

**Report of Committee on Representation and Nominations
To the 847th Meeting of New Castle Presbytery
September 17, 2019**

MODERATOR 2020

Charlie Collier, RE, First Newark

Charlie is a retired Engineer from DuPont and has served a total of 19 years on the Sessions of Green Hill and First Newark, including 9 years as Clerk of Session at Newark. Charlie served as Vice-Moderator of New Castle Presbytery in 2019; other involvement in New Castle Presbytery includes serving on Council for 8 years, on 3 Administrative Commissions, and on Balcony 1. Charlie was a Commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly, serving there as Chair of the 56-member 07 – Church Order and Ministry Committee.

VICE-MODERATOR 2020

Neta Pringle, MWS, Hon. Retired

Neta Lindsay Pringle is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York and was ordained by Palisades Presbytery in 1985. She has served as ordained or interim pastor in churches in New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Delaware. She has served on many Presbytery committees, as Moderator of Long Island Presbytery, and as a Commissioner to General Assembly from both Long Island and New Castle Presbyteries. She is married to John Potter and they have nine grandchildren.

ASSISTANT PRESBYTERY PARLIAMENTARIAN 2020

Laurie Hiller, MWS, Seaford

Laurie Hiller was ordained by the Presbytery of Long Island in 1981. She has served churches in Long Island, Denver, and Delaware. She serves presently with the wonderful people in Seaford Presbyterian Church. Laurie has been Presbytery Moderator (LI) and COM Chair (LI). Her New Castle Presbytery service includes Nominations, Human Resources, Council, Parliamentarian, and GA Commissioner. Laurie is privileged to be parent to four amazing young adults.

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- Class of 2021**
- 1 Terry Dougherty, MWS, Ocean View (2)**
 - 2 Cathy Higgins, RE, Westminster Wilmington (2)**
 - 3 Nona Holy, MWS, LUMOS (2)**
 - 4 Julius Jackson, RE, Community (2)**
 - 5 Eric Koenig-Reinke, MWS, Red Clay Creek (1)**
 - 6 Mike Williams, MWS, Hon. Retired (1)**

Cathy Higgins was invited to go on a mission trip to Guatemala with members of Westminster Presbyterian (Wilmington) Church’s mission committee after having worked 30 years at DuPont. As a child growing up in Caracas, Venezuela, her family had vacationed in Guatemala several times. On the mission trip, she relived what she had seen as a child through young eyes: The living conditions were not as they were in the United States. There was a dictator, a coup and some sort of “presidential” assignment by the military. While she was mostly shielded from the politics, she was not protected from seeing the poverty. Children in the streets with no shoes, dirty faces, and mothers with nursing babies begging on the corners of every street. Cardboard, corrugated metal and mud huts with no running water. Cathy has now worked for the past 9 years with the Association of Mam Christian Women for Development; as she reflects on that work, she knows what she is called to be doing. She is blessed to have the support of Westminster, New Castle Presbytery and other churches and organizations, continuing to offer a “hand up, not a hand out” to brothers and sisters in Guatemala.

Nona Holy comes to us by way of a childhood in Texas, education at Trinity University and McCormick Seminary, and early years in ministry in Cleveland OH. She currently serves the Presbytery as the Presbyterian Campus Pastor at University of Delaware, CPMM member and co-moderator of Ignite. The rest of her waking hours are dedicated to being Chris and Jonathan’s mama, Andy’s partner, a friend, a reader and a chocolate eater.

Eric Keonig-Reinke came to Red Clay from First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, where he served as a Resident Minister. Following college, he served as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Austin, Texas where he worked with Front Steps, an organization committed to ending homelessness. Eric completed his M.Div and a Th.M from Union Presbyterian Seminary. He spent many summers working (and playing) at Ghost Ranch as well as a summer working at Montreat Conference Center. Eric and his wife, Essie, enjoy their dog (Bentley), eating good food, coffee, playing board games, and going to movies.

Mike Williams earned his Masters of Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now a part of Union Presbyterian Seminary) in Richmond. He served several larger churches in North Carolina as their director of Christian Education before returning to Seminary and earning his MDiv from Columbia Seminary. His wife of 48 years, Linda, was a member of his PSCE graduating class and his daughter was a member of his Columbia graduating class! In 2002 Mike was called to the yoked field of Georgetown and Coolspring Presbyterian Churches; pastoring both congregations until they were de-yoked in 2008. He continued full time at GPC until retiring in 2019 after serving the congregation for 17 years. Mike has served 2 terms on the Speer Trust Commission and 3 terms on the Committee for Preparation and currently serves on the Committee on Leadership and Sexual Misconduct Response Team. In addition, Mike serves on the General Assembly's Committee on Theological Education (COTE). When not Supply Preaching or serving on Committees, you can usually find Mike on the Golf Course, onstage at Georgetown's community theater or watching a British Detective show.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS

Class of 2020 1 Annabelle Kressman, RE, First and Central (1)

Class of 2022 1 Steve Clark, MWS, Concord (1)

2 Maggie Gillespie, MWS, Wicomico (1)

3 Charles Gilmore, MWS, Hon. Retired (2)

4 Tom Speers, MWS, Greenhill (2)

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Annabelle Kressman is a Certified Fundraising Executive with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Business Administration from Rowan University. She has served on the Board of Directors for many local and state organizations including Habitat for Humanity of New Castle County, Wilmington Women in Business, Planned Parenthood of Delaware, the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, the Delaware Symphony and the YWCA of Delaware. She has served as President of Power up Gambia and the Greenville Country Club. In New Castle Presbytery she has served on COMC and the Finance Committee. Currently a distributor for a new bio-technology product in healthcare – ASEA, Annabelle has five adult children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She is a Native American and a member of the Lenni Lenape Tribe of Delaware. Annabelle is filling out the term of Chuck Taber.

Steve Clark was born in Ohio and grew up in the San Diego area. He got his B.A. at the University of California, San Diego, his M.Div at Princeton Seminary and a Th.M at Fuller Seminary, where his thesis focused on forming communities of pastors working together to learn how to lead through change. Steve has served congregations in Washington state, New Jersey, Michigan and Pennsylvania. He has always been active in presbytery work, serving on various committees, commissions and councils. Steve's wife, Jennie, currently serves as Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in West Chester. Steve and Jennie have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Maggie Gillespie has served as Pastor of Wicomico Presbyterian Church since April 2018. Prior to that, Maggie served churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania and as Protestant Campus Minister at Bloomsburg University. She has served on various committees at the presbytery level, including Worship and Nurture, Stated Clerk Search Committee, Leadership Council, several Administrative Commissions and on a Transition Visioning Team. In addition, she served on the Presbyteries Cooperative Committee on Examination of Candidates, including two years as Moderator. Currently, Maggie is serving as an Unglued Church Advisor. Maggie holds degrees from Lancaster Theological Seminary, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Illinois. She is married to Kim Hill, a retired attorney. Maggie and Kim have four adult children and one grandchild who lives too far away.

Charles Gilmore is an Honorably Retired (but quite busy!) minister member of Presbytery living in southern DE. Prior to retirement, he served on New York City Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. He is completing a term on the IGNITE Team.

Tom Speers is Interim Pastor at Green Hill Church in Wilmington and sings in the choir of Westminster Church. Currently he is tending three hives of honeybees and enjoying their honey. He knows the angst and occasional joy of rooting for Philadelphia sports teams. Previously, he has served as co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hartford, CT; pastor of Overbrook Church, Philadelphia, pastor of Dickey Memorial Church, Baltimore and as probationer assistant in the Old Parish in East Kilbride, Scotland. Tom chaired the Committee on Ministry in Baltimore and Southern New England Presbyteries and also served as Presbyter for Discerning the Way in Southern New England. Tom is a graduate of Connecticut College and the Divinity School of Yale University. Tom lives on the campus of Tower Hill School where his wife Bessie is Head of School. Bessie and Tom have two children.

COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP

Class of 2022 1 Lyle Dykstra, MWS, Hon. Retired (2)

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Lyle Dykstra received his M.Div from Union Theological Seminary, New York and his D.Min from McCormick Seminary and has served churches in New York, Missouri, Maryland and Delaware. His work in New Castle Presbytery includes serving on the Budget and Finance Committee, the Committee on Ministers and the Work Group Against Racism. Lyle is completing two terms on the Committee on Preparation for Missional Ministry. He and his wife, Terry, have two daughters and six grandchildren. Lyle enjoys reading and travel.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MISSIONAL MINISTRY

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Class of 2022 1 James Kay, MWS, Hon. Retired (1)

2 Samuel Monte, MWS, Makemie Memorial (1)

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Jim Kay became a member of New Castle Presbytery in March 2019, having honorably retired from the Presbytery of New York City in June 2018. Jim is the Joe R. Engle Professor of Homiletics and Liturgics Emeritus and the Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs Emeritus at Princeton Theological Seminary. After his ordination in 1975, Jim served congregations in Minnesota and spent time as an exchange minister in Melbourne, Australia while on sabbatical leave from Princeton. While at Princeton, he mainly taught introductory courses in preaching and worship for MDiv students, seminars for advanced students, and served on some 35 PhD dissertation committees for the departments of theology and practical theology. Jim principally worships at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rehoboth Beach where he lives with his partner, Thomas Brown, and their two “dog daughters,” Grace (11) and Izzey (5). In addition to dog walking (!), retirement has also brought him some welcomed time for reading, gardening, and bicycling around Cape Henlopen State Park.

