

Clergy Delegate Bios



Name: Hannah Adair Bonner

Church: Director, The Wesley Foundation of Tucson

Employment/Appointment: Director, The Wesley Foundation of Tucson (2017-present); Pastor, The Shout, Houston, TX (2014-2017); Northeastern Jurisdiction Coordinator, Division on Ministries with Young People, GBOD (2011-2013); Pastor, Faith UMC, Lititz, PA (2010-2011); Interim Pastor, Oriole Charge, Oriole, MD (2009-2010)

Connectional Ministries: Previous: EPA Camping & Retreat Board, Healing the Wounds of Racism, and Immigration Rapid Response Team; Educator/Keynote speaker for UMC Events - 2018 UMW Assembly, The Fellowship Biennial Convocation, Jack Crum Racial Justice Conference, North Carolina Preaching Festival, etc.

Ecumenical Ministries: Young Adult Representative for the UMC to CUIC (Churches Uniting in Christ); Preacher for the Fall Meeting of the 8th Episcopal District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church; Young Adult participant at World Methodist Conferences of 2011 & 2015; Observer at General Conference 2012 & Special Called Session in 2019.

Awards/Publications: The Shout: Finding the Prophetic Voice in Unexpected Places (Abingdon Press, 2016); in inaugural class of Lewis Fellows at the Lewis Center for Church Leadership; John H. Ness Award, General Commission on History & Archives (2007); Woman of the Year, United Methodist Women of NC (2009); Prathia Hall Social Justice Award, Women Preach Inc. (2016); Honorary Member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. (2016); Multiple articles on ministry for Ministry Matters, Weavings Journal, Sojourners, World Methodist Council, UMW Response Magazine, Washington Post, etc.

Other Information: I was baptized at First UMC in Media, PA, confirmed at Bethlehem UMC in Thornton, PA, and Ordained an Elder at EPA AC in 2012. Spent the years from 2015-2017 working alongside AME, CME and UMC members to address issues of racism in rural Texas, resulting in the passage of the Sandra Bland Act. Was featured this year in a series of teaching videos on Christian Solidarity from UMCOM, as well as in the HBO documentary, "Say Her Name: The Life and Death of Sandra Bland."

Statement: As someone who has lived in and served congregations in 4 of our 5 Jurisdictions, I am often amazed to hear how many assumptions we make about one another without understanding the complicated terrain we are all navigating, and the demands of the local church. I would like to help us truly listen to one another so that we can better hear the call of Jesus Christ that is found in the voice of our neighbors.

As an openly Queer clergy person, the special called session of General Conference this year was deeply wounding to my community. It is not an easy thing for me to enter into this conversation at such a chapter in our history; however, I do believe that it is important that we have the voices of those most impacted by our decision at the table. I have served as a pastor in the UMC for 10 years now, and given to the UMC my youth, my labor, my integrity, my creativity and my dedication. When God called upon me, I also offered up my safety as I have labored to live out a testimony of love and peace, and to meet the gun and knife of the white supremacist with my collar, my Bible, and the love that casts out fear. I am not alone. We in the Queer community have sacrificed too much for too long to be told that we do not have a place at the table where we can be our full and beloved selves. God calls us - not a part of us, but all of us. God calls us in the fullness of who we are to bring all that we are to this sacred task, and we must obey.



Name: Andrea Brown

Church: lead pastor, Lancaster: Grandview United Methodist Church

Employment/Appointment: lead pastor, Lancaster: Grandview; associate pastor, Lancaster: Grandview; prior work in print journalism and public-school teaching and as an adjunct seminary professor (writing coach)

Connectional Ministries: Board of Ordained Ministry, Whites Confronting Racism, Manifest (a partnership of Lancaster city churches with the Urban Commission and Impact Missions, a housing ministry); past: Board of Pensions & Health Benefits, SpiritNet editor, district ministries planning team, Tools for Ministry keynote speaker and workshop presenter. My congregation supports the Anchorage Breakfast Program housed at Lancaster: First as well as other district ministries

