Rea, Chris Webler

The Archives Committee organizes and maintains historic and recent church records and responds to requests for information.

### **CHILDREN'S COUNCIL**

Chair: Kate McCarthy  
Staff Liaison: Colin McDonald  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Jessica Radcliffe\*, Will Borders\*, **open**  
Class of 2024: Katy Clusen, Mary Hetzel, Dan Owens\*  
Class of 2023: Don Baker, Eleanor Nicholson, Kate McCarthy

The Children's Council acts as both a work committee and an advisory board to the Director of Children's Ministry. The Children's Council focuses on formulating, and supporting the vision of our various children's ministries. We consult with the Director of Children's Ministries in the planning the yearlong calendar. Under the umbrella of Children's Ministries are the following programs: Sunday School, Chapel, Connect 56, Nursery, Summer Camps (Creation Camp, VBS, Family Camp), Fellowship Groups (Jump and Club 123), Pageant, and holiday celebrations --i.e. advent, lent and Easter. We are currently working to help Brian write a children's music curriculum, looking for ways to engage children in worship, educating and connecting children to the adult ministry work at FUMC, and creating a children's lending library at church.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair: S.E. Brick  
Staff Liaison: Mary Taylor-Johnson  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: S.E. Brick, Wendy Istvanick\*  
Class of 2024: Karen Jordan Farr, Todd Kibbey, Lauren McDonald  
Class of 2023: Liz Blackwell, Henry Pleas, Andy Shotwell

To improve the tools and messages used to connect our congregation and the community to the First Church mission

### **CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE**

Chair: Susan Prout\*\*  
Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Joe Agne\*, Ed Webler\*, John Kerastas\*  
Class of 2024: Susan Prout\*\*, Kathy Ryan\*, Barbara Sittler\*  
Class of 2023: Bev Otey, **pending**

#### ***Congregational Care Subcommittees:***

***Greeting Card ministries:*** Glynis Doyle  
***Lay Visitor (Leaders):*** Janet Lutz  
***Meals Ministry:*** Caroline Wagner

**Memorial Receptions:** Susan Prout, Bob Roth  
**Advent Luncheon:** Stephanie Clemson  
**Flower Delivery:** Cate Whitcomb & Marsha Niazmand

### **FAITH FORMATION COUNCIL**

Chair: Emily McClintock  
Vice Chair: Jim Johnson  
Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Lee Rader, Tom Scott\*, *open*  
Class of 2024: George Bond, Andrew Schumacher, Ann Robbins  
Class of 2023: Jim Johnson, Liz Lithio, Emily McClintock

The FFC serves as a “covenant group” that focuses on implementing new groups based on feedback from congregation and keeping in mind our church’s goals and mission. We work with Pastor Grace Imathiu to support ongoing small groups, plan new groups, and assess their effectiveness.

### **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Co-Chair: Kristi Hubbard  
Co-Chair: *pending*

Staff Liaison: Ariel Alonso  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: *pending, open, open*  
Class of 2024: Laura Mills, Jeneane Pence, Rob Meyer\*  
Class of 2023: Kristi Hubbard, Bob Roth, *open*

### **MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Chair: Alli Henry\*  
Clergy: Rev. Britt Cox  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Class of 2025: Beth Tipton\*, *open, open*  
Class of 2024: Rich Hobson, Alli Henry, Lynn Forbing\*  
Class of 2023: Ann Weatherhead, Stephanie Clemson, Nancy Pendergrass\*

### ***M & O Subcommittees:***

<i>Adult Mission Trips</i>	TBD
<i>Alternative Christmas</i>	Stephanie Clemson
<i>Bundled Blessings Diaper Pantry</i>	Nancy Brown & Sue Hagedorn (co-chairs), Dexter Bailey, David D’Arcy, Tina Kalil*, Pam Kendall, Krys Juleen, Mike McGowan, Caroline Wagner
<i>Emergency Overnight Shelter</i>	Pending
<i>ESCCA</i>	TBD
<i>First Friday Lunches</i>	Rebecca Beiter
<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	Pending
<i>Sunday Lunches (Weekly):</i>	Deb Hays
<i>Change for Change</i>	TBD
<i>The Night Ministry</i>	Ann Weatherhead
<i>SNAPGap (Interfaith Action)</i>	Melissa Appelt
<i>Soup Kitchen</i>	David Karnes
<i>Star Tree</i>	Bev Otey
<i>Refugee Ministry</i>	Pam Kendall
<i>Walk for Warmth (Interfaith Action)</i>	Melissa Appelt and Ann Weatherhead

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Co-Chairs: Matt Moy Johnson and Bryan Wagner

Senior Pastor: Rev. Grace Imathiu

Executive Pastor: Rev. Britt Cox

Members: TBA

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMATIC COMMITTEES

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Chair: Mark Henry\*

Staff Liaison: Mary Taylor-Johnson

Church Council Liaison: TBA

Karen Bailey, Christian Farr, Elisa Lindstrom, Mark Henry, Cheryl Price

The Membership Committee works to think strategically about and develop strategies for inviting and welcoming visitors into the church; connecting and engaging both visitor and members to opportunities for “growing in our relationships with God and living our faith in the world”; encouraging discernment and participation in the Inquirers membership process, and strategies for promoting member retention.

