

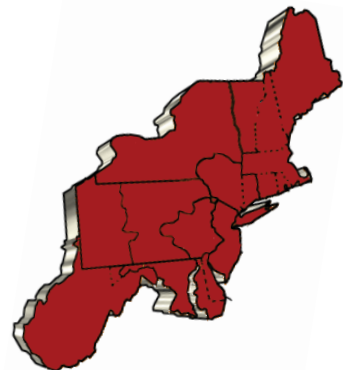
# Daily Christian Advocate

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## Nine candidates seek the episcopacy office

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Nine candidates have been endorsed by various annual conferences and caucus groups to fill two new bishop positions in the Northeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church. During a special session held virtually on October 15, delegates to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference voted to elect two bishops at this conference.

The endorsed candidates are a diverse group. Three women. Six men. Three Hispanics. One African-American. One Asian-American. Four White Americans. One general secretary. One pastor. Four district superintendents. Two educators. One director of connectional ministries.

The nine official candidates are (in alphabetical order): **Giovanni Arroyo**, endorsed by MARCHA; **Thomas L. Blackstone**, endorsed by New England Conference; **Hector Burgos Nunez**, endorsed by MARCHA; **Christian De La Rosa**, endorsed by MARCHA; **Wendy Deichmann**, endorsed Upper New York Conference; **Sang Won Doh**, endorsed by Greater New Jersey Conference; **Alyce Weaver Dunn**, endorsed by Western Pennsylvania Conference; **Andrew L. Foster III**, endorsed by BMCR; and **Robert F. Zilhaver**, endorsed by Western Pennsylvania Conference.

Arroyo currently serves as general secretary for the Commission on Religions and Race; Blackstone is the pastor at The UMC in East Greenwich, Rhode Island; Burgos is a district superintendent in Greater New Jersey Conference; De La Rosa is the associate dean for Students and Community Life at Boston University School of Theology; Deichmann is a faculty member at United Theological



**GIOVANNI  
ARROYO**



**THOMAS LADD  
BLACKSTONE**



**HECTOR  
BURGOS**



**CRISTIAN  
DE LA ROSA**



**WENDY  
DEICHMANN**



**SANG WON  
DOH**



**ALYCE WEAVER  
DUNN**



**ANDREW L.  
FOSTER**



**ROBERT  
ZILHAVER**

Seminary; Won Doh is a district superintendent in the Greater New Jersey Conference; Weaver Dunn is a director of connectional ministries in Western Pennsylvania Conference; Foster is a district superintendent in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; and Zilhaver is a district superintendent in Western Pennsylvania Conference.

Read abridged biographies on page ten or full bios at <https://www.nejumc.org/2022conference.html>.

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## Conference Agenda

### Monday, October 31, 2022

- 10:00 a.m. ....Registration opens  
Committee on Episcopacy  
College of Bishops
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. ....Heads of Delegations meet with Tom Salsgiver – Terrapin
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. ....Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. ....Worship
- 7:45 - 9:30 p.m. ....Interview groups organize

### Tuesday, November 1, 2022

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. ....Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. ....Interview Groups gather
- 8:45 - 11:45 a.m. ....Episcopal Candidates interviews
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. ....Lunch
- 1:25 - 5:20 p.m. ....Interviews continue
- 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. ....Dinner
- 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. ....Annual Conference Delegations gather

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. ....Breakfast
- 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. ....Memorial Service and Holy Communion
- 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. ....Break
- **10:30 - 11:50 a.m. ....Opening Plenary**
  - Welcome
  - Roll Call
  - Adoption of agenda
  - Adoption of Rules of Order and Plan of Organization (business of plenary sessions)
  - Report: Episcopacy Committee
  - Certify retirements
  - Certify number of Bishops to be elected
  - Ballot
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. ....Lunch
- 1:45 - 2:00 p.m. ....Gathering Music
- **2:00 p.m. ....Plenary**
  - Report of Ballot
  - Ballot (Ballots will be taken throughout the plenaries until the certified number of Bishops are elected)
  - Adoption of Rules
  - Report: Committee on Finance and Administration
  - Presentation of the Proposed Budget
- 3:00 p.m. ....Recess
- 3:15 p.m. ....State of the NEJ – Episcopal Address
  - Resolutions
- 5:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. ....Dinner
- 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. ....Gathering Music
- **7:00 - 7:30 p.m. ....Plenary**
  - Election of Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer
  - Election of Secretary & Assistant Secretary
  - .....Report: Monitors
    - GCORR – Rev. Enger Muteteke
    - GCOSROW – Rev. Mike Conner
- 7:30 p.m. ....Retirement Celebration
  - Reception for retiring Bishops
- 9:30 p.m. ....Annual Conference Delegations gather

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. ....Breakfast
- 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. ....Worship
- 8:45 - 10:00 a.m. ....**Plenary**
  - Daily Report: Sessions Committee /  
(Journal, Credentials, Courtesies)
  - Report: Treasurer
  - Resolutions
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. ....Recess
- 10:15 - 11:55 a.m. ....**Plenary**
  - Call to Action
  - Adoption of NEJ Budget
  - Resolutions
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. ....Lunch
- 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. ....Gathering Music
- 1:45 - 4:10 p.m. ....**Plenary**
  - Report: Disciplinary Committees
  - Resolutions
- 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. ....Organization Discipline mandated committees
- 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. ....Dinner
- 6:45 - 7:00 p.m. ....Gathering Music
- 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. ....**Plenary**
  - Continued business
  - Announcement of Jurisdictional Conference 2024
  - Report: Monitors
    - GCOSROW – Mike Conner
    - GCORR – Enger Muteteke

**Friday, November 4, 2022**

- 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. ....Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. ....**Plenary**
  - Report: Sessions Committees
  - Final Business
  - Report: Committee on Episcopacy
  - Assignments to Episcopal Areas
  - Assignments of Bishops to Episcopal Areas
- 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. ....Conferences meet Bishops
- 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ....Consecration of Bishops

# Updated Listing of 179 Delegates and Reserves Alphabetically

Voting Delegates: 155

Reserves: 24

Red: Reserves

As of 10-30-2022

01	UNY	Acevedo, Melysa	45	EPA	Fisher, Elizabeth
02	EPA	Adams, Kristine	46	NY	Fleck, Paul
03	UNY	Allen, William	47	PD	Ford, Jacqueline
04	SUS	Amara, Paul	48	BW	Ford, Sarah
05	GNJ	Amey, Bethany	49	BW	Frazier, Malcolm
06	BW	Arroyo, Giovanni	50	NY	French-Goffe, Tiffany
07	NE	Awa , Uchenna	51	UNY	Fuller, Dan
08	WPA	Bain, Randell	52	WV	Fulton, Rachel
09	UNY	Barczykowski, Linda	53	BW	Gaines-Cirelli, Ginger
10	PD	Bennett, David	54	NE	Girrell, Rebecca
11	GNJ	Bennett, Tanya	55	UNY	Giso, Rachel
12	UNY	Bogue-Trost , Dona Michelle	56	WV	Godwin, Lauren
13	EPA	Bonner, Hannah	57	NE	Goodrich, Leigh
14	NE	Bonnette-Kim, Amanda	58	PD	Gordy-Stith, Vicki
15	NE	Bonnette-Kim, Sandra	59	EPA	Grimm McCoy, Susan
16	NE	Bragan, Roberta	60	EPA	Guepet, Monica
17	SUS	Brennecke, Craig	61	SUS	Hamill, Raymond
18	NY	Brewington, Frederick	62	WPA	Han, Duk Hee
19	GNJ	Burgos, Hector	63	WV	Hill, Joseph
20	UNY	Cady, Stephen	64	SUS	Hoekstra, Kaytlynn
21	GNJ	Caldwell, Dale	65	WPA	Hoffman, Alexander
22	NE	Calhoun, David	66	WPA	Hoffman, Richard
23	EPA	Cameron, Edward	67	SUS	Holland, Rebecca
24	NY	Chin, Noel	68	NE	Holston , Claire
25	GNJ	Cho, Jennifer	69	BW	Hunt, Anthony
26	WPA	Chung, Sung	70	EPA	Hynicka, Robin
27	BW	Colbert, Daniel	71	EPA	Johnson Gauld, Krystl
28	BW	Cole-Wilson, Stacey	72	PD	Jones, Karen
29	BW	Collins, Tracy	73	BW	Jones, Nathan
30	GNJ	Corbett, Kaleigh	74	GNJ	Jules , Moselle
31	GNJ	Costello, Robert	75	WV	Kenaston, Joseph
32	NY	Craig , Ann	76	WV	Kenaston, Judith
33	BW	Daniels, Joe	77	NY	Kim, Chongho (James)
34	NE	De La Rosa , Cristian	78	SUS	Kind, Kathleen
35	WPA	Dinger , Brett	79	EPA	Koch, David
36	EPA	Dodla, Johnson	80	EPA	Krall, Clarita
37	GNJ	Doh, Sangwom	81	BW	Kraus, Heather
38	NY	Douglas-Boykin, Gail	82	EPA	Kurien, Christopher
39	UNY	Dupont, Rachel	83	UNY	Laird, Rebecca
40	GNJ	Dyson, Drew	84	SUS	Lake, Matthew
41	GNJ	Ehlers, Jane	85	GNJ	Lank, Thomas
42	EPA	Ehninger, Judith	86	BW	Latona, Christie
43	WV	Estep, Michael	87	BW	Lauber, Melissa
44	WPA	Fehl, Katherine	88	EPA	Lebo, Dan