Ecumenical Ministries: Lancaster County Clergy Partnership for Education (part of POWER), NAACP clergy group, Manheim Township Ministerium; local food, shelter, clothing, and refugee and immigration partnerships; Embrace Lancaster (support of LGBTQ+ people of faith); Re-Entry Management Organization and other local programs for criminal justice reform and care of those affected by the system

Awards/Publications: Meck Award for distinguished service in the practice of pastoral ministry from Lancaster Theological Seminary; articles for local newspaper about mission trip to visit GBGM missionaries Dr. Mark & Deirdre Zimmerman in Nepal and on fair educational funding; co-author of *Out of Exodus: A Journey in Open & Affirming Ministry*; sermon on transfiguration published online by *Lectionary Homiletics* (goodpreacher.com)

Other Information: Married to Tim Buckwalter with grown children in Philadelphia and Lancaster.

Statement: As an observer of the 2019 General Conference, my heart was broken for the state of The United Methodist Church. More even than at the outcome, I felt despair at winners-and-losers processes, dispirited worship, and a sense of human disconnection. There was not much that felt holy about the conferencing.

I know it can be otherwise. I know because I serve and lead a healthy, growing congregation that has as many conservatives as liberals, yet is able to gather, knowing that God is bigger than any of our individual perspectives. I have seen that it is possible in such a setting to love and affirm LGBTQ+ people in a way they recognize as loving and affirming. I have seen that it is hard, yet life-giving for a historically white congregation to work actively on the ways that racism infects and limits us and others. I have seen that it is possible to discuss and make decisions in contentious matters without spite or bitterness or deceit. I have seen that it is beneficial, when we hurt others, to aim for true repentance. And I am regularly in worship in which the Spirit's presence is evident, known in tears and joy and answered prayer.

The Lord's Prayer and 1 John 4:7-12 and the hymns of the Wesleys are central to my faith. Luke 4:18-19 inspires my calling. "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" (written by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.) convicts me. I am an evangelistically-minded, Bible-believing, people-loving, hope-filled Christian.



Name: Edward (Eddie) Locke Cameron

Church: Hopewell UMC, Downingtown, PA

Employment/Appointment: Associate Pastor, Downingtown, PA: Hopewell UMC (2018-Present); Pastor of Administration and Evangelism, Lancaster, PA: First UMC (2016-2018); Minister of Spiritual Growth, Lancaster PA: First UMC (2009-2016)

Connectional Ministries: Board of Ordained Ministry, Co-chair Residency in Ministry; Jeremiah 29 Team; EPA Conference Safe Sanctuary Committee; member of the Whites Confronting Racism cohort for the EPA UMC

Ecumenical Ministries: Prior member of Lancaster Downtown Ministerium; Founder of Labor for Lancaster, a city-wide Day of Service supported by various denominational churches throughout Lancaster City; Lancaster County Council of Churches (meal ministry)

Awards/Publications: GBHEM 2014 Emerging Ministry Grant for “cutting-edge and innovative ministries in peace and justice that reach outside the wall of the church.”

Other Information: Ordained Deacon in Full Connection; Married to Lisa Cameron and father of James Cameron

Statement: We are living in turbulent times, as together we navigate the waters surrounding us that ebb and flow with differing opinions of church, culture, faith, and God’s divine Spirit. At times the waters feel like dams breaking, overwhelming us and too deep to find our footing. Yet, in these uncertain times, we must realize God is once again at work, forming something new and good, just as God did during creation (Genesis 1:1-2). As a nominee for delegate to the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church, I cling to the promise of God to restore our health and heal our wounds (Jeremiah 30:17), and in the hope of Christ, to complete in us what God has started (Philippians 1:6).

God’s Spirit is stirring over our chaos once again. God is creating something new and good in our midst that will honor and glorify Jesus our Lord. And God invites us all to actively and courageously participate in this new creation story God is revealing to us and the world. As a delegate, I will be faithful to God’s call on my life as a deacon to seek justice and compassion, serve my sisters and brothers with integrity and authenticity, and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as revealed to us in the Old and New testaments. It is my prayer that God’s creative and life-giving powers be realized once again in our beloved church. Amen.



