

**Second Report of the General Synod Nominating Committee
Moderator & Assistant Moderator Nominees for the Thirty-Fifth General Synod
Thirty-Fourth General Synod**

Moderator

Andrew Rushan Sinnaduray is the Founding and Lead Pastor of The Oasis United Church of Christ in Jefferson City, Missouri. Within the Missouri Mid-South Conference, he serves as Co-Chair of the Western Association Committee on Ministry and has served on the Associate Conference Minister Search Committee for the Conference. Rushan was born and raised in Sri Lanka and has lived and worked in New Zealand, Canada and the USA. He was ordained in 2008 and has served churches in New Hampshire, Connecticut and Missouri. He is passionate about church planting, church vitality and growth, musical theater, and the interactions between popular culture, science and theology. Rushan and his spouse, Arushini, have two children: Aran and Alisha.

Men, both Transgender and Cisgender, 50-59, Holds Ministerial Standing, Asian/Asian American, Missouri Mid-South Conference

Assistant Moderator

Jean Avison is a member of Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ in Beaverton, Oregon. At Bethel, Jean serves on the Diaconate and Investment committees and is chair of the Nominations committee. Other past local church roles have included; Moderator, Treasurer, and chair of the Trustees. In the Central Pacific Conference, Jean serves as Co-chair of the Committee on Ministry and has formerly served as Moderator and Treasurer. In the National Setting of the UCC, Jean has served on the Executive Council (a predecessor body of the UCC Board), Chair of the Committee on Disposition for 2 General Synods, and as chair of the UCC General Synod Nominating Committee. In addition, Jean also served as a recorder at GS 30 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jean brings to the position her passion for the United Church of Christ, as well as experience and skills in education, group facilitation, strategic planning, organizational development, process improvement and project management.

Jean is retired, after 35 years as a corporate training manager. She and her husband, David, have a blended family of four grown children, eight grandchildren and one very spoiled Golden Retriever, Gracie (never place a period where God has placed a comma).

Women, both Transgender and Cisgender, 60+, Layperson (Not Ordained), White/European American, Central Pacific Conference