89	SUS	Leight, Williams	141	BW	Schlieckert, Sarah
90	BW	Link, Conrad	142	WPA	Seth, John
91	NY	Littlejohn, Roena	143	WV	Shaffer, Richard
92	NY	Lockward, Jorge	144	WV	Shanholtzer, Amy
93	WPA	Lord, Janet	145	NY	Smartt (Sears), Denise
94	SUS	Loyer, Kenneth	146	UNY	Smith, Samuel
95	SUS	Loyer, Milton	147	UNY	Sperry, Andrew
96	SUS	Mackey , Jason	148	NE	Spicer, Noah
97	NE	Marden, Bonnie	149	WPA	Stahlman, Vicki
98	SUS	McDermott, Christine	150	WPA	Stains, Joseph
99	WPA	McIlwain , Keith	151	WPA	Stone, Denise
100	WPA	Meekins, William	152	UNY	Sweet, Marthaly
101	WPA	Merrick, Tracy	153	UNY	Sweet, Rebekah
102	WPA	Mikell, Renee	154	UNY	Swords-Horrell, Martha
103	EPA	Miller, Mandy	155	NY	Tavarez, Daisy
104	BW	Mills, Ianther	156	BW	Taylor, Cynthia
105	BW	Milton, Sharon	157	WV	Taylor, Jeffrey
106	BW	Moore, Charles	158	EPA	Taylor-Storm, Dawn
107	SUS	Morris, Richard	159	EPA	Thompson, Lenora
108	UNY	Mudge, William	160	UNY	Urriola, Ian
109	EPA	Munoz, Lydia	161	GNJ	Vega Perez, Eunice
110	PD	Nichols, Regina	162	UNY	Vianese, Carmen
111	BW	Norvell, Laura	163	WPA	Ward, Peggy
112	NY	Nunes , Marjorie	164	UNY	Warren, Jeffery
113	NE	Oduor , Ralph	165	SUS	Waybright, Jacob
114	GNJ	Olson, Harriet	166	WPA	Weaver Dunn, Alyce
115	SUS	Oplinger, Toni	167	SUS	Weaver, Gary
116	BW	Oskvig, Bryant	168	PD	Westbrook, William
117	BW	Ow, Ken	169	PD	Weston, Megan
118	WPA	Park, Eric	170	UNY	Wheat, Harold
119	BW	Park, J.W.	171	PD	Whitney, Jonathan
120	WPA	Patrick, William	172	WV	Wilkerson, Kristi
121	BW	Pembamoto, Lutebula	173	GNJ	Williams, Catherine
122	GNJ	Pendleton, Carolyn	174	NE	Williams, Jay
123	GNJ	Pogue, Creed	175	GNJ	Williams, William
124	NE	Pridgen-Randolph, Charlotte	176	SUS	Wong, Rachel
125	NY	Prudente, Karen	177	GNJ	Wren-Hardin, Andrea
126	GNJ	Quigg, Stephen	178	BW	Yates, Leo
127	BW	Quinn, Mittie	179	WPA	Zilhaver, Robert
128	WV	Raines, Judy			
129	NY	Reimer , Katie			
130	SUS	Reisinger, Mark			
131	BW	Reynolds, Kirkland			
132	NY	Riss, Timothy			
133	BW	Rivera, Edgardo			
134	NE	Rodriguez, Ana Maria			
135	UNY	Rosa-Laguer, Carlos			
136	BW	Rudolph, Melissa			
137	WPA	Saffell, Laura			
138	SUS	Salsgiver, Thomas			
139	PD	Samans, Carl			
140	BW	Schlieckert, Chris			

## YOUTH

NE	Fisher, Calvin (youth)
WV	Lamb, Hannah (youth)
BW	Putney, TJ (youth)
SUS	Raser, Alex (youth)
NE	Schad, Galen (youth)
BW	Tharps, Jaelyn (youth)

# Updated Listing of 179 Delegates and Reserves by Conference

## Baltimore- Washington

Arroyo, Giovanni  
Colbert, Daniel  
Cole-Wilson, Stacey  
Collins, Tracy  
Daniels, Joe  
Ford, Sarah  
**Frazier, Malcolm**  
Gaines-Cirelli, Ginger  
Hunt, Anthony  
Jones, Nathan

**Kraus, Heather**  
Latona, Christie  
Lauber, Melissa  
Link, Conrad  
Mills, Ianther  
Milton, Sharon  
Moore, Charles  
**Norvell, Laura**  
Oskvig, Bryant  
Ow, Ken

Park, J.W.  
**Pembamoto, Lutebula**  
Quinn, Mittie  
Reynolds, Kirkland  
**Rivera, Edgardo**  
**Rudolph, Melissa**  
Schlieckert, Chris  
Schlieckert, Sarah  
Taylor, Cynthia  
Yates, Leo

## Eastern Pennsylvania

Adams, Kristine  
Bonner, Hannah  
Cameron, Edward  
Dodla, Johnson  
Ehninger, Judith  
Fisher, Elizabeth

Grimm McCoy, Susan  
**Guepet, Monica**  
Hynicka, Robin  
Johnson Gauld, Krystl  
Koch, David  
Krall, Clarita

Kurien, Christopher  
Lebo, Dan  
**Miller, Mandy**  
Munoz, Lydia  
Taylor-Storm, Dawn  
Thompson, Lenora

## Greater New Jersey

Amey, Bethany  
**Bennett, Tanya**  
Burgos, Hector  
Caldwell, Dale  
Cho, Jennifer  
Corbett, Kaleigh  
**Costello, Robert**

**Doh, Sangwom**  
Dyson, Drew  
Ehlers, Jane  
Jules, Moselle  
Lank, Thomas  
Olson, Harriet  
Pendleton, Carolyn

Pogue, Creed  
Quigg, Stephen  
Vega Perez, Eunice  
Williams, Catherine  
Williams, William  
**Wren-Hardin, Andrea**

## New England

**Awa, Uchenna**  
Bonnette-Kim, Amanda  
Bonnette-Kim, Sandra  
**Bragan, Roberta**  
Calhoun, David  
**De La Rosa, Cristian**