Name: Rev. Johnson Dodla, M.A. M.Div

Church: Olivet United Methodist Church, Coatesville, PA

Employment/Appointment: Crossroads United Methodist Church, Exton United Methodist Church (UMCR & Crossroads Merged Congregations), Olivet United Methodist Church

Connectional Ministries: Healing the Wounds of Racism, Camp and Retreat

Ministries, Board of Ordained Ministry Co-Chair.

Ecumenical Ministries: Exton-Lionville Ministerium, Coatesville Area Pastors Network

Awards/Publications:

Other Information:

Statement: Our family is quite diverse. I am Indian, married to Christyn, who is Caucasian. We have four kids ranging from 4-11 years old. Our older two children joined our family through adoption. They are African American. We also have two biological children who are biracial. When our family breaks bread together at a restaurant, most bystanders give us a puzzled look, a look that is begging the question, “Are all of you together?” Irrespective of the diversity, we are family. Our kids fight like any other siblings. They love and show compassion when another is hurting. One Sunday, during my sermon, I said: “My kids are obnoxious at church because they are so well loved by everyone in the pews.” They feel secure when they are within the walls of Olivet UMC.

2020 General Conference is going to impact how my kids will experience the only church they have ever known. I believe that there is a way forward for our church to move past our current impasse. We can be a church where there is theological diversity, where everyone is welcome to break bread at the Lord’s Table. I believe that we can be the church where the world around us is going to look at us and ask the question “Are all of you together?” My prayer is that we the family, called the United Methodist can shout a resounding YES!



Name: Monica B. Guepet

Church: Pastor, West Grove United Methodist Church

Employment/Appointment: Director/Pastor of Christian Education, Hatboro: Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church, Pastor, Hellertown: St. Paul United Methodist Church, Pastor, Ackermanville United Methodist Church, Pastor, West Grove United Methodist Church

Connectional Ministries: South District Committee on Ministry chair, Board of Ministry, Annual Conference Co-Coordinator of Worship, Christian Educator’s Fellowship, Children’s Ministry, Conference Sessions, Head Teller, Women in Professional Ministry, Financial Leadership Academy

Ecumenical Ministries: Drexel University Wesley Foundation, Avon Grove Ministerium, Constellation Network (community organizing), Southern Chester County Opportunity Network (poverty alleviation and advocacy)

Awards/Publications: Schreyer’s Honors Thesis: “The similarities in Roman Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran liturgy since the liturgical movements of the 1960s”, 2003. Master’s Thesis: “Full Table: Kin-dom of God”, 2011

Other Information: Married to Stephen Guepet, three children: Alisabeth, Felicity, and Peter. I have been present at 2012 and 2019 General Conferences as an observer and an official monitor. I love dance from liturgical dance to performing the Nutcracker to goofing off in the kitchen with my family!

Statement: The gospel calls us to live out a call to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Our global

connection vivifies hope, faith and love, while we seek to remove harm from the insidious places where it has gotten stuck. I give thanks to God for the places where love, faith, and hope have poked up like persistent flowers in the cracks of the sidewalk of the church. We are called as the body of Christ to care well for one another in our shared love for God. The 2020 General Conference provides a resilient opportunity for creative leadership for those willing to prayerfully discern the movement of the Holy Spirit. Reflective, adaptive, contextual leadership is needed for these changing times. If elected, it would be my honor to serve faithfully.



Name: Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

Church: Arch Street United Methodist Church, 55 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Employment/Appointment: Pastor, Arch Street United Methodist Church (2004 – to date).

Connectional Ministries: United Methodist Metro Ministries, Inc.; Urban Commission; Methodist Federation for Social Action; National Methodist Federation for Social Action Program Council; Reconciling United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania; Delegate to the 2012 General Conference; Delegate to the 2016 NE Jurisdictional Conference; Convener of the Whites Confronting Racism Training in partnership with the Conference Commission on Religion and Race, the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Office of Connectional Ministries

Ecumenical Ministries: Founding Member of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild) an interfaith network of communities of faith and conscience in Philadelphia and beyond advocating for and achieving sacred and social justice.

