

## **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Ann Jacob

**Church:** Lima UMC

**Employment:** Preparing for law school

### **Connectional Ministries:**

**General Church:** General Board of Discipleship (Board Member, 2012–Present); General Conference (Reserve 2016, Youth Representative 2008); Division on Ministries with Young People (Co-Chair, 2012–2016); UMC Global Young Peoples Convocation and Legislative Assembly (Youth Representative 2006 in South Africa, Youth Delegate 2010 in Germany, Co-Chair 2014 in Philippines); GBCS Global Social Principles Consultation (2014 in Czech Republic).

**Jurisdiction:** Northeastern Jurisdiction Conference (Lay Delegate, 2012 and 2016); Mission of Peace (2010); Leadership Table (Chair, 2008–2010), Vision Table (2008–2010).

**Annual Conference:** Conference Council on Youth Ministries (President, 2006–2010); Lay Equalizing Delegate to Annual Conference; EPA-Congo Partnership Team (February 2018); Trained VIM Team Leader (March 2018).

**Ecumenical Ministries:** World Methodist Council (Lay Representative, 2018 in South Korea); UMC Council of Bishops Young Adult Ecumenical Immersion (2017); World Student Christian Federation – North America (Co-Chair, 2014-2016).

**Awards/Publications:** William E. Downes Prize; Scarlet Key Honor Society; Spellman Humanitarian Award.

**Other Information:** Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Political Science, 2014; Master of Divinity, 2018; Interned at General Board of Church and Society in Washington D.C. (2012) and in New York (2015–2016).

**Statement:** We are at a significant moment in the life of our denomination, and I believe that the 2020 General Conference will have the opportunity to make decisions that affect the future of The United Methodist Church. At General Conference 2019 only 7% of the voting delegates were under 35 years of age. As a young adult, under 30 years old, and a person of color, I am interested in becoming a General Conference delegate and serving on the EPAC delegation for several reasons. First, I am a faithful Christian. Second, I am passionate about The United Methodist Church. My faith compels me to be active in the life of the church. The 2020 GC will provide us the space to worship with fellow United Methodists from around the world, to consider petitions to the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions, and to discern the future of our denomination. As a young person who will be affected by the decisions of the 2020 General Conference, I want a seat at the table, as I know my voice as a young person will add to the conversation and deliberations. Third, I am qualified. I have attended two General Conferences, served on a general agency for two quadrennia, served as a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference twice, and know the rules and procedures of the conference. I truly believe that my experiences representing EPAC in various roles have prepared me adequately to serve as a General Conference delegate. If elected, I will serve with gratitude and diligently fulfill all of my responsibilities.

## **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Ann Tinner

**Church:** Pocono Lake United Methodist Church

**Employment:** Retired Elementary Teacher from the Hanover Area School District, Christ Servant Minister,

and a Certified Lay Minister for two years

**Connectional Ministries:** I have served on 3 different District Superintendency Committees, I was trained by the Conference to work on a Transformation Team with my husband in several churches in the Conference, Lay Leader for several years

**Ecumenical Ministries:** Member of Ecumenical Council in the area of Pocono Lake, I work as a personal shopper for the Ecumenical Food Pantry at the Five Loaf House in the Pocono Area

**Awards/Publications:** Excellence In Teaching Award from the Hanover Area School District, Channel 28 WBRE Teacher of the Month Award

**Other Information:** I am President of the Keystone State Literacy Association Luzerne County, I have initiated the Laundromat Library League boxes of books in laundromats for children from toddlers to teens in Luzerne and Monroe Counties, Secretary of the Indian Lake Homeowners Association, and Past President Delta Kappa Gamma Society and I now work on its Scholarship Committee

**Statement:** I would attend the General Conference as a well-informed delegate. We should work together as a democratic assembly that can join together as Christians to listen to differing viewpoints with love and compassion. We should all pray for God's guidance to discern His will before we initiate our decisions. We should strive to love our neighbor and remember our commission to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Clarita Anderman Krall

**Church:** First UMC of Germantown, aka FUMCOG

**Employment:** retired

**Connectional Ministries:** 2016 delegate to General and Northeastern Jurisdictional Conferences; Conference Communications Ministry Team (2012-2017); District Resource Assistant (1992-2017); member (2004-2012) and secretary (2008-2012) Conference Board of Ordained Ministry; member and secretary, East District Committee on Ordained Ministry (1999-2015); Equalizing delegate to AC (1995–present).

