At Large Class of 2027 Nominees

Joyce Bathke is a member of Faith United Church of Christ in Wentzville, MO. Joyce is a retired Chief Operating Officer for the St. Louis Regional Chapter of the American Red Cross. Joyce served Wider Church Ministries Board under the former governance structure and completed her last two years serving on the new UCCB Finance Committee. Joyce currently serves on the Missouri Mid-South Conference Council and chairs the Personnel Committee. As a member of the Eastern Association, she serves on the Committee on Ministry. Joyce attended Washington University with a BS-Liberal Arts.

Woman, 60+, Layperson, White/Europe American

Jasmine Coleman Quinerly is the Houston Association Minister in the South Central Conference. She is also Minister of Missions at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ, Houston, Texas. She serves the United Church of Christ as member of the Committee of Ministry of the Houston Association and Settegast Heights Apartment Complex Board of Directors. She has served six years on the Board of Directors of Back Bay Mission, in Biloxi, Mississippi including one term as board president. This mission project follows international mission work in Mexico and Guatemala. Jasmine has provided leadership with the Southern Regional Women’s Retreat, AAWIM, CHHSM and AM 21.

Jasmine provides worship to an assistant living facility and enjoys providing birthday parties for the residents since being ordained. At Pilgrim Congregational UCC in Houston, she supports the weekly worship, pastoral visits and plans mission projects for the church and community. Jasmine is bi-vocational and practices commercial and residential real estate sales and appraisals. Presently she is an instructor of real estate sales, appraisal ethics for both local and national organizations. Jasmine provided leadership on the national examination development for the real estate appraisal industry, peer review for the State of Texas, and has developed a real estate appraisal curriculum.

Rev. Quinerly is the proud mother of Verrene Quinerly of Dallas, Texas and Reggie Quinerly of California and has 2 granddaughters.

Woman, 60+, Holds Ministerial Standing, Black/African American, HUGS

Tom Croner is a life-long member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Berlin, PA, serving there in numerous capacities along with the Penn West Conference board and committees. He feels blessed to be the 7th generation caretaker of the family farm dating back to 1780, working with his son in preparation for the 9th generation. His BS degree from Penn State in Ag Economics and Rural Sociology has allowed him to serve farmer owned food production, and manufacturing organizations by building consensus and envisioning the future through respectful conversations. He is anxiously awaiting God’s next assignments.

Man, 60+, Layperson, White/European American
Courtney Dobbins is a current Doctor of Pharmacy candidate at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She works as a Pharmacy Intern and a Peer Coach and holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical and Biological Engineering from the University of Colorado Boulder.

Courtney grew up at the United Church of Christ in Longmont, CO where she was inspired to be involved with youth trips and summer camps. Her favorite place to be is LaForet, the UCC camp owned by the Rocky Mountain Conference. Courtney has served four years on the Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Directors - two as the Youth Representative and two as the Finance Committee Chair. Now, Courtney enjoys teaching Sunday School to the middle school aged group and counseling summer camps at LaForet!

**Woman, 19-29, Layperson, White/European American, LGBTQAI+**

Mark Dutell is a retired Human Resource Executive with 35 years of diversified experience in all areas of Human Resources. Mark career includes 30 years of progressive responsibility at Gates Corporation, a global automotive and industrial rubber manufacturer with over $3 billion annual revenues and 60 plus locations in 20 countries.

As a member of the executive team, Mark participated in the development of overall company strategy including growth strategies, budgets, capital investments, new products and service development.

As the Senior Vice President of Global Human Resources he led the organization objective to improve financial performance through a Human Capital Strategy that emphasized associate learning and involvement. Specific competencies include: talent management, positive associate relations, compensation and benefits, human resource information systems, health safety and environment, and policy development.

Since retiring in 2010, Mark has pursued a retirement objective to “keep my exposure to the world growing rather than shrinking” through community enrichment classes at Denver University, travel, and volunteer work.

Mark currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Conference UCC as the Chair of the Personnel Committee. He has served on the Board of Directors of a local YMCA and local bank. In 17 years as a member of his local congregation, the Kirk of Bonnie Brae in Denver Colorado, he has served as Moderator, Council member, and Capital Campaign Chair. He has also served on a variety of committees including, mission, open and affirming, social justice, property, pastor search, and COVID response.

**Man, 60+, Layperson, White European American, Disability**
Richard (Dick) Hom is currently serving his second term as the Moderator of the Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries (PAAM) of the United Church of Christ. As Moderator, Dick was instrumental in implementing many policies and procedures to update PAAM such as a financial policies & procedures, funding for youth and young adult programming, leadership training and providing grants to address racism and racial disparities to all six regions of PAAM. Dick is also a member of the Council of Racial & Ethnic Ministries (COREM) of the UCC.