Awards/Publications: Honorary Doctorate from Albright College; Urban Ministry Award, Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; Lifetime Achievement Award from One Step Away (a publication produced by unhoused citizens).

Other Information: Member of the Board of Trustees of Albright College; Co-Convener of The Center – Philadelphia (a non-profit committed to social justice and civic engagement); President of Center City Organized for Responsible Development

Statement: John Wesley’s Holy Club members asked themselves 22 different questions. While all of them require serious consideration, there are three that stand out for me.

1. “Is Christ real to me?” My faith journey began as a child in the Sunday School of St. Paul’s Evangelical United Brethren Church in Mountville, PA. Miss Reese made me memorize the Books of the Bible and Miss Hartman taught me to sing “Jesus Loves Me.” That small-town congregation embraced me as I knelt at the altar and in a tearful prayer asked Jesus to love me. That love is real today, and those seemingly simple assignments and songs remain at the core of my faith.

2. “Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?” I am committed to a fully inclusive church that puts racial justice, LGBTQ justice, gender justice, economic justice, environmental justice at the center of our walk with Jesus. I pray for, preach and promote wholeheartedly: the full inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the life of the church; the restructuring of economies that perpetuate poverty; and the dismantling of racism by addressing white privilege—my own and that embedded in the ecclesiastical, social and political systems of society.

3. “Did the Bible live in me today?” Preaching at Grace Café, a weekly time of worship and food fellowship with persons experiencing homelessness and hunger, is such an ominous task. I add wrinkles to my brow thinking of ways to connect with the 200 or so souls who gather in the sanctuary on Sundays at 5:30 PM. I have learned that if, before I speak, I walk up and down the aisles of the sanctuary and shake hands, fist-bump or flash the peace sign to each person gathered, what I say later in the sermon becomes a living word. It is less about what is said and totally about what is done to be in the presence of the people.



Name: Christopher J. Kurien

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Name: Dan Lebo

Church: Pastor, Annville

Employment/Appointment: Pastor, Somerton; Director, Innabah Camp and Retreat Center; Pastor, Annville; Chaplain/Coordinator of Spiritual Life, Lebanon Valley College

Connectional Ministries: Global Justice Volunteer, General Board of Global Ministries; Young Adult Clergy Leadership Forum, General Board of Church and Society; Conference Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries, ex-officio; Northwest District Committee on Ordained Ministry; West District Committee on Ordained Ministry; Board of Ordained Ministry;

Ecumenical Ministries: Evangelicals for Social Action; Somerton Ministerium; Somerton Food Bank; Annville-Cleona Council of Churches; Interfaith Dialogue Panelist at Lebanon Valley College; Lebanon Rescue Mission

Awards/Publications: Excellence in Church History, Palmer Seminary; Lebo, D. (2010). Book Talk-With Paul Chilcote and Layceye Warner. *Witness: Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*, 24, 81-92.; Doctoral Candidate, Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership, Alvernia University

Other Information: Certified facilitator, Prepare-Enrich; Married to Becca Lebo and father of Claire and Alice.

Statement: As a husband, father, pastor, chaplain, and graduate student, I have learned a lot about the importance of listening. When we don't listen we can't communicate well. We argue, we misinterpret, we fail to build relationships, and ultimately we fail to realize the kingdom and community that God is building in our midst. As I watched the live feed of the most recent General Conference I was distraught by many things I witnessed. Perhaps none struck deeper than what I interpreted as a failure in our process to listen. I watched as voices begged to be noticed, begged to be heard, begged to be listened to; but we, as a denomination, closed our ears.

Our church is better when all voices are heard and, more importantly, listened to. The United Methodist Church is a diverse body with many voices that deserve to be represented. My desire to be a delegate for General Conference comes from my belief that one of the voices that is underrepresented at the table is the voice of young adults in our connection. At the 2019 special session of General Conference, less than 7% of delegates could be categorized as young adults. I believe greater representation of this population is important because we are part of the leadership of the church now and will be for many years to come. I, as well as many other young adults, understand that the decisions that are made on the extremely important issues discussed at General Conference will have a lasting impact on the future of our denomination.