Girrell, Rebecca  
Goodrich, Leigh  
Holston, Claire  
Marden, Bonnie  
Oduor, Ralph  
**Pridgen-Randolph, Charlotte**

Rodriguez, Ana Maria  
Spicer, Noah  
Williams, Jay

## New York

Brewington, Frederick  
Chin, Noel  
Craig, Ann  
Douglas-Boykin, Gail  
Fleck, Paul  
French-Goffe, Tiffany

Kim, Chongho (James)  
**Littlejohn, Roena**  
Lockward, Jorge  
Nunes, Marjorie  
Prudente, Karen  
**Reimer, Katie**

Riss, Timothy  
Smartt (Sears), Denise  
**Tavarez, Daisy**

## Peninsula-Delaware

Bennett, David  
Ford, Jacqueline  
Gordy-Stith, Vicki

Jones, Karen  
Nichols, Regina  
Samans, Carl

Westbrook, William  
Weston, Megan  
Whitney, Jonathan

## Susquehanna

Amara, Paul  
Brennecke, Craig  
Hamill, Raymond  
Hoekstra, Kaytlynn  
Holland, Rebecca  
Kind, Kathleen  
Lake, Matthew

Leight, Williams  
Loyer, Kenneth  
Loyer, Milton  
Mackey, Jason  
McDermott, Christine  
Morris, Richard  
Oplinger, Toni

Reisinger, Mark  
Salsgiver, Thomas  
Waybright, Jacob  
Weaver, Gary  
Wong, Rachel

## Upper New York

Acevedo, Melysa  
Allen, William  
Barczykowski, Linda  
Bogue-Trost, Dona Michelle  
Cady, Stephen  
Dupont, Rachel  
Fuller, Dan

Giso, Rachel  
Laird, Rebecca  
Mudge, William  
Rosa-Laguer, Carlos  
Smith, Samuel  
Sperry, Andrew  
Sweet, Marthelyn

Sweet, Rebekah  
Swords-Horrell, Martha  
Urriola, Ian  
Vianese, Carmen  
Warren, Jeffery  
Wheat, Harold

## Western Pennsylvania

Bain, Randell  
Chung, Sung  
Denardo, Nancy  
Dinger, Brett  
Fehl, Katherine  
Han, Duk Hee  
Hoffman, Alexander  
Hoffman, Richard

Lord, Janet  
McIlwain, Keith  
Meekins, William  
Merrick, Tracy  
Mikell, Renee  
Park, Eric  
Patrick, William  
Saffell, Laura

Seth, John  
Stahlman, Vicki  
Stains, Joseph  
Stone, Denise  
Ward, Peggy  
Weaver Dunn, Alyce  
Zilhaver, Robert

## West Virginia

Estep, Michael  
Fulton, Rachel  
Godwin, Lauren  
Hill, Joseph

Kenaston, Joseph  
Kenaston, Judith  
Raines, Judy  
Shaffer, Richard

Shanholtzer, Amy  
Taylor, Jeffrey  
Wilkerson, Kristi

## Youth Representatives

BW- Jaelyn Tharps  
BW- TJ Putney  
NE- Galen Schad

NY- Perjah Delgado  
SUS- Alex Raser

WV - Hannah Lamb  
NE- Calvin Fisher



## Interview number and location: Monday evening and Tuesday

Group 1: Terappin 1

Group 4: Charles Carrol

Group 7: Jim Hensen

Group 2: Terappin 2

Group 5: Francis Scott Key

Group 8: Top of the 7s

Group 3: Terappin 3

Group 6: Wayne County

Group 9: Salon E

## Delegation Gatherings

**Tuesday evening (7:15-9:00 p.m.) ; Wednesday evening (9:30 p.m.)**

Baltimore Washington: Terappin 1

New York: Francis Scott Key

Upper New York: Top of the 7s

Eastern PA: Terappin 2

Peninsula Delaware: Lobby Bar  
Seating Area

Western PA: Wayne Curry

New England: Terappin 3

Susquehanna: Jim Hensen

West Virginia: Prefunction A

Greater New Jersey: Charles Carrol

## Interview Schedule of Episcopal Candidates- NEJC 2022

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Start Time	End Time	Group 1 Meeting in TERRAPIN 1	Group 2 Meeting in TERRAPIN 2	Group 3 Meeting in TERRAPIN 3	Group 4 Meeting in CHARLES CARROL	Group 5 Meeting in FRANCIS SCOTT KEY	Group 6 Meeting in WAYNE COUNTY	Group 7 Meeting in JIM HENSON	Group 8 Meeting in TOP OF THE 7'S	Group 9 Meeting in SALON E
8:30	8:45	Groups will meet privately before the start of Episcopal Candidates Interviews								
8:45	9:25	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver
9:30	10:10	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo
10:15	10:20	BREAK								
10:20	11:00	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone
11:05	11:45	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos
11:45	1:15	LUNCH								
1:25	2:05	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa
2:10	2:50	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann
2:55	3:10	BREAK								
3:10	3:50	Foster	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh
3:55	4:35	Weaver Dunn	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster
4:40	5:20	Zilhaver	Arroyo	Blackstone	Burgos	De La Rosa	Deichmann	Won Doh	Foster	Weaver Dunn
5:20	7:30	DINNER								
7:30	9:30	AC DELEGATIONS GATHERINGS								

### NUMBERING OF EPISCOPAL CANDIDATES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

1. Giovanni Arroyo	MARCHA	4. Cristian De La Rosa	MARCHA	7. Andrew L. Foster, III	BMCR
2. Thom Blackstone	NEW ENGLAND	5. Wendy Deichmann	UPPER NEW YORK	8. Alyce Weaver Dunn	WESTERN PA
3. Hector Burgos	MARCHA	6. Sang Won Doh	GREATER NEW JERSEY	9. Robert Zilhaver	WESTERN PA

# Episcopal Candidate Biographies

## NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE

### EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022



#### GENERAL INFORMATION

<i>Name</i>	Rev. Dr. Giovanni Arroyo
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Baltimore-Washington
<i>Nominated by</i>	MARCHA
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	24

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

<i>List all appointments</i>	2010-Present The General Commission on Religion and Race (General Secretary (8/2021); Assistant General Secretary (AGS): Advocacy and Monitoring, AGS: Program Ministries & Grant Administrator; 2016-2018; Salem-Baltimore Hispanic Interim Pastor; 2011-2015 Frederick Hispanic Latino Ministries; 2004-2010 Baltimore Hispanic Ministries; 2004-2010 Salem United Methodist Church; 2001-2004 El Camino UMC – Norwalk, CT.
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#### What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?

- I am gifted in rooting myself in diverse ministry contexts, learning, seeing the various perspectives, and maximizing their strengths. I come with a heart to love God and neighbor by ensuring that we are a church that speaks truth and love and lives it out in their action. The NEJ needs to expand our binary mindset towards a faithful multicultural ministry that goes beyond race/ethnicity and acknowledges and honors our diverse identities. It is time for self-determination among communities of color so they can experience relevant and contextual ministry. I will bring an anti-racist and intercultural competent lens to our work throughout the jurisdiction. I will continue the work of dismantling systems, policies, and practices that have excluded my LGBTQIA++ siblings and me.

**NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION  
EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE**

**EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	Rev. Thomas Ladd Blackstone, Ph.D.
<i>Conference Membership</i>	New England Annual Conference
<i>Nominated by</i>	New England Annual Conference
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	10 (Mandatory Retirement on 8/31/2032)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	<p>1986 Appointed to Attend School (Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.) (86-87); Emory University (Ph.D.) (1987-1991)). Student Parishes: Princeton UMC, Princeton, New Jersey; Avondale Pattillo UMC, Decatur, Georgia</p> <p>1991 First UMC Boothbay Harbor and East Boothbay UMC, East Boothbay, Maine.</p> <p>1993 John Street UMC, Camden, Maine</p> <p>1998 Grant Memorial UMC, Presque Isle, Maine</p> <p>2006 Green Street UMC, Augusta, Maine</p> <p>2014 Pleasant Street UMC, Waterville, Maine</p> <p>2021 The UMC in East Greenwich, East Greenwich, Rhode Island</p>
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- I am a caregiver to God's children in the church. As a bishop, I would be called to empower the church by the telling of narratives that reveal the Gospel, allowing our churches and leaders to see ourselves through God's eyes. During my possible decade of active episcopal service I would prioritize (1) completing the separation of the church in an efficient, compassionate, and loving manner; (2) repenting of the harm we have done to the marginalized and excluded, articulating our core values and commitments to a radically inclusive ministry patterned on the life and ministry of Jesus, and (3) Creating and fostering a transforming spiritual encounter with God at the center of every United Methodist's life and community. (E.g., Art, Fellowship, Covenant Groups, Bible Study, Contemplative or Intercessory Prayer, Meditation, etc.), not allowing the institutional tail to wag the spiritual dog.

**NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION  
EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE**

**EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	<b>Héctor A. Burgos Núñez</b>
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Greater New Jersey (GNJ)
<i>Nominated by</i>	MARCHA – National Hispanic Caucus, NEJ and National   BMCR, GNJ Chapter
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	20 years

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	<i>District Superintendent (DS), Central District, GNJ (present)   Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM), GNJ (2015-19)   Interim Executive Director, NextGen Ministries, GNJ (2016-18)   Director of Worship &amp; Urban Ministries, GNJ (2014-15)   Lead Pastor, Oasis UMC, Pleasantville NJ (2009-14)   Associate Pastor, FUMC, Tuckerton NJ (2005-09)   Assistant Pastor, West Creek UMC, NJ (2004-05)</i>
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- In my journey as a follower of Christ, I nurture the spiritual gifts of knowledge, wisdom, compassion, shepherding, teaching, administration, and leadership. In conversation with people about my calling to serve in the episcopacy, I have learned they value specific gifts and graces they see in me, including a deep love for Christ and God's people and a passion for sharing Christ with others. Inspiring preaching and teaching. Vision and an integrated ability to think big- picture and work strategically on details to move the vision forward. They mentioned experiencing me as a good communicator and a courageous, prophetic voice. Also, they said I create community, collaboration, and confidence in the leaders around me that unleashes creativity, innovation, and positive results. People also noted my good sense of humor, down-to-earth attitude, and grace to carry these gifts with humility. My priorities as an episcopal leader will include being a pastor who leads the church to continually grow in knowledge, experience, and outward expressions of the love of Christ. I also envision strategically organizing, overseeing, and evaluating the overall ministry of the church to ensure the church is recruiting and deploying a new generation of effective clergy and laity leaders, equipping leaders and congregations for transformational ministry, being a good steward of the resources entrusted to us by God to fulfill the mission; and promoting unity that embodies the radical and all-inclusive grace of Christ.

**NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION  
EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE**

**EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	Cristian De La Rosa
<i>Conference Membership</i>	New England Annual Conference
<i>Nominated by</i>	<b>ACLAMEN</b> (National Association of Latina Clergy women) <b>MARCHA</b> (National Hispanic Caucus)
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	I will be able to serve two terms (8-10 years) – God willing.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	<p><b>2011 to Now Boston University School of Theology</b> Associate Dean for Students and Community life</p> <p><b>2020 to Now – Pastor</b> for First Community UMC in Medford, MA (part time) <b>2004 -2011 Appointed to study</b> – Ph D Program at Chicago Theological Seminary. <b>2002-2004 Senior Pastor</b> Calvary UMC in Dallas, Texas.</p> <p><b>1999-2002 Director of Continuing Education and Ministerial Course of Study</b> at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Evanston, IL</p> <p><b>1997-1999 Senior Pastor</b>, Calvary UMC in Lincoln, NE.</p> <p><b>1992-1997 Senior Pastor</b> of Calvary UMC in Washington DC and Executive Director for Casa Del Pueblo Community Ministry</p> <p><b>1990-1992 Associate Pastor</b> at Linthicum UMC in Linthicum, MD.</p> <p><b>1986-1990. Office Manager/Seminar Designer</b> for GBCS of the UMC</p>
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- My experience in ministry and organizing where I internationally facilitate bridging of the church, the academy, and the community through cooperative initiatives with an emphasis on decolonizing processes. A commitment to justice making through the identifications of places and spaces for making visible and including those that have been made invisible as well as the epistemological retrieval from diverse cultural traditions, particularly those of indigenous peoples of the Americas. My unique social location as a Latina clergy woman with experience at every level of our denomination.



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**EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	Wendy J. Deichmann
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Upper New York Conference
<i>Nominated by</i>	Upper New York Conference
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	Up to 8

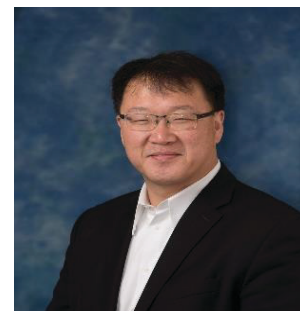
**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	2001-Current: Faculty, United Theological Seminary 2007-2015: President, United Theological Seminary 2005-2007: Academic Dean, United Theological Seminary 2001-2005: Faculty, United Theological Seminary 1994-2001: Faculty, United Theological Seminary and Ashland Theological Seminary 1990-1993: Pastor, UMC of Orchard Park, NY 1987-1989: Faculty, Colgate Rochester Divinity School 1984-1987: Student, Drew Graduate School (1984 Probationary Member; 1989 Full Member)
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- I would begin with what are perhaps my most evident gifts: faith, prayer, teaching. I would lead in the direction of modeling and building strong foundations of faith and prayer within the body to foster unity and renewal within the life of the church. Prayer is first because it always means that we are already responding faithfully to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. The gift of teaching comes into the picture because our Scriptures, our history, and even the Book of Discipline are full of necessary and inspirational resources for teaching that can generate unity and fuel renewal of the church.

Evangelism. The religion of Jesus Christ is the only sufficiently powerful, everlasting medicine that offers complete healing and real hope for the world and its inhabitants. There is great need for Jesus in our broken, hurting world.

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EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE****EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022****GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	Sang Won Doh
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Greater New Jersey Conference
<i>Nominated by</i>	Greater NJ Annual Conference; National Federation of Asian American UMC
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	20

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

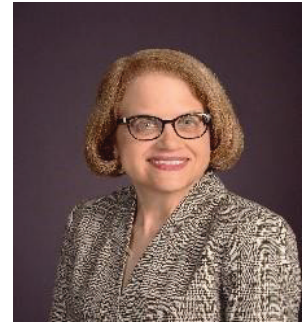
<i>List all appointments</i>	Church of the Covenant (1998-1999); Monmouth Grace UMC (1999-2004); Knowlton UMC (2004-2006); Epworth UMC (2006-2010); Calvary Korean UMC (2010-2019); Raritan Shore District Superintendent (2019-present)
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- First, I would cultivate my relationships with other episcopal leaders to learn from their wisdom and enjoy spiritual fellowship and honest conversations on comprehensive areas of ministries. I believe that my turnaround experience in local churches would contribute to the discourse of disciple-making strategy. I would bring the unique gifts of Asian faith communities such as fervent prayer tradition and dedicated discipleship to the wider communities.