Dick is a strong supporter of the Northern California Nevada Conference and is a former moderator and current Association board member and has been instrumental in helping to raise over $40K for disaster relief for the Conference.

As a retired small business owner, Dick has served on the Board of Directors of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce and served as a trustee for the Pacific School of Religion.

As a long-time active member of the Chinese Congregational Church in San Francisco, Dick has served in many capacities such as moderator of the church council, chairperson of the Board of Deacons and many various committees. His biggest legacy is as the co-founder of the Summer Adventure Camp for Kids (SACK) day camp program for low-income kids in the Chinatown area. Founded in 1969, the program is still active today.

Man, 60+, Layperson, Asian/Asian American (Chinese), HUGS

Tracy Keene is an active lay leader at Old South Church in Boston, where he has been a member since 2007. He currently serves on the Church Council and is the Chair of (G)RACE Speaks, a standing committee of the church that deals with all matters of race/racism. He also serves on the Ordination Discernment Committee and has served on a pastor search committee. He was previously a member of First Congregational Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. Tracy works as the Director of Theater & Facilities Operations at the Loeb Drama Center at Harvard University, overseeing the infrastructure and the day-to-day operations of facilities on campus. Prior to his arrival at Harvard, Tracy worked for 23 years in the field of performing arts management at major performing arts institutions in New York City and San Francisco. Tracy volunteers as a co-leader for his daughter’s Girl Scouts Troop and serves as a regional delegate to Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. He currently serves as president of the Campus Childcare Center, a non-profit organization that manages the childcare centers on the campus of Harvard University. He serves as President of the Massachusetts Historic Conference of the United Church of Christ and also on the Board of Directors for the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. He holds memberships with the International Facilities Management Association and the International Association of Venue Managers. Tracy holds a BA in Drama from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Man, 50-59, Layperson, Black/African American, LGBTQAI+
Kristie Nardini earned her bachelor’s degree in social work from Western New England University and her masters in Community Engagement from Merrimack College. She has served South Church in Andover, MA where she has facilitated their fellowship committee, served as a Deacon, helped lead a volunteer software management search, and currently serves as the co-lead for the Human Resources Ministry team. Professionally, Kristie works at a renowned animal hospital where she created a volunteer program from the ground up and serves as their Volunteer Coordinator. She is passionate about volunteer engagement, mental health advocacy, and program development. Kristie has a particular interest in engaging more young professionals in the UCC. She loves to write and blog in her spare time to connect with others in a meaningful way.

**Woman, 19-29, Layperson, White/European American**

Lawrence T. Richardson is a pastor, prophet, digital evangelist, and author. He is a graduate of St. Catherine University and Liberty Seminary, where he was trained in Sociology, Communications, Pastoral Care, Evangelism, and Christian Ministry. Rev. Richardson has also completed certifications for Antiracism Facilitator Training, Our Whole Lives Sexuality Training, Church Planting, Digital Media Strategy, and Executive Leadership Coaching.

Rev. Richardson is on staff as lead minister at Linden Hills UCC, is a media trainer for Auburn Seminary, and works as an executive clergy coach for Convergence US. Rev. Richardson also has active partnerships with the Evangelical Church of Germany, collaborating on digital ministry projects. The author of I Know What Heaven Looks Like and a member of the International Sociology Honors Society, Rev. Richardson writes about and advocates for LGBTQ people, people of color, and the flourishing of all; with his works appearing in Huffington Post Religion, The Root, Believe Out Loud, The Salt Collective, Rachel Murr's *Unnatural: Spiritual Resiliency in Queer Christian Women*, Austen Hartke's *Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians*, and numerous national and international publications. Rev. Richardson has received awards and commendations for his service, including the Humanitarian Award from Black Transmen Inc. and the Stellar Award for his work in global communication.

When he is not ministering, researching, or writing about what he researches, Pastor Lawrence loves reading, trying different cuisine, traveling, spending time with family, and empowering people to live life from a place of joy, abundance, faith, and gratitude.