**Awards/Publications:** freelance contributor to EPA Conference and Phila. NE District pages of The United Methodist Reporter (1980-1988)

**Other Information:** B.A., Sociology/Anthropology (1973), Lycoming College; Married to the Rev. Stanley J. Krall since 1970; 5 grown children and 8 grandchildren; active member/clergy spouse of Mount Carmel (Phila.) UMC (1976-1981); St. Philip's UMC (1981-1987); Rehoboth UMC (1987-1994); Fox Chase UMC (1994-2012). At FUMCOG, I have been singing in the Chancel Choir since 2013; I serve as Coordinator of FUMCOG's Senior Friends and as a Counter on the Counting team; I am nominated to serve on S/PPRC, class of 2022.

### **Statement:**

As a 21st-century, North American Christian, I believe that God is alive and interactive with the whole of creation through the Holy Spirit. It is important to me to remain prayerfully open to new understandings that God is revealing through the Comforter, the Counselor, the Divine, the Helper, the Friend, the Companion, the HOLY SPIRIT – the one Jesus promised would come once he went away (John 16:7). There is much we do not know now; there is much yet to learn.

I pray that we United Methodists can remain open to the visions and experiences that God continues to communicate. Even the apostles remained open to God's leading, through the Holy Spirit, as they entered into their ministries after Jesus was taken up into heaven. "My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you." (John 15:12). This directive from Jesus sums up my faith. It is so simple to understand! It is not difficult to teach! And our Church, our families, our neighborhoods, indeed, our world would be God's kingdom come if we could get to a place of comprehending and abiding by it. I was born into, raised, nurtured, and matured in my faith in this domain of Christendom, now called The United Methodist Church. Having grown up in a parsonage and then having had the experience of being a clergy spouse, I feel as if I have always been in ministry to all whom I meet. As a former District Resource Assistant, it has been my privilege to minister to both clergy and laity in my daily labors. I look forward to following God's leading should I be elected to represent the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference at the 2020 General Conference.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** David Koch

**Church:** Grove UMC

**Employment:** Retired Human Resources Director

**Connectional Ministries:** Conference Lay Leader, Conference Board of Pension & Health Benefits, Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, Conference Nominations Committee, Conference Human Resources Committee, Conference Sessions Committee, Board of Lay Ministry, Board of Ordained Ministry, EPA Historical Society

**Ecumenical Ministries:** Human Resources Committee of Good Works, Inc., Coatesville Women and Youth Association Volunteer

**Awards/Publications:**

**Other Information:** Led adult Sunday School class and Lenten Bible Study

**Statement:** I think The United Methodist Church is finally at a tipping point on the issue of homosexuality. The 2019 General Conference may have decided what language is used in the Book of Discipline, but it did not decide what individual members and churches will do going forward, as evidenced by reactions to the results of the conference. It did, however raise the consciousness of a greater number of members and brought the issue to the forefront of their thinking. The church needs to come to some broader agreement on the issue so that we can focus on our main task – making disciples. I would like to be a part of that effort and represent the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference at the 2020 General Conference. Only a handful of people have ever asked me directly where I stand on the issue of ordination of gay/lesbian persons and same sex marriage, so I will share that here. I would like to see the Book of Discipline changed to allow for full participation by our gay/lesbian brothers and sisters. However, until the Book of Discipline is changed I feel an obligation as your Conference Lay Leader to honor the existing language. I understand that people of good faith read the scriptures differently and I respect different views, but when I apply the concepts of tradition, experience and reason to the scripture I think we need greater inclusion. This is not the issue on which we should be focused. I want to see the church focus on making disciples.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Judith K. Ehniger

**Church:** Asbury UMC, Allentown

**Employment:** Retired Registered Nurse Educator (52 years), Professor Emeritus, Allied Health Education, Lehigh Carbon Community College

**Connectional Ministries: Local church** –Certified Lay Minister, Lay Member to Annual Conference, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Leadership Development Committee, Prayer Ministry Leader, Christian Education Third Grade teacher, Disciple Bible Study Leader, Lay Pastoral Care Visitor

**District** Northeast District Christ Servant Ministry Director, Member Northeast District Transformation Team and Nominations Committee, 1996-2005 District Lay Leader, Northeast District,

**Annual Conference** –Academy for Laity presenter Christ Servant Ministry Basic Program. Coordinator Certified Lay Minister Program, North District Committee Ordained Ministry

**Jurisdictional** – Member Northeastern Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee 2004-2012, 2016 to present. Delegate to 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012 Jurisdictional Conferences. Delegate 2012 and 2016 General Conferences. Chair, Host Site Committee NEJ 2016.