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EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE**

**EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022**



**GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	Alyce Weaver Dunn
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Western Pennsylvania Conference
<i>Nominated by</i>	Western Pennsylvania Conference
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	10 years

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	Associate, Rochester: First (1988-1994); Connoquenessing/Renfrew (1994-2003); Brackenridge: Trinity (2003-2010); Johnstown District Superintendent (2010-2018); Director of Connectional Ministries (2018-present)
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- The strongest gift I would offer as an episcopal leader is a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ. If elected as a bishop, I would bring a commitment to invitational ministry so that others can discover a relationship with the living Christ. The United Methodist Church has always provided formative, safe, beloved space in my life. Therefore, I would prioritize creating such spaces for people of all ages and backgrounds to have faith discoveries. I bring the gift of administration, which blended with my relational spirit, offers a collaborative leadership style which is willing to listen, dialogue and work alongside God's people. I offer the spiritual gift of teaching as a way to encourage, inspire and guide clergy and laity in their ministry. I offer a heart of hope and love and strive to infuse my leadership with these qualities. Priorities would include the healing of the Church as we journey through these difficult times, as well as it's re-formation as we discover what God has next in store for us.

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<i>Name</i>	Andrew L. Foster, III.
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Eastern Pennsylvania (EPA)
<i>Nominated by</i>	NEJ Black Methodist for Church Renewal
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	8

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	District Superintendent (EPA): 2020-Present, District Superintendent (New England): 2017-2020, Janes Memorial UMC (Senior Pastor): 2009-2017, Grace Community UMC (Senior Pastor): 2003-2009, Janes Memorial UMC (Associate Pastor): 2001-2003, Clearview UMC (Senior Pastor): 2000-2001
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- Having served on the cabinet with 3 different Bishops and served on cabinets in 2 different annual conferences, both equally diverse both theologically and culturally different. I believe I bring a unique perspective to the Council of Bishops and within the Jurisdiction to make things come alive because I have experience in many contexts and cultures. I would also bring to this work a healthy energy and ability to listen well, intentionally learn what the unique needs are by assessing what things would bring life. My ability to be relational will develop trust in the office to cultivate creativity and visionary ministries that would resurrect the region. Additionally, I have served in the United States Air Force, and I believe my perspective in a secular setting for the most part would add value and insight to situations in the church and community.

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EPISCOPACY COMMITTEE****EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM 2022****GENERAL INFORMATION**

<i>Name</i>	Robert F. Zilhaver
<i>Conference Membership</i>	Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference
<i>Nominated by</i>	Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference
<i>Years able to serve if elected</i>	10

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

<i>List all appointments</i>	Connellsville District Superintendent 2017-Present; Lakeside UMC 2003-2017; Brookville Evangelical UMC 1997-2003; Timblin/Porter/New Salem 1993-1997; U.S. Army Retired Major (Field Artillery/Special Weapons) 1983-1993
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**What are the spiritual and missional gifts and priorities you would bring to the whole jurisdiction as an episcopal leader?**

- Share insights and experiences from work on cooperative parish ministries to share resources and leadership to further the Kingdom of God; work on sexual ethics and women's ministries from GCOSROW experiences; passion for ministry with children, youth, and families; desire to continue work on anti-hate groups/anti-racism as well as HIV/AIDs work.



# Electronic Voting Instructions for 2022 NEJ Conference

On the first ballot (and subsequent ballots until there is an election) you will vote for 2 candidates. Using your keypad you will be instructed to enter the 3 digit number for each candidate. *Nominee numbers will be entered one at a time. You will have a total of 60 seconds to vote for 2 candidates.* When the voting is complete, the Presiding Officer will close the ballot.

Delegates will receive a list of ballot numbers to use throughout the election process. You will also receive a ballot summary sheet to keep track of the voting.

The 9 persons that have been nominated by an Annual Conference or an approved caucus will be assigned the lowest numbers on the ballot. Additionally, all Elders who are elected Delegates or elected Reserve Delegates to this conference will be assigned a number as well.

## CASTING YOUR VOTE USING THE VOTING DEVICE

- Select the ballot number for the desired candidate. You will find her/his number on the ballot sheet.
- When prompted by the Presiding Officer to begin the balloting, you will see the words, “Please vote” on your keypad. At that point, enter the number for the desired candidate. Once you enter the 3 digit number, that number will be displayed on the keypad.
- When you see the desired number on the device screen, press the “send” button. The keypad will then display the word sending...followed by the number of choices that remain. You will then vote for the 2<sup>nd</sup> candidate. Your election will be transmitted to the computer and votes will be tabulated.
- The keypad will not allow you to vote for: the same person twice on any given ballot; vote for someone already elected; someone who has withdrawn; or if you enter a number that has not been assigned. If you enter a 3 digit number that is invalid, you will notice the number of choices that remain does not decrease—thereby telling you the number you entered was not a valid number.
- Padgett Communications will tabulate the results. The Tellers under the supervision of the Head Teller will tally any write-in votes (see below) and will add those results to the results from the electronic devices.
- All votes cast will remain secret.
- The Presiding Officer will announce results as soon as possible—and we will continue the process until 2 persons are elected.

## CASTING VOTES FOR WRITE-IN VOTES

- If you wish to vote for someone for whom no ballot number is assigned, you will vote by using a PAPER BALLOT. You will use the paper ballot for that entire ballot.

- If you wish to have a write-in ballot, when instructed by the Presiding Officer, please raise your hand and the Teller will give you a paper ballot.
- On the paper ballot you must write the ballot number and the electronic voting handset number for the ballot to be valid.
- You may vote for one Candidate who already has a number and 1 write-in Candidate or you may vote for 2 write-in candidates. The total number of candidates on the write-in ballot must be 2 (if we are electing 2). If we are only electing 1, then you may only vote for 1.
- When you have finished, raise your hand and a Teller will pick up your ballot.
- On the next ballot you may choose to vote for another write-in candidate that does not have a voting number assigned by requesting another write in ballot or you may use your keypad to vote for persons already assigned a number.

### **VOTING DEVICE DIFFICULTY**

- IF YOUR VOTING DEVICE IS INOPERABLE, raise your hand and a Teller will take your device and give you a paper ballot upon which you will vote for your desired candidates using the ballot numbers. If your device fails in the middle of voting, raise your hand and you will vote entirely using the write-in ballot. A new device will be delivered to you for the next ballot.

### **RESERVE DELEGATE KEYPADS**

- The Chair of the Delegation is responsible for the distribution of the voting devices for each session and the collection of the devices at the conclusion of each session.
- All delegates are in covenant to vote using only the device given to them. Any delegate observing an unauthorized person voting on a device or who is voting using more than one device should immediately stand and notify the Presiding Officer of an irregularity.
- If the Chair of the delegation is a nominee or becomes a write-in nominee, she/he will have the first elected Lay Person be in charge of the voting devices and all matters pertaining to the election.

### **INVALID BALLOTS**

- The following actions will invalidate a ballot
  - Voting for fewer than the number to be elected on that ballot.
  - Voting for someone who has already been elected.
  - Voting for the same nominee more than once per ballot.
  - Voting for someone who has withdrawn.

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**REMINDERS**

- You must be in the bar of the conference to vote.
- You will have 60 seconds to cast your vote for 2 Episcopal Candidates.
- If you choose not to participate in a particular ballot, do not use your keypad for any selection.
- If you make a mistake in voting, press 3 zeros (000) followed by the send button—before the ballot is closed. This will clear ALL of your choices for that ballot and you will need to enter the 3 digit numbers again.
- If you input the incorrect number during the voting and you see it BEFORE you press “send”, press the “DEL” button on the UPPER-LEFT corner to remove one number at a time. Re-enter the correct number and press send.
- Every handset will be tested before the conference, so the probability of failure is very low. If your handset does not work, raise your hand quickly and you will receive a paper ballot and you will be issued a new handset before the next ballot.
- If a reserve is seated for a delegate, she/he will use that delegate’s handset.