Every year when I fill out my charge conference forms I smile as I fill in my projected retirement date for 2050, because it seems so far away. In reality, it is not as far as we think. The decisions that are made in 2020 will still be felt in 2050 and beyond, which is why young adult representation is so crucial. God willing I would be honored to serve our conference in this capacity.



Name: Mandy S. Miller

Church: Holy Cross: Reading and Calvary Campuses

Employment/Appointment: Associate Pastor: Tokyo Union Church (Tokyo, Japan, 2000-2003), Pastor: Juniata Park UMC (Philadelphia, 2003-2005), Pastor: St. Matthew's UMC (Reading, 2005-2008), Pastor of Visitation: Holy Cross (Reading, 2008-2018), Pastor: Calvary UMC (Wyomissing, 2016-present), Pastor: Holy Cross: Reading and Calvary Campuses (2018-present).

Connectional Ministries: Previous Co-Chair Women in Professional Ministry

Ecumenical Ministries: Previous On-Site Coordinator Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy Conference

Awards/Publications: None

Other Information: M. Div. Wesley Theological Seminary (2000), Graduate of the Financial Leadership Academy, President Owatin Creek Elementary Association of Parents and Teachers

Statement: The God I worship and serve is a God of inclusion, a God who welcomes all to experience amazing love and grace. The message I read in the Bible and see in the life of Jesus Christ is one who loves all people—especially those whom others attempt to shame or exclude. Galatians 3:28—“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus”—is among the first Bible verses I memorized. I value the biblical lessons of equality I learned as a child and these teachings serve me well as I continue in ministry today. We each bring unique gifts and graces into the church as we strive to serve the living God. My first pastorate in Tokyo demonstrated how people from all over the globe could worship and serve God amid a whole variety of differences. Everyone was welcome. Our strength in ministry came from our ability to work together and to value each person. This is what we are called to do as the church—to make space for all to use their gifts and to allow God's love to flow freely. The Holy Spirit empowers me to lead people to Christ and to preach and teach God's inclusive love for all.



Name: Rev. Lydia E. Muñoz

Church: Church of the Open Door, Kennett Square PA

Employment/Appointment: Pastor, Starting Point: Philly - Fairmount/Northern Liberties; Pastor, Cristo Rey UMC - West Grove, Pa; Pastor, Narberth UMC; Director, Escuela Teologica Evangelica - Latino Commission EPA; Multi-systemic Therapist, Pennsylvania Counseling Services- Lancaster Pa; Conference Coordinator of Young People's Ministries; Staff of Division on Ministries with Young People

GBOD; Program Pastor of Outreach Ministries - Seminole UMC, Florida; Pastor, Emmanuel-Stevens UMC, Harrisburg Pa; Pastor, First Spanish UMC York, Pa; Student Pastor, Hyattsville UMC, Hyattsville MD; Student Pastor, Silver Springs UMC, Silver Springs MD, Dauphin County MH/MR Therapist, Harrisburg, Pa,

Connectional Ministries: Board Co-Chair of National Methodist Federation for Social Action, EPA MFSA Chapter Co-Convener, MARCHA NEJ President, EPA Latino Commission, EPA Urban Commission, EPA Rapid Response Team - Current Co-Chair, National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries, Reconciling Ministries Network, Cross-Racial/Cross Cultural Central District Committee, Ethnic-Local Church consultant, NEJ 2016 Planning Team, Central District Committee on Nominations, MARCHA (Metodistas Unidos Representando la Causa Hispano Latino) caucus member since 1990, Member of UM Hymnal Review Committee, GCORR Facing the Future Design Team.

