

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD REPORT ON
GENERAL SYNOD NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES
CLASS OF 2029**

The United Church of Christ Board recommends the following individuals for election by the General Synod to the General Synod Nominating Committee class of 2029:

ANDRIA DAVIS

Vote UCCB-23-03-07

Andria Davis (she/her) is a European American, cis-gender, queer female. She is 34 years old. She holds ministerial authorization and serves as Executive Pastor of Worship and Digital Experience at Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas (South Central Conference). Andria previously served at Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, Arizona (Southwest Conference). She holds a Master of Divinity degree with a certificate in LGBTQ Studies from Chicago Theological Seminary. She is currently working on her Doctor of Ministry degree on preaching and stewardship at Chicago Theological Seminary. In addition to her ministerial roles, Andria has served in several community and Board roles, including on the South Central Conference Board of Directors and on the founding Board of Rebel & Divine, a new church start for LGBTQ Youth experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity in Phoenix, Arizona. Currently, Andria serves on the Board of the Baptist House of Studies at SMU Perkins School of Theology and as a member of the North Texas Association Committee on Ministry. Andria has served the General Synod on several occasions as both Delegate and Committee Chair.

Member of South Central Conference and is an Authorized Minister or Ordained Ministerial Partner

Church Membership Information

Cathedral of Hope United Church of Christ is located in Dallas, Texas (South Central Conference). Cathedral of Hope's membership as of January 2023 is 1,549. Our current worship attendance is 725. We are a predominately LGBTQ congregation with a broad digital reach outside of the DFW. Our demographic make up is approximately 45% white / Caucasian, 40% Hispanic, 10% Black / African American, and 6% Asian.

Cathedral of Hope 5910 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, TX 75235

Demographics: Woman, both transgender & cisgender; Age 30-39; Member of LGBTQAI+ Community; White/European American

STEPHANIE PERDEW

Vote UCCB-23-03-08

Stephanie Perdew, M.Div., Ph.D. is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska, and is a tribal citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. She received her BA in Religion & Native American Studies from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. She received her M.Div. from Garrett Theological Seminary and was ordained to ministry in the Nebraska Conference United Church of Christ. She returned to Garrett to obtain her PhD in religious history and teaches at the seminary as an Affiliate Professor of Christian history. She served in parish ministry in the Illinois Conference UCC for twenty five years and has served on the adjunct faculties of McCormick Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago Divinity School. In 2021 she accepted a call to serve as Transitional Associate Conference Minister in the Illinois Conference. She is completing that work as she moves to her new call as Director of the Damascus Project, the collaborative theological education ministry of the Minnesota and Wisconsin Conferences UCC. Stephanie is a member of the North American Academy of Liturgy and serves on the Board of Directors of the Mitchell Museum of the American Indian in Evanston, Illinois, where she makes her home. She is a trained spiritual director, a sought-after speaker and educator, and frequently published author. Her article on best practices in land acknowledgements was recently published in *The Christian Century* (November 2022). She holds membership at the First Congregational Church UCC of Western Springs, IL and holds ministerial standing in the Chicago Metropolitan Association UCC.

Member of Illinois Conference and is an Authorized Minister or Ordained Ministerial Partner

Church Membership Information

Local Church: First Congregational UCC, 1106 Chestnut Street, Western Springs, IL 60558

Demographics: Woman, both transgender & cisgender; Age 50-59; Indian/Native American

AMY ROON

Vote UCCB-23-03-09

Reverend Amy Roon's educational background includes a Master of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion (2002), and a BA in Vocal Performance from Oberlin College (1996).

She is currently part of the Leadership Team at University Congregational UCC as the Minister of Vision and Stewardship. She has been on the Leadership Team since Oct 2009 and has also worked extensively with their Christian Formation and Worship ministries. Prior to joining UCUC she served as Associate Pastor at the United Churches of Olympia and as Interim Pastor at Lummi Island Congregational Church.

Amy has leadership training in Stephen Ministry, BeFriender Ministry, OWL, and InterPlay and has participated in and helped lead these ministry forms in other churches and at University UCC.

Amy has tremendous passion and creativity, and is a musician with experience in piano, choral music, solo voice, and theater. She occasionally sings in worship, but generally prefers helping others to fulfill this role. She is an enthusiastic practitioner of InterPlay, a discipline that combines theater, dance, and spirituality.

Amy has one son, Benjamin, and having been a foster parent for over three years, continues to support her former foster daughter.

Member of Pacific Northwest Conference and is an Authorized Minister or Ordained Ministerial Partner

Church Membership Information

University Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 16th Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98105-4201

We've been estimating our church size at between 600-750... COVID making this even harder than it was before. Our average weekly worship is roughly 225.

Demographics: Woman, both transgender & cisgender; Age 40-49; Black/African American; HUGS membership: MRSEJ; ONA; UBC

REV. REBECCA SAUSSER

Vote UCCB-23-03-10

Rev. Rebecca Sausser is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Having received a call to ministry in high-school, she chose to focus her undergraduate studies on double majoring in History and Religion with a concentration in World Religions. She received her Master's in Divinity from Moravian University where she met her wife, Christina. She currently serves as the full-time solo-pastor at St. John's UCC in Allentown. St. John's UCC is an Open and Affirming, as well as a WISE (Welcome, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) congregation in the heart of the city of Allentown. In their more than 150 years of ministry they have been led by one mission, "Called by God we serve to be a welcoming community of faith for all".

Pastor Becky serves on the Executive Board of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ. She also serves on a number of ministry teams including the Racial Justice Team and the Mental Health Team. She created the PNEC Generosity Team. Her hobbies include spending time with her family and hiking! Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6!

Member of Penn Northeast and is an Authorized Minister or Ordained Ministerial Partner.

Church Membership Information

Local Church: St John's UCC in Allentown, 36 S. 6th Street, Allentown, PA 18101

Demographics: Woman, both transgender & cisgender; Age 19-29; Member of LGBTQAI+ Community; White/European American; Disability