

January 29, 2018

To: All Laity

From: The Conference Board of Lay Ministry

Mr. David Koch is concluding his first four-year term as Lay Leader of the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. While Dave is willing to serve another term and *The Book of Discipline* and Conference Rules allow for this, in the interest of fairness and openness to God's will, this announcement is being made so that if there are other willing and qualified persons interested in serving God in this way, they may be nominated. All persons are urged to prayerfully consider this matter and share the information with other persons.

Each person receiving a minimum of ten (10) written nominations will be considered at a meeting of the Board of Lay Ministry on April 9, 2018 and brought before the 2018 Laity Session of Annual Conference on Thursday morning, June 14, 2018. The Laity Session will finalize the nomination after which it will be taken to the Annual Conference for a consensus vote.

A full description of the Conference Lay Leader position can be found in *The Book of Discipline*. The following is an overview of that description:

- The Conference Lay Leader shall have the general responsibility in: 1.) developing the advocacy role for laity in the life of the Church; 2.) increasing the participation of laity in the sessions and structure of the Annual Conference; and 3.) encouraging laypersons in the general ministry of the Church.
- The Annual Conference Lay Leader is a member of
 - The Annual Conference
 - The Extended Cabinet
 - The Board of Lay Ministry (Chair)
 - The Conference Committee on Nominations
 - The Conference Committee on Episcopacy
 - The Commission on Conference Sessions
 - The Connectional Table
 - The Association of Conference Lay Leaders
 - The Northeast Jurisdiction Association of Conference Lay Leaders
- Helpful qualifications
 - Love of God
 - Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing
 - Availability to participate in events and meetings (daytime and evenings)
 - Ability and willingness to travel throughout the Annual Conference
 - Demonstrated leadership and teamwork skills

All persons will be considered regardless of current leadership positions they now hold. Sample nomination forms may be found on the Conference website. Nominations must be submitted by postal or electronic mail postmarked by March 30, 2018 to: Lay Leader Nomination, c/o George Hollich, 212 West Orchard Drive, Palmyra, PA 17078 or hollich@comcast.net.

Your prayers are requested as we seek to elect our Conference Lay Leader for 2018 – 2022.