**Ecumenical Ministries:** Member Lehigh County Conference of Churches, Daybreak Angel Volunteer, Meals on Wheels delivery volunteer

**Awards/Publications:** Denman Evangelism Award, 1991.  
Authored Professional Allied Health Publications and Curriculum.

**Other Information:** Married to Charles for 50 years, one son, William, married to Jen, and one grandson, Finley. Joined the Methodist Church in 1964 as a student nurse. passion – small groups, Wesleyan and Classical Church History, Lay Ministry development, and all aspects of prayer ministry.

**Statement:** What the church preaches and teaches publicly defines what we believe and who we are to all. Moreover, what we do, our actions, as a church define who we believe Jesus Christ to be. We must strive to live the Gospel in our communities as a witness to the continuity and consistency of our faith. Decisions facing the 2020 General Conference must provide the context for church renewal and expansion, sharing the Good News the world over. We must seek God’s vision for our future structure and His guidance as we seek to make disciples in this 21st century.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Krystl D. Johnson

**Church:** St. Daniel’s UMC-Chester, Pennsylvania

**Employment:** Executive Director, Delaware County Pregnancy Center

**Connectional Ministries:** South District Dinner Discussions (Group Chair), St. Daniel’s Youth Ministry (Coordinator), St. Daniel’s Church/Charge Council (Chair), Conference Communications Team, and Council on Young Adult Ministries (South District Representative), General Board of Higher Education Ministry (Audit & Review Committee Chair), NEJ Black Methodist for Church Renewal (Young People’s Ministries Coordinator), Philadelphia Caucus Black Methodist for Church Renewal (Vice Coordinator), Ray of Hope Community Development Corporation (Board of Directors Member)

### **Awards:**

**2015** St. Daniel's UMW Outreach Award

**2018** St. Daniel’s UMW’s Women of Faith through Commitment and Service Award

### **Publications:**

## **2018** (Thesis) Adopted Adolescents Adjusting to Forever Families: A Social Skills Group for Adopted Teens

**Statement:** As someone personally invested in building relationships between Christ and His church, Ms. Krystl D. Johnson believes that she is the ideal delegate candidate for both the General and Jurisdictional Conferences. In 2016 and again in 2019, Ms. Johnson took her role as delegate seriously and sought to uphold Christ's mission in the world. She believes she is a reflection of Young People in Eastern Pennsylvania. Her peers would attest: "In all things, she seeks to engage, encourage, and energize young Christians."

Ms. Johnson has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Rutgers University and a Master of Science in Counseling from Cairn University. In May 2018, she completed a Philadelphia Fight course for leaders serving individuals living with HIV. She has a passion for connecting the Word of God to the lives of young people. Most known for using her Christian and city upbringing to weave compelling stories and real-time application into her messages, Krystl is one of the boldest and creative speakers in the Delaware Valley. She has a masterful grasp of Academic and Biblical content. She is able to develop and implement programs with a real eye on what young people and leaders of young people need in their own educational or small group settings. She works hard to make sure her programs hold spiritual experiences and substantive Biblical scholarship at the forefront.

Ms. Johnson promises this: "Guided by scripture and the Holy Spirit, I will keep in mind God's will for His Church as I make bold decisions about church policies and tough issues."

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Lawrence Lee

**Church:** Mother African Zoar UMC in Philadelphia, East District

**Employment:** Comptroller, Eastern PA UMC Conference Office

**Connectional Ministries:** Board Member of Metro Ministries, Immediate Past Coordinator and current Secretary of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR). **Prior:** Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Member of Conference Commission on Finance and Administration (CCFA), Committee on Equitable Compensation, Conference Loan Fund Board, Chair of Central District Recourse Advisory Team, Co-Facilitator of the Philadelphia Area Mission Connection.