Samuel Monte is a lifelong Presbyterian, born and raised in the Tri-State area of Ohio. A graduate of Kent State University (B.A. in English) and Pittsburgh Seminary (M.Div), Sam served churches in Wellsville and Barnesville, Ohio, was Vice Moderator and on the Evangelism Committee of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, and was president of the Wellsville Ministerial Association before answering his present call to Makemie Memorial. While in Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, he traveled to Malawi, Africa on a mission trip. Sam and Galadriel (Gail) have been married 11 years, raising six children whom they adopted from foster care (most recently in August of 2018) as well as fostering many others. Sam enjoys studying and reading and helping others learn about God’s love and grace. He and Gail enjoy spending time with their children and family.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESPONSE TEAM

Class of 2022

1 Scott Matthews, RE, New Castle (1)

2 Emily Schwenker, MWS, Member at Large (1)

Scott Matthews is a member of New Castle Presbyterian Church where he has served on both the Session and the Board of Trustees and spearheaded the creation of the NCPCLGBTQIA+ Task Force. Scott is a corporate and commercial real estate attorney with the firm of Tarabicos Grosso, LLP. He holds JD and MA degrees from the University of Virginia and a BA from the University of Delaware. Scott and his wife, Miranda, moved to Delaware in 2000 from Virginia; they live in Newark.

Emily Schwenker is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the Validated Specialized Ministry of Spiritual Direction. While Emily's primary ministry is offering one-on-one and group spiritual guidance to clergy, seminarians and lay persons in the greater Delaware Valley and across the country, she has also served as adjunct faculty at Lancaster Theological Seminary where she taught spiritual and ministerial formation to first and second year seminarians. She also continues to be part of the adjunct staff of the Shalem Institute's Spiritual Guidance Program. Just recently, Emily retired from serving as the Transitional Pastor for Pastor Care at Red Clay Creek. Following her passion for spiritual formation, Emily leads retreats and small groups, as well as consults with individuals and congregations on matters of spiritual growth and discernment.

ORDINATION EXAM READERS 2020

Reid Beveridge, RE, Presbyterian Church of Dover
J. Gerald Egger, MWS, Hon. Retired
Bob Schminkey, RE, Chestertown (alternate)

Reid Beveridge has served as Stated Clerk of National Capital and New Castle Presbyteries, as Moderator of New Castle Presbytery (2005) and as chair of Council in 2006-7. Currently a member of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Dover, he attended General Assembly as stated clerk six times and as a Commissioner in 2006. Reid served as a member of the GA Stated Clerk Nominating Committee in 2011-12.

Jerry Egger earned a degree in English and a law degree from Indiana University and his M.Div from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Ordained by the Presbytery of Baltimore, he has served churches in Indiana and Delaware and is currently serving Georgetown Presbyterian Church as its interim pastor. In Wabash Valley Presbytery, he served on the Permanent Judicial Commission and was a member of two administrative commissions. Jerry is completing two terms on New Castle Presbytery's Preparation for Missional Ministry, serving as chair for the past two years. He and his wife, Rev. Marjorie Egger, have three children and two grandsons. His interests include bicycling, photography and crosswords.

Bob Schminkey is a former Stated Clerk for New Castle Presbytery and a former PC(USA) Mission Worker in South Africa. Bob has also worked previously for New Castle Presbytery as our Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordinator. His professional career includes working with Church World Service and Bread for the World, empowering people to become advocates and activists on issues of local and world hunger and poverty. He has served as Executive Director for local and regional social service organizations, including Meeting Ground, and worked for five years in the financial services industry. He is happily retired with his wife, Sara Holben, and when they aren't traveling, they live in Wilmington DE.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER (MWS) Class of 2021 **Dianne Deming, MWS, Milford (1)**

A 1981 graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary, **Dianne Deming** has served churches in Colorado, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. She is currently Interim Pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Milford and Moderator of New Castle Presbytery. Dianne and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Deming, Jr. (Honorably Retired), have 2 adult sons and live in Milton, DE. In her spare time, Dianne enjoys quilting and playing the flute. Dianne is filling out the term of Donna Bowers.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE OF SYNOD Class of 2022 **Mae Hall, RE, Community (2)**

Mae Hall has been a Deacon and Ruling Elder at Community Presbyterian Church. She has served New Castle Presbytery on COM and Council.