**DO NOT TAKE THE DEVICE FROM THE CALVERT BALLROOM.**

**CHAIRS OF DELEGATIONS MUST TURN IN ALL VOTING DEVICES AT THE END OF EACH SESSION.**

**IF THERE IS A FAILURE TO TURN IN A MACHINE, THE DELEGATE THAT WAS ASSIGNED THE MACHINE WILL BE ASSESSED THE COST OF THE MACHINE.**

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## **2022 NEJ Disciplinary Committees**

**(will be voted on Wednesday, 11/2/2022)**

**Committee on Appeals**

- Jennifer Cho, GNJ
- Ianther Mills, BWC
- Janet Lord, WPA
- Rene Perez, NE
- Laura Figatakes, WV
- Earl Butterfield, WPA
- Gale Douglas Boykin, NY
- Carmen FS Vianese, UNY
- Ray Hamill, SUS

**Committee on Appeals Alternates**

- Johnson Dodia, EPA
- Tim Riss, NY
- Paul Amara, SUS

- Laureen Godwin, WV
- Bethany Amey, GNJ
- Denise Nicole Stone, WPA
- Tiffany Goffe, NY

**Committee on Investigation**

- Drew Dyson, GNJ
- Denise Smart Sears, NY
- Duk Hee-Han, WPA
- Kathy Kind, SUS
- Amy Shanholtzer, WV
- Melissa Rudolph, BWC
- Elizabeth Santos, EPA
- Fred Brewington, NY

**Committee on Investigation Alternates**

- Steve Cady, UNY
- Joe Hill, WV
- Tom Lank, GNJ
- Rebecca Holland, SUS

**Administrative Review Committee**

- Rene Mikell, WPA
- Joe Kenaston, WV
- Harriett Olson, GNJ
- Bryant Oskvig, BWC
- Matthew Lake, SUS
- Ana Maria Rodriguez Alfonso, NE

# 2022 NEJ Session Committees

(will be voted on Wednesday, 11/2/2022)

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

This committee shall review the delegate registrations and report the number of delegates present to the NEJ Secretary. This committee will review substitutions of delegates and youth representatives as reported by the chairperson of the annual conference delegations. These must be in writing on form provided by the NEJ Secretary. This committee will report substitutions found to be in order in the Daily Christian Advocate as soon as practical. This committee shall consider questions about delegate qualifications and present recommendations to the Jurisdictional conference for action.

### Suggested Persons to serve on the 2022 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Last	First	Email	Conference	Ethnicity	Male	Female	Lay	Clergy
Gordy-Stith	Vicki	vgordy-stith@pen-del.org	Peninsula-Delaware	Anglo		X		X
Shaffer	Richard	rshaffer1@suddenlink.net	West Virginia	Anglo	X		X	
Oduor	Ralph	oduorrr@verizon.net	New England	African American	X		X	
Fleck	Paul	Paul.fleck@nyac-umc.com	New York	Anglo	X			

## JOURNAL COMMITTEE

This committee shall daily examine the minutes of the day and Daily Christian Advocate to report its finding to the conference with appropriate recommendations, if any.

### Suggested persons to serve on the 2022 Journal Committee

Last	First	Email	Conference	Ethnicity	Male	Female	Lay	Clergy
Chin	Noel	nobarchin@aol.com	New York	Caribbean	X			X
Ford	Sarah	sarahford038@gmail.com	Baltimore-Washington	African American		X	X	
Hynicka	Robin	robin@archstreetumc.org	Eastern Pennsylvania	Anglo	X			X
Pendleton	Carolyn	cdpen@aol.com	Greater New Jersey	African American		X	X	

## COURTESIES COMMITTEE

This committee with regard to brevity, prepare and present to the NEJ Conference arrange and propose to the Jurisdictional Conference the presentation of such persons who, in the committee's judgment, may appropriately be given the courtesy of introduction and/or privilege of briefly addressing the body.

### Suggested persons to serve on the 2022 Courtesies Committee

Last	First	Email	Conference	Ethnicity	Male	Female	Lay	Clergy
Meekins	William	wbmeekinsj@aol.com	Western Pennsylvania	African American	X			X
Kenaston	Judi	judikenaston@aol.com	West Virginia	Anglo		X	X	
Rosa-Laquer	Carlos	carlosrosalaquer@unyumc.org	Upper New York	Hispanic	X			X
McDermott	Christina	cmcdermott718@gmail.com	Susquehanna	Anglo		X	X	

# Northeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy 2022-24

**Baltimore Washington**

Lay: Cynthia Taylor  
Clergy: Ianther Mills

**New York**

Lay: Fred Brewington  
Clergy: Noel Chin

**Western Pennsylvania**

Lay: Vicki Stahlman  
Clergy: Bob Zilhaver

**Eastern PA**

Lay: Judy Ehninger  
Clergy: Dawn Taylor Storm

**Peninsula Delaware**

Lay: William Westbrook  
Clergy: Vicki Gordy-Stith

**West Virginia**

Lay: Judi Kensaston  
Clergy: Amy Shanholtzer

**Greater New Jersey**

Lay: Bethany Amey  
Clergy: Drew Dyson

**Susquehanna**

Lay: Christina McDermott  
Clergy: Matthew Lake

**New England**

Lay: Bonnie Marden  
Clergy: Jay Williams

**Upper New York**

Lay: Carmen FS Vianese  
Clergy: William Mudge

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## RESOLUTION #1

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RESOLUTION TO 2022 SESSION OF NORTHEAST JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

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Resolution Relating to Child Care during Jurisdictional Conference Sessions

Submitted by: Bethany Amey, laity, delegate Greater NJ Annual Conference,

Rev. Kaleigh Corbitt Rasmussen, delegate, clergy, Greater New Jersey

Moselle Jules, laity, delegate, Greater NJ

Rev. Rachel Wong, delegate, clergy, Susquehanna

Rev. Dawn Taylor Storm, clergy, delegate, Eastern PA

Rev. Tom Lank, clergy, delegate, Greater NJ

Rev. Hector Burgos, clergy, delegate, Greater NJ

Creed Pogue, laity, reserve, Greater NJ

Andrea Wren Hardin, laity, reserve, Greater NJ

Rev. Eunice Vega-Perez, clergy, delegate, Greater NJ

Tara Barnes, laity, visitor, Upper NY

Jane Ehlers, laity, delegate, Greater NJ

Rev. Drew Dyson, clergy, delegate, Greater NJ

Rev. Robin Hynicka, clergy, delegate, Eastern PA

Harriett Olsen, laity, delegate, Greater NJ

Rev. Dr. Catherine Williams, clergy, delegate, Greater NJ

Carmen Vianese, laity, delegate, Upper NY

Ian Carlos Urriola, laity, delegate, Upper NY

Rev. Stephen Cady, clergy, delegate, Upper NY

Rev. Carmen Perry, clergy, delegate, Upper NY



26 Rev. Marty Swords-Horrell, clergy, delegate, Upper NY  
27 Christina McDermott, laity, delegate, Susquehanna  
28 Ken Ow, laity, delegate, Baltimore-Washington  
29 Rev. Andrew Sperry, clergy, delegate, Upper NY  
30 Linda M. Barczykowski, laity, delegate, Upper NY  
31 Rev. Lauren Godwin, clergy, delegate, West Virginia  
32 Rev. Alyce Weaver Dunn, clergy, delegate, Western PA

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34 WHEREAS, A lack of safe and affordable onsite child care during Jurisdictional Conference  
35 sessions  
36 presents a barrier to full participation of lay and clergy members with young children.

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38 WHEREAS, the lack of childcare access at Jurisdictional Conference adversely impacts delegates  
39 with young children from full participation in all sessions. This lack of basic access to childcare  
40 disproportionately impacts women particularly breastfeeding parents thereby creating a  
41 preventable barrier to participation. Furthermore, this preventable barrier discourages parents  
42 of young children from seeking election as general and jurisdictional conference delegates.

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2 WHEREAS, The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church in paragraph 162.C states:  
3 "Once  
4 considered the property of their parents, children are now acknowledged to be full human  
5 beings in  
6 their own right, but beings to whom adults and society in general have special obligations.  
7 Thus, we  
8 support the development of school systems and innovative methods of education designed to  
9 assist  
10 every child toward complete fulfillment as an individual person of worth."

