

2018-2019 Nominations for the Connecticut Conference Board and Officers

Officers, Class of 2019

Moderator:

The Rev. Fredd L. Ward III is the Senior Pastor at South Congregational Church of East Hartford (Hartford East Association).

He served as Associate Pastor at the Congregational Church of Naugatuck, CT for ten years and had previously served in the national setting of the UCC as a member and co-chair of the Justice and Witness Ministries board of directors and represented JWM on the Executive Council (2007 – 2013).

Assistant Moderator:

The Rev. Hiram L. Brett is Senior Pastor of Whitneyville United Church of Christ in Hamden (New Haven Association). He also serves at Yale New Haven Hospital as a chaplain.

Hiram served as both Moderator and Deacon at Dixwell Avenue United Church of Christ for a number of years. He spent more than twenty-five years in telecommunications industry working for firms such as MCI, SNET, and AT&T in executive positions in marketing, finance and strategic planning. Prior to attending seminary, he worked in the nonprofit sector serving low income citizens.

Treasurer:

Calvin Price is a member of the North Madison Congregational Church (New Haven East Association).

Calvin is recently retired from 43 years in the financial Services industry and is currently serving as a Business Consultant to Non Profits on housing and community development. He has served on a number of Non-profit boards and in various settings of the United Church of Christ.

Scribe:

Kathryn Lewis is a member of Center Church Hartford (Hartford Association).

Kathryn works at Travelers, in Small Commercial Insurance and is a project manager for the Business Integrity team. She is involved in theater in the Hartford area, and loves to knit and cook. She has previously served as an at-large member of the Board of Directors and is active in her church choir.

Assistant Scribe:

The Rev. Lauren Lorincz is the Pastor at Colchester Federated Church, Colchester (New London Association).

Lauren is involved with the Cragin Library Board of Trustees and sits on the New London Association Council. She is also involved with the CT Conference Korean Partnership, the Next Generation Leadership Initiative (NGLI), and is an Andover Newton Seminary Fellow.

Board of Directors, Class of 2021

Elliot Altomare is a MID with the Farmington Valley Association.

He is a member of South Congregational Church of Granby, and a member of First Congregational Church of Granby, where he is on the Personnel Committee. Elliot works as an Organizational Community & Cultural Coordinator at 350.org, and also as a Community Organizer, Facilitator, Trainer and Mediator. He is also the Coordinator of The Harbor, serving the community in Granby and East Granby, and a Board Member of Trans Lifeline. Elliot is a workshop presenter around gender/sexuality, race & racism, and difficult conversations to regional UCC churches, as well as an OWL facilitator and preacher with regional UU churches.

The Rev. Rhonda Myers is the Pastor at United Congregational UCC church in Torrington (Litchfield North Association).

Rhonda serves the Litchfield North Association as their Registrar & is also a member of their Committee on Church and Ministry. She has previously been involved with the Wider church serving on the UCC Local Church Ministries Board.

The Rev. Kari Nicewander is the Senior Pastor at Immanuel Congregational Church, Inc.

Kari is involved with her community working directly with the Core Team, an interfaith clergy organizing effort. She also does Racial Justice training and curriculum work with West Hartford Public Schools, and is a South Marshall Interfaith Coalition member.

Kari has served as a General Synod delegate and is on the CT Conference task force for sexual and domestic violence. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Racial Justice Ministry Team for the CT Conference.

Youth Board Member, Class of 2021

Brittany LaFleur is a recent graduate of Keene State College with a degree in Elementary Education and a concentration in Geography. She is an enthusiastic “UCCer” who has been involved in the First Congregational Church of Woodstock and the Connecticut Conference for many years, as well as at Keene UCC in New Hampshire while attending college. Britt has helped on many church committees, served as a youth and adult delegate for her home congregation, and has attended the past two UCC General Synods as a Young Adult Delegate for Connecticut. Britt has a love for children and the environment as well as a passion for battling inequality and injustice.