Ecumenical Ministries: Heeding God's Call; Emergent Village Co-Hort, Worship leader/Design team for World Council of Churches Global Gathering 2013 in South Korea, New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia, Puertas Abiertas Immigrant Counselling Services, La Comunidad Hispana, POWER Metro

Awards/Publications: <http://www.wellspringjournal.org/2014/04/power-to-be-witnesses/>, *My Peace.*

WCC2013 Song Book, Make us One. NEJ Clergy Women's Gathering Song Book. Gracias Amigo. Mark Miller & Lydia Munoz. (soon to be published by Choristers Guild). lentforeveryone.blog, Abingdon Press Preachers Manual

Other Information: Spouse: Rev. James F. McIntire, Children: William Gabriel Caraballo Munoz, stepchildren: Lacey McIntire, Tim McIntire and Lindsay McIntire. 2 dogs: Mac and Ella
We are a blended bi-racial/bi-cultural family!

Statement:

I believe the Church of Jesus Christ is at its best when it embraces all of its diversity and differences as its core value. When we embrace the fact that we do not have to be the same in order to be together then we are truly being the body of Christ and a witness of God's reign on earth. In all of creation, God's creative energy can be seen in the variety of colors, shapes, languages, imagination and our ability to love more than our ability to hate. Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." (NRSV). The most powerful witness that we can give the world is to see how we love each other in the midst of deep disagreement. I believe we lost that opportunity in this last special session of General Conference, but I have not lost hope. Like Paul, "we are pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair." (2 Cor. 4:8) I believe God is still in control and the Holy Spirit is in the midst of great transformation.

In a world polarized and divided, in a country that struggles to come to terms with the fact that by 2044 demographics show that we will be a majority minority country, we need the witness of Church. We need a witness of how an institution can divest itself from its racist practices and past and commit to being a church

that truly embraces its work in eliminating racism in all its forms understanding that racism it is incompatible to the teachings of Jesus Christ, and sees this as its most important goal.

This is not easy. We can only do this work together. It is work that involves a deep commitment from each of us to love each other beyond the labels that we often place on one another of “conservative” or “progressive.” So that we can embrace our shared mission and vision. I dream and work for a church where everyone is welcome and where are “good works” are seen as a clear sign of people who have captured the message of Jesus Christ and are committed to live into it. I believe we can do it and as Wesley reminds us, “the best of all is, God is with us!”



Name: Dawn Taylor-Storm

Church: Eastern PA Conference South District

Employment/Appointment: District Superintendent (2014-Present); Dean of the Cabinet (2018-2019); Pastor, St. Matthew’s UMC of Valley Forge (2008-2014); Pastor, White Haven UMC (2001-2008); Associate Pastoral Intern, New Haven: First and Summerfield UMC (1999-2001)

Connectional Ministries: GCFA Economic Advisory Committee; Jurisdictional & Conference Episcopacy Committee; EPA Congo Partnership; Urban Commission; Board of Ordained Ministry; Conference Relations Committee; District Teams

Ecumenical Ministries: Collaborative Partnerships with the AME Church and Palmer Seminary; Former: Interfaith Mainline Ministerium; Methodists United in Mission (AME/CME/UMC)

Awards/Publications: Top Academic Excellence Award Yale Divinity School (2001)

Other Information: Led joint EPA/Pen-Del Conference Delegation to the Democratic Republic of Congo; led the development project for the first pediatric medical & eye clinic in Mpsa, Congo; Married to Dan Taylor-Storm, Parent of Luke (15) and Rebecca (12); Enjoy skiing, walks with our dog and documentaries (I encourage you to take time to watch *This is Congo & Thirteenth*).

Statement: “Resurrection happens on the third day not because the people voted for it. Resurrection happened on the third day because the movement of God could not be legislated. You see, God does not depend on a majority vote...” (Spoken during debate at GC2020.) Since General Conference 2019, I have seen resurrection. I have watched thousands of young people engage the church and claim it as their own, refusing to walk away, but instead committing their lives even more to the proclamation of the Gospel. I have witnessed churches renewing their commitments to be places of radical hospitality. I have seen people finding their voice and speaking, even if their voices shake. I believe God is doing a new thing through the United Methodist movement. I am committed to a United Methodist movement where all people are invited to the table and are fully welcome in all ministries of the church. I take this work seriously and am presently working collaboratively across the United Methodist connection to discern a future that seeks abundant life for all. If elected, you have my full commitment to engage the work of the General Conference in the same way I engage the work of the church - with my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