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12 WHEREAS, bodies throughout the United Methodist Connection offer child care options  
13 including  
14 but not limited to safe sanctuary cleared volunteer childcare, paid childcare, and Vacation Bible  
15 School which provide children of lay and clergy members the opportunity to build community  
16 and  
17 engage in faith development.

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19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, childcare, which meets the standards of the state in which the  
20 sessions are held, shall be offered as an option for all sessions of the Northeast Jurisdictional  
21 Conference. Such options should also conform to the appropriate NEJ Conference Policies and  
22 Procedures.

23  
24 BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that a caretaker for children under the age of 2 or a caretaker for a  
25 person  
26 with special needs be credentialed and allowed into the plenary space with access to the  
27 specified  
28 delegate.

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a dedicated private space for breastfeeding and caring for a  
31 child  
32 under the age of two be provided and considered within the official voting bar of the  
33 conference.  
34 Person Responsible for Presenting Resolution: Bethany Amey, head of delegation Greater NJ  
35 Annual Conference  
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## RESOLUTION #2

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Endorse Christmas Covenant Legislation

**Presenter:** Rev. Tom Lank

**Annual Conference of the delegate:** Greater New Jersey

**Organization:**

**Subject:** Endorse Christmas Covenant Legislation

**First Name on Petition:** Tom Lank

**Names of Other Petitioners:** Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Kaleigh Corbett-Rasmussen, Dawn Taylor-Storm, Hector Burgos, Tanya Linn Bennett, Giovanni Arroyo, Frederick Brewington, Sang Won Doh, Drew Dyson, Eunice Vega-Perez, Mittie Quinn

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**WHEREAS** the seven Central Conferences and five U.S. Jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church engage in mission together in 136 countries; and

**WHEREAS** the connectional ties between the church in the United States and the Central Conferences are of sacred worth and vital to the ministry of the global United Methodist Church; however,

**WHEREAS** the existing global structure of The United Methodist Church has historically prohibited each region from effectively tailoring its ministry to its specific local context; and

**WHEREAS** because the existing structure of the United Methodist Church diminishes our ability to be a vital and effective church, that structure should be re-envisioned; and

**WHEREAS** the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference and the conversion of the Central Conferences to Regional Conferences, as outlined in the Christmas Covenant, would establish structural equity throughout the global church; and

**WHEREAS** the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference, as outlined in the Christmas Covenant from the Philippines, will establish the governance necessary to allow the Northeastern Jurisdiction to design ministry for its particular context, and thus more effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world; and

32 **WHEREAS** the Northeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church continues to  
33 work toward inclusion and justice for all God’s people; and

34 **WHEREAS** the Northeastern Jurisdiction contains vital, thriving, multicultural, and  
35 diverse ministries that are open to all people and can be a beacon of hope for the  
36 worldwide United Methodist Church;

1 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Jurisdiction endorses the  
2 Christmas Covenant legislation, including the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference, and  
3 urges all Northeastern Jurisdiction delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference,  
4 including alternates, to support the Christmas Covenant and to make such legislation a  
5 priority for the delegation; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Jurisdiction recognizes and supports  
7 the leadership of our Central Conferences in the creation and furtherance of the Christmas  
8 Covenant legislation; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Jurisdiction directs the Vision Table  
10 to identify jurisdiction resources to support the Christmas Covenant legislation and create  
11 relationships with Christmas Covenant leadership; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Jurisdiction urges the Commission  
13 on the General Conference to take such action as is necessary for the full consideration of  
14 legislation related to the Christmas Covenant from the Philippines by a Committee of the  
15 Whole, and General Conference 2020; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference requests  
17 the General Conference to urge expedited approval of Christmas Covenant constitutional  
18 amendments by the annual conferences during regular or special sessions in the summer,  
19 fall or winter of 2024 in the hope that their ratification may be completed by Christmas,  
20 2024.

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## RESOLUTION #3

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Leading with Integrity

A resolution to the 2022 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference

Whereas, the vibrant future of The United Methodist Church requires deep commitment and loyal leadership at every level, and

Whereas, grounded in a sense of duty and loyalty to the mission of the church, leaders are counted on and expected to make decisions about the future of The United Methodist Church with the absolute best interest of Christ’s church at heart, and

Whereas, the selection, election, and appointment of clergy and lay leaders throughout The United Methodist Church includes the implicit understanding that leaders will ethically serve in each of their leadership roles with the utmost integrity, and

Whereas, leaders who do not intend to remain in The United Methodist Church entangle themselves in a significant conflict of interest, and

Whereas, the service of a leader whose call to discipleship is aligned with The United Methodist Church is prevented by the continued leadership of an individual who has made a private decision and/or public declaration to leave The United Methodist Church.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northeastern Jurisdiction expresses both respect and gratitude to those who have voluntarily stepped away from positions of leadership as they journey away from membership in The United Methodist Church.

Be it further resolved that, as we continue this period of transition the Northeastern Jurisdiction calls upon every United Methodist, as a disciple of Jesus the Christ, to move forward in fairness and with integrity.

Be it further resolved that, in an effort to ensure that decisions about The United Methodist Church are made by those who are wholeheartedly committed to its future, the Northeastern Jurisdiction believes that only lay and clergy members who intend to remain in The United Methodist Church are appropriately eligible to serve in positions of leadership; including but not limited to: local church, district, conference, jurisdictional, and general church level committees, boards, agencies, delegations, and episcopal leaders. We encourage Conference Boards of Trustees to develop codes of conduct to manage conflicts of interest that may arise around discussions of disaffiliation agreements.

Be it further resolved that the Northeastern Jurisdiction asks all who intend to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church to recuse themselves from leadership roles.

Submitted by,

Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli

Clergy delegate, Baltimore-Washington

Rev. Dr. Ianther M. Mills, First Elected Clergy, Baltimore-Washington

Cynthia Taylor, First Elected Lay, Baltimore-Washington

Rev. Sarah Schlieckert, Clergy delegate, Baltimore-Washington

Tracy Collins, Lay delegate, Baltimore-Washington

Rev. Bryant Oskvig, Clergy delegate, Baltimore-Washington

## RESOLUTION #4

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Rejection of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation

**Presenter:** Rev. Tom Lank

**Annual Conference of the delegate:** Greater New Jersey

**Organization:**

**Subject:** Rejection of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation

**Frist Name on Petition:** Tom Lank

**Names of Other Petitioners:** Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, Kaleigh Corbett-Rasmussen, Hector Burgos, Tanya Linn Bennett, Giovanni Arroyo, Frederick Brewington, Sang Won Doh, Drew Dyson, Eunice Vega-Perez, Mittie Quinn

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** None

**WHEREAS** the purpose of this Protocol<sup>1</sup> was to provide a time-limited and graceful way for the United Methodist Church to amicably separate into new denominational expressions with a minimum of rancor, controversy, and harm; and

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic has caused the delay of a decision on this Protocol by the General Conference until 2024, well past the original five-month delay contemplated by the agreement; and

**WHEREAS** the 2019 General Conference provided a way with Par. 2553 of the Book of Discipline for congregations to disaffiliate without waiting for the Protocol;

**WHEREAS** the Global Methodist Church (GMC) was launched on May 1, 2022, without the benefit of the Protocol, and in some conferences outside of the West, there has been recruiting of some United Methodist Churches and pastors to disaffiliate from the UMC to join the GMC; and

**WHEREAS** six of the original 15 organizations and caucuses which were involved in the negotiation of the Protocol have withdrawn their support of the agreement<sup>2</sup>, saying that its time has passed; and