**Awards/Publications:** Chief Petty Officer in the US Coast Guard Reserve. Received the CG Achievement Medal, among other military awards.

**Other Information:** Local Church – I am a Fourth Generation Methodist and a Life-Long member of Zoar UMC, Served as Lay Leader (2003-2008), Financial Secretary (2008-2012), Finance Chair (2012-2016) and Treasurer (2016-2018)

**Statement:** When men and women of good conscience come together in a spirit of love, fellowship and unity, focused on God alone, then miracles can happen. If honored to be elected as your GC Lay Delegate, I vow to be led by the Holy Spirit in all that I do, discuss, and decide around the future of our beloved denomination. Many are the challenges that our church faces, but Greater is the God that we serve.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Lenora Thompson

**Church:** Wharton-Wesley UMC (South District)

**Employment:** Self Employed: President, The Thompson Group (29 yrs.)

**Connectional Ministries:** Chairperson of the following: EPA Scholarship Program and Connectional Table. Past Member of the Loan Fund Board, GCFA, GBHEM, Africa University Director and Vice Coordinator BMCR (Black Methodist for Church Renewal).

**Ecumenical Ministries:** Past Delegate to the World Methodist Councils 1991 and 2006.

**Awards/Publications:** Contributing Author, Making the Connection: Economic Development, Workforce Development and Urban Poverty. Co-author, Organizing Community Groups. PECO Energy Senior Management Recognition: Service Leadership Award, Philadelphia Clef Club of Performing Arts: Service Award.

**Other Information:** Conference Lay Leader 1998 – 2006. Delegate to General and or Jurisdictional Conferences since 1992. Community Service: Current Judge of Elections for the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward, 21<sup>st</sup> Division (Philadelphia), Chairperson of My Local Church: SPRC. Founder and Organizer of The Boys' Book Club (Recognized by KYW as a 2015 Game Changer)

**Statement:** Having just served as the first lay alternate delegate to the 2019 Special Session of General Conference, I am aware of and understand the issues and concerns facing our denomination. Our issues are many, but as Christians we must learn to truly believe in our Baptism. We must accept that we must be one in the spirit. We must lead in a manner that is not like the secular world. It is our responsibility to find a way to look at all the issues that marginalize all God's people.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Matthew Calderone

**Church:** Emilie United Methodist Church

**Employment:** Student

**Connectional Ministries:** Eastern Pennsylvanian Board of Laity, Conference Council on Young Adult Ministries

**Awards/Publications:** Student of the Month Levittown Rotary Club November 2017, Student of the Month Bucks County Technical High School November 2017

**Other Information:**

**Statement:** I believe that young adult representation is crucial to the future of The United Methodist Church as a whole, and I will stand to represent them to the best of my ability. I will attend meetings as scheduled and aid in the movement of having young voices heard.

### **Biographical Submission**

**Name:** Susan Grimm Mattox

**Church:** Ross Street UMC, Lancaster PA

**Employment:** Retired, formerly educator, Middle School Librarian, Reading Specialist. Pulpit Supply.

**Connectional Ministries:** West District Lay Leader; West District Committee on Ministry; West District Superintendency Committee; West District Resource Committee; EPA Mission Committee; EPA Board of Laity; Lancaster City Urban Church Cluster; Lancaster Urban Ministry, MANIFEST; LUMINA, volunteer; United Methodist Women, Vice President, Ross Street and Christ Servant Minister.

**Ecumenical Ministries:** Lancaster Northeast Ministerial.

**Awards/Publications:** Optimist of the Year, 2018, Lancaster Optimist Club.

**Other Information:** Anchorage Breakfast Ministry, Board of Director Member. President of Lancaster-Lebanon PSEA, Retired, 2018-2020; President of Lancaster Optimist Club, 2018-19;

**Statement:** At this gathering of the 2020 General Conference I hope faith members from across the world will hold open dialogues that will help to move our faith to further God's kingdom. I pray that the 2020 General Conference will be led by the HOLY SPIRIT. With active listening, study and fellowship, I hope we will be moving towards the unity that our United Methodist brothers and sisters desperately need. I hope that I can be a prayerful partner in this gathering.