

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

Moderator

Jean Avison is a member of Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ in Beaverton, Oregon. At Bethel, Jean serves as Treasurer, a member of the Investment committee and chairs 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 the 30th General Synod 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 in the financial services industry. 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 a placed a comma).

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

Assistant Moderator

Susan Cartmell has served as a local pastor in the UCC for over 40 years, serving as a settled pastor in Winchester, Needham and Harwich Port, Massachusetts and as an interim pastor in Appleton Wisconsin. The first woman to serve as a senior minister in a large steeple church, in 1997, Susan is passionate about preaching and church growth. In her first book, UnCommon Preaching, she advocates for using Biblical themes, as an alternative to the Lectionary. Her second book was written with her wife, Rev. Peggy O'Connor. Entitled The Perpetual Pivot: Ministry in the Pandemic and Beyond, it recounts stories of faith leaders who became front line workers during COVID 19.

A graduate of Mount Holyoke College (BA), Harvard Divinity School (MDIV) and Andover Newton Theological School (DMIN). Susan serves as pastor of South Church in Amherst, MA.

Woman, both Transgender and Cisgender, 60+, Holds Ministerial Standing, White/European American, Southern New England Conference