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Chair: Tom Butler

Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu

Church Council Liaison: TBA

Mary Cauble, Laurie Lee Moses, Robert Harris, Tom Butler

Current focus on education and engagement at addressing racism

### **Earth Care Committee**

Chair: Eileen Chambers (through June 2023)

Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu

Phyllis Bird, Kathryn Calkins, Judith Campbell, Paula Scholl, *open to others*

### **Reconciling Ministry Task Force**

Chair: *open*

Staff Liaison: Grace Imathiu

Jessica Chadwick, Kathy Cheney-Egan, Terri Nelson, Beth Swanick, *open to others*

To support the community at First Church in their desire to be fully inclusive and welcoming.

### **YOUTH COUNCIL**

Chair: Jim Hagedorn

Staff Liaisons: Kelsey Morton, Cherie Asante

Youth Ministry Intern: Lambert Habonimana  
Youth Liaison: Sam Diener  
Church Council Liaison: TBA

Jessica Chadwick, Jim Hagedorn, Scott Nelson, Jackie Owens\*, Janet Simpson, Chris Williams, Debbie Zimmerman

Youth Council members serve as creative planners, vision keepers and advisors to the Youth Ministry of First Church including learning (classes), serving (mission trips and local service work) and connecting in community (engaging kids in this community).

### OTHER LEADERSHIP ROLES

#### **WORSHIP COMMISSION**

Chair: Dennis Damon Moore  
Staff: Rev. Grace Imathiu, Dr. Brian Schoettler

Members: Michael Bergmann, Cheryl Haack, Kali Jankovich, Abbey Ogunbola, Preston Price, Matt Rader, Cate Whitcomb

#### **LAY MEMBERS TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*Term ends July 2024*

Representing this congregation:

Grant Bailey  
S.E. Brick  
Phil Crihfield  
Elaine Moy Johnson  
Martha Rudy  
Rebecca Smith  
Jack Hinz (Alternate)  
Colin McDonald (Alternate)

#### **NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE, LAKE NORTH DISTRICT, AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP**

*Annual Conference Shepherding Team:* Rev. Britt Cox (Justice and Mercy Ministries Designate); Nancy Pendergrass

*Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries:* Ilsup Ahn, Katie Brick

*Board of Ordained Ministry:* Rev. Britt Cox

*Board of Outdoor & Retreat Ministries:* Grant Bailey

*Board of Pensions:* Beth Swanick

*Committee on Investigation:* Kathy Cheney-Egan, Anne Hampson



*Conference Committee on the Status & Role of Women:* Grant Bailey  
*Council on Finance and Administration:* Rebecca Smith  
*Nominations Committee:* Nancy Pendergrass  
*District Committee on Church Building and Location:* Martha Rudy, Jane Cheema  
*District Committee on Ministry:* Jane Cheema  
*District Committee on Superintendency:* Jane Cheema  
*Jurisdictional Conference Alternate:* Rev. Britt Cox  
*Jurisdictional Conference reserve delegate:* Nancy Pendergrass  
*Red Door Fund:* Martha Rudy  
*Residency Leadership Team:* Bonny Roth

## **TOTAL CHILD BOARD**

Total Child Director: Laura Carr  
Board Chair: Kyle Davis (church member, TC parent)  
Treasurer: Brian Starr (church member, TC parent)  
Staff Liaison: Colin McDonald

### Members at Large:

Nancy Ansorge (non church member, former TC teacher)  
Laura Brown (TC parent)  
Jennifer Federer (church member)  
Neha Chitnavis (TC parent)  
Deb Hays (church member)  
Lorraine Murphy (TC parent)  
Miles Shultz (church member, TC parent)

Advisory board for Total Child Preschool

### **Church Treasurer**

Nancy Pendergrass

### **Church Conference Recording Secretary**

Cheryl Haack

### **Interfaith Action of Evanston**

Ann Weatherhead  
Melissa Appelt, Board President

### **University Christian Ministry Board**

Katie Brick

**United Voices for Children - Child Advocate**  
John Cheney-Egan

8/12/22