**Man, 30-39, Holds Ministerial Standing, Black/African American, HUGS, LGBTQAI+**
Bethany Ruhl is the Manager of Spiritual Wellness at Saint Luke’s Crittenton Children’s Center, which serves children experiencing mental health crisis in the Kansas City area. She is a Board-Certified Chaplain and recently graduated with a Master of Counseling Degree. During her time at Crittenton, Bethany received a grant to create a new chapel space, and she commissioned a local artist to create a series of social justice murals with Crittenton patients. Bethany chairs the Crittenton Ethics Committee and was recently named an Ethics Champion by the Center for Practical Bioethics. Bethany specializes in mental health and trauma-informed care. Bethany grew up in Lawrence, Kansas where she first found the United Church of Christ in college, and she is now a proud member of Southwood UCC in Raytown, MO, as well as the Missouri Mid-South Conference. Before entering the ministry, Bethany was a world traveler and spent time living and teaching abroad France & Germany. She speaks French and has a Master’s Degree in French Literature. During her seminary career Bethany won several social justice awards for her work with women’s issue and racial justice issues. A significant life experience for her was working in the drug & trauma treatment program of a women’s prison during seminary. During her free time, Bethany enjoys pot-lucking with her friends, long conversations in coffeeshops and thrift stores. She also enjoys perusing famer’s markets with her Italian Greyhounds Lulu and Anubis.

Woman, 30-39, Holds Ministerial Standing, White/European American

Daniel Su’a is currently a member of the CYYAM (Council for Youth and Young Adult Ministries) where he committed himself as a youth to the work of the council and to uphold the priorities of the church. He had the privilege to attend the 2019 General Synod as a delegate representing the Rocky Mountain Conference as a “Youth Delegate.” His roles in life revolve around helping others, whether that is in the church or in the community. In the community, he worked for a charter school called Ascent Academy. There, Daniel was one of the teachers in the Special Education Department. He was tasked with working one on one with 12-15 students from the 7th-9th grade. He helped students with homework, in class support, and helped students socialize with their peers. His roles can also be translated to his own church youth; he helped his father’s ministries by being the Choir Conductor and also the Sunday School Music Director. One of his goals is to become a Youth Pastor in the UCC and help the youth of tomorrow’s church.

Some of Daniel’s accomplishments include a Bachelor’s Degree in Social and Behavior Science with an emphasis in Ethnic Studies from the University of Utah. He is currently employed by the 3rd District Court of Utah as a Judicial Assistant. In his free time, he likes to play music. Whether it’s playing the bass guitar for a band or practicing his piano skills, and also reading and socializing with friends.

Man, 19-29, Layperson, Pacific Islander (Samoan)
Elizabeth (Beth) Walker has been a member of Old First Reformed UCC in Philadelphia for over 25 years. She retired from the fulltime practice of law in June 2018 to commit her time and attention to the work of building community and promoting the transformation of our court system to be one focused on restorative justice. She does this work through POWER, an interfaith organization advocating for social justice. Beth is currently serving as Moderator of the Philadelphia Association. She also serves on the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference Nominating Committee and the Zachariah Walker Racial Justice Team. In the National Setting, Beth is on the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Fund, a financial ministry affiliated with the United Church of Christ, currently serving as Chair of the Board. In addition, Beth is serving on the Manual on Church Working Group created pursuant to a Resolution of the 32nd General Synod Resolution tasked with providing clarity about Local Church covenant and autonomy, parameters for Local Church accountability and the oversight of Local Churches along with a Manual on the Local Church, akin to the Manual on Ministry. At Old First, Beth serves as Director of Community Engagement. She is involved in the Outreach Ministry to the Homeless and is on a Joint Venture Ministry Team working on the construction of permanent supportive housing for 34 previously homeless individuals on the church property.

Woman, 60+, Layperson, White/Europe American

Carenina Williams is a member of Peoples Congregational UCC in Washington, DC. Ms. Williams currently serves as a Principal of Sundance Bay, and has over 18 years of real estate investment and finance experience. She has acquired and/or asset managed over $1.8 billion in real estate assets throughout the United States. Previously, Ms. Williams served as COO of a short opportunistic equity hedge fund that focused on generating alpha through single-name shorts in the consumer discretionary and consumer staples sectors. Previously, Ms. Williams was a Principal of Acquisitions and Asset Management at Artemis Real Estate Partners responsible for developing and implementing acquisition and asset management activities, primarily for the separate account for New York State Common Retirement Fund. Prior to Artemis, Ms. Williams served as Principal, Investments for Capri Capital Partners, LLC (“Capri”), where she was responsible for origination, investment structuring, and asset management of equity and structured finance investments for over $1 billion in assets, across the firm’s various separate accounts and commingled funds. Ms. Williams began her career at Goldman Sachs within the Investment Banking Division’s Retail and Corporate Finance Practice Groups.

Ms. Williams graduated with honors from Harvard University (AB Economics) and has an MBA from Harvard Business School. She is a member of the Urban Land Institute – Silver Retail Counsel. She serves as a Trustee and Chair of the Investments/Finance Committee for Peoples Congregational UCC and is a Member of Leadership Now Project.

Woman, 40–49, Layperson, Black/African American, HUGS