**WHEREAS** there has been an escalation of confusion, misunderstanding, misinformation, and disinformation in this context, such that the connectional relationships with the global United Methodist community are being harmed, with bishops calling for greater clarity and honesty in the information being advanced about the process of remaining United Methodist or disaffiliating; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northeastern Jurisdiction Conference recommends rejecting the Protocol, and urges delegates to General Conference to reject the Protocol.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gracethroughseparation.com/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.protocolresponse.com/>



# RESOLUTION #5

QUEER DELEGATES' CALL TO CENTER JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT FOR LGBTQIA+<sup>1</sup>  
PEOPLE IN THE UMC

QUEER DELEGATES' CALL TO CENTER JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
FOR LGBTQIA+<sup>1</sup> PEOPLE IN THE UMC  
RESOLUTION TO THE 2022 NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Whereas, in a groundswell response to the passage of harmful legislation at the 2019 Special Session of General Conference, Annual Conferences elected queer clergy and lay persons to be General and Jurisdictional Delegates in record numbers, for the first time empowering queer delegates to speak and act from our diverse experiences, and

Whereas, the 2019 Special Session of the United Methodist General Conference passed the Traditional Plan, which increased penalties for United Methodists clergy who are LGBTQIA+ and

for clergy who support the LGBTQIA+ community through officiating their weddings, and Whereas, in an attempt to address the divide within The United Methodist Church, an abeyance or moratorium was proposed to the General Conference, referenced below,<sup>2</sup> by the authors of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation, and

Whereas, we understand our call and responsibility as United Methodists to do good, do no harm, and stay in love with God, and Whereas, we call straight and cisgender allies to do good by using their voice and vote to support, empower, and amplify the voices of the LGBTQIA+ community in The United Methodist Church,

Therefore be it resolved that the 2022 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of The United Methodist Church:

1. Supports and amplifies the queer delegates' call to justice and empowerment for the LGBTQIA+ community in our Jurisdiction, within and beyond our churches and agencies;
2. Affirms the spirit of the abeyance or moratorium as proposed to the General Conference, as referenced above, until changes can be made in The United Methodist Book of Discipline.
3. Implores our member Annual Conferences to either not pursue or resolve in an appropriately timely fashion through a non-punitive, just resolution process any complaints against clergy regarding their sexual orientation or clergy who officiate weddings of LGBTQIA+ persons;

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2 4. Urges that as a Jurisdiction we either not pursue or resolve in an appropriately timely  
3 fashion through a non-punitive, just resolution process any complaints against Bishops  
4 regarding their sexual orientation or those who officiate weddings of LGBTQIA+  
5 persons;

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7 5. Supports the election of episcopal leaders who commit to upholding this resolution and  
8 who will further justice for and empowerment of LGBTQIA+ people in the annual  
9 conferences where they serve;

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11 6. Commits to a future of The United Methodist Church where LGBTQIA+ people will be  
12 protected, affirmed, and empowered in the life and ministry of the church in our  
13 Jurisdiction, including as laity, ordained clergy, in the episcopacy, and on boards and  
14 agencies.

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16 Submitted by the following queer delegates from this Jurisdiction:

17 Rev. Kaleigh Corbett-Rasmussen, General Conference Delegate, Northeastern

18 Rev. Dr. Becca Girrell, General Conference Delegate, Northeastern

19 Claire Holston, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Northeastern

20 Jorge Lockward, General Conference Delegate, Northeastern

21 Effie McAvoy, General Conference Delegate, Northeastern

22 J.J. Warren, General Conference Delegate, Northeastern

23 Rev. Dr. Jay Williams, General Conference Delegate, Northeastern

24 Leo Yates, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Northeastern

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26 Support by the following queer delegates from other Jurisdictions:

27 Bill Brownson, General Conference Delegate, North Central

28 Britt Cox, Reserve Delegate, North Central

29 Hidden Faithful, General Conference Delegate, North Central

30 Hidden Faithful, General Conference Delegate, North Central

31 Gregory Gross, General Conference Delegate, North Central

32 Alberto Hidalgo, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, North Central

33 Hidden Faithful, General Conference Delegate, South Central

34 Jesi Lipp, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, South Central

35 Adam Philley, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, South Central

36 Jessica Barber Scott, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Southeastern

37 Matt Dailey, General Conference Delegate, Southeastern

38 Mark Elder, General Conference Delegate, Southeastern

39 Rushing Kimball, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Southeastern

40 Antony Larry, General Conference Delegate, Southeastern

41 Caleb Parker, General Conference Delegate, Southeastern

42 Helen Ryde, General Conference Delegate, Southeastern

43 Derrick Scott III, General Conference Delegate, Southeastern

1 Rye Standifer, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Southeastern  
2 Austin Adkinson, Reserve Delegate, Western  
3 John Angermayr, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
4 Elizabeth Brick, General Conference Delegate, Western  
5 Cedrick Bridgeforth, General Conference Delegate, Western  
6 Megan Burg, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
7 Becca Cramer-Mowder, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
8 Rev Mary Klaehn, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
9 Randall Miller, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
10 Kylie Nelson, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
11 Jan Nelson, General Conference Delegate, Western  
12 Kristin Stoneking, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
13 Jason Takagi, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
14 Phillip Valdes, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
15 Kathleen Weber, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
16 Wendy Woodworth, General Conference Delegate, Western  
17 Frank Wulf, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Western  
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20 1. As delegates, we choose to describe ourselves using the umbrella term “queer,” but refer to  
21 the broader community of persons with the LGBTQIA+ acronym.  
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23 2. “Effective immediately upon adjournment of the 2020 General Conference, no complaint  
24 proceedings (including, without limitation, a bishop’s supervisory response, suspension  
25 proceedings, attempts to achieve a just resolution, or referral of a complaint) shall be initiated,  
26 and all current or pending complaint proceedings shall be suspended, insofar as the alleged  
27 Book of Discipline violation asserted in the complaint is that the respondent is a ‘self-avowed  
28 practicing homosexual’ (however that term may be defined, including, without limitation,  
29 living in a same-gender marriage, domestic partnership or civil union); that the respondent has  
30 conducted, officiated, performed, celebrated, or blessed a same-gender wedding or other same-  
31 gender union; that the respondent has certified, licensed, commissioned, ordained, consecrated,  
32 or appointed a ‘self-avowed practicing homosexual’; that the respondent has  
33 provided ‘funds to any gay caucus or group’ or used funds ‘to promote the acceptance of  
34 homosexuality’; or that the respondent has otherwise engaged in conduct that The Book of  
35 Discipline of The United Methodist Church currently states is ‘incompatible with Christian  
36 teaching’ as it pertains to LGBTQ relationships. This moratorium on all new and pending  
37 complaint proceedings concerning human sexuality provisions applies not only to charges that  
38 are explicitly based on ¶ 2702.1b, but also to any charge that the same alleged underlying  
39 conduct constitutes a chargeable offense under any other provision of the Discipline, including  
40 (without limitation) ‘immorality’ under ¶ 2702.1a; ‘disobedience to the order and discipline of  
41 The United Methodist Church’ under ¶ 2702.1d; and ‘dissemination of  
42 doctrines contrary to the established standards of doctrine of The United Methodist Church’  
43 under ¶ 2702.1e. This moratorium is inclusive of charges related to the following paragraphs: ¶

1 161, ¶ 304.3, ¶ 310.2, ¶ 341.6, ¶ 613.19, ¶ 806.9, and ¶ 2702.1b. This moratorium does not apply  
2 to charges under any of these provisions in which the underlying alleged actions address a  
3 different subject matter, including but not limited to sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, and  
4 sexual harassment. This moratorium shall remain in effect until the close of the first General  
5 Conference of The United Methodist Church after other denominations separate. Any  
6 complaints pertaining to this paragraph filed during this period shall be held in abeyance, and  
7 no time limits shall commence until the above-referenced General  
8 Conference has concluded.” -From the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation  
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