

Be the Light



122nd

Keystone Annual Conference

June 8-12, 2020



Part Three

MEG Board Report
Nominating Committee Report
Biographies of Nominees

Report of Ministerial Education and Guidance Board 2020 to the 122nd Session of the Keystone Annual Conference for activity during the year 2019-2020

Mr. Chairman, the Board of Ministerial Education and Guidance recommends:

1. The following persons be received as Conference Ministerial Candidates:

Matthew Argot, Gearhartville Free Methodist Church
Sherry Brezinski, Youngsville Free Methodist Church
Eric Brown, Youngsville Free Methodist Church
H. Zoe Hatcher, Bradford, Open Arms Community Church
Jodi Hollamby, Bradford, Open Arms Community Church
James J Lenaway, Bradford, First Free Methodist Church
Joshua McConnell, DuBois, Light & Life Church
Carrie Pifer, Port Allegany, Open Arms Community Church

2. That the following person be admitted into full membership and ordained elder

Luke Morley

3. That the following persons be continued as Conference Ministerial Candidates:

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Became CMC</u>
<i>Tyler Brown</i>	(6)	2015
<i>Matthew Burt</i>	(5)	2016
<i>John Bush</i>	(10)	2011
<i>Joshua Erizer</i>	(3)	2018
<i>David Hockey</i>	(6)	2015
<i>Eric Knapp</i>	(2)	2019
<i>Michael Washington</i>	(3)	2018

4. That the following person(s) be placed on leave of absence:

Thomas Vennard (CMC), secular employment
Justin Willoughby (CMC), secular employment

5. The following persons be **given a certificate of standing**:

Michael McAvoy, Elder to South Atlantic Conference
Raymond Start, Elder to New South Conference

6. The Ministerial Education and Guidance Board has given due consideration to the integrity and Christian discipleship of each ministerial member of the Keystone Conference and affirms the integrity and Christian discipleship of each in accord with Paragraph 5310 of the Book of Discipline.

7. The following persons be **listed as retired**:

Rock Pifer, Elder
Raymond Start, Elder
Chuck Stutzman, Elder
Peter Tremblay, Elder
Roger Laktash, Elder – Effective December 31, 2020

Nominating Worksheet - Keystone Annual Conference 2020

Nominating Committee Elected by ballot Superintendent

Clergy	<u>Sherri Pifer</u>	2022	
Lay	<u>Karen Michel</u>	2022	
Clergy	Mark Lutcher	2021	Previously Elected
Lay	Marlene Hamrick	2021	Previously Elected

Board of Administration (BOA) Elected by ballot

Clergy	<u>Joshua McConnell</u>	2022	
Clergy	<u>Cindy Hill</u>	2022	
Lay	<u>Gail Miller</u>	2022	
Lay	<u>Kian Washington</u>	2022	
Clergy	Chuck Riel	2021	Previously Elected
Clergy	Kathy Thompson	2021	Previously Elected
Lay	<u>Alex Davis</u>	2021	
Lay	<u>Maryann Hockey</u>	2021	

Ex Officio

Clergy Superintendent

Treasurer	<u>Davie Michel</u>	2020	
Secretary	<u>Rob Miller</u>	2020	

Conference Officers

Director of Youth Min.	<u>Chuck Jewell</u>	2021	
Historians	<u>Chris & Cindy Hill</u>	2021	
Missions Promoter	<u>Chuck Riel</u>	2021	

Ministerial Appointments Committee (MAC) Elected by ballot

Bishop:

Superintendent:

Lay	<u>Sheri Osborne</u>	2022	
Lay	Sue Baumgardner	2021	Previously Elected
Clergy	<u>Tim Maybray</u>	2022	

**Ministerial Education & Guidance Board (MEG) Elected by ballot
(Ministerial Appointments Committee members)**

Clergy	<u>Bryce Griece</u>	2022	
Lay	<u>Diane Seder</u>	2022	
Clergy	PJ Cathcart	2021	Previously Elected
Clergy	Mark Lutcher	2021	Previously Elected
Lay	Brad MacNeil	2021	Previously Elected
Lay	<u>Cassie Burt</u>	2021	

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Bryce Grieco

Nominated for Ministerial Education and Guidance Board (MEG)

Bryce is the lead pastor of Northway Community Church in Williamsport. Bryce transferred to Keystone Conference in 2018; previously he served in the Pittsburgh Conference as a BOA member, MEG chairperson, and life group leader. He was also a 2015 General Conference presenter.

Over the last 20 years, God has allowed him to be part of many people's journeys through a call to ministry. As part of the MEG board, he feels he can serve by helping men and women navigate through the process of a call to ministry and ordination into ministry as well as remaining healthy throughout ministry. As a pastor, he feels we all need people willing to walk alongside of us in support and encouragement with the permission to challenge us when necessary.



Cindy Hill

Nominated for Historian and Nominating Committee

Cindy has been Associate Pastor for 31 years at The Crossing Free Methodist Church, Oil City. For 30 years she has also served as the chaplain at Polk Center, a state facility for persons with intellectual disabilities.

In her work with the Conference, Cindy currently serves on the Board of Administration. She previously served as Conference Director of Christian Education, on the Conference Youth Ministries Team, and as Director of Children's Ministries. She also served the FMC-USA as a Regional Co-Director of Christian Education.

Cindy offers a life-long experience in the Keystone Conference filled with interactions with pastors, lay persons, and churches across the Conference.



Chuck Jewell

Nominated for Director of Youth Ministries

Chuck is the lead pastor of New Castle, New Creation FMC. Previously he had been appointed a youth pastor for 20 years, and he volunteered in that position for four years prior. In the Conference, he has been Director of Conference Youth Ministries and served on the Conference Youth Ministry team since 1990. He also led Team for Teens at GC 15.

Chuck spoke with Christian Endeavor Mid Atlantic at their mission work camps for the past four to five years. He has helped coordinate bringing them into New Castle to help the Christian community outreach to work projects and helping youth ministries connect in service from other places.

Chuck and his wife Suzy have a passion to see students' lives changed for Christ. They feel they are missionaries to teens and strive to know the culture they are reaching. They teach that there are Godly ways to live and that they can be a part of a family.



Tim Maybray

Nominated for a position on the Ministerial Appointments Committee (MAC)

Tim is the lead pastor of tfreechurch (Titusville Free Methodist Church). His work within the Conference includes MEG Board, District Leader, Reserve Delegate for General Conference, and PCTR teacher. His community involvement includes Women's Services of Crawford County and being a Love, Inc. volunteer.

Tim has served as a member of Annual Conferences as an itinerating pastor within a modified appointment system for 33 years. Occasionally he has been consulted by superintendents about other pastors and other appointments. As a District Leader he has led various intake interviews between incoming pastors and receiving churches. He has also been involved with private interviews of candidates for possible appointments.



Dave Michel

Nominated for Board of Administration

Dave is currently the pastor at Stepping Stones Community Church in State College where he also serves in administration and is a small group leader.

He has served Keystone Conference as former District Leader, in camping, and as a General Conference Delegate. He currently serves on the Board of Administration, the Finance Committee, and is Conference Treasurer and Secretary.

Dave has a degree in Finance from Penn State. He has served as a local church treasurer. He teaches about personal financial management.



Sherri Pifer

Nominated for the Nominating Committee

Sherri Pifer, along with her husband, Rock, are both ordained elders in the Keystone Conference FMC are now serving as the evangelist team as of 2018.

Sherri has been sharing her testimony and ministry experiences in New Castle, Ulysses, Erie, Clearfield, and Egypt churches, to name a few. Sherri is also a trained facilitator through the College of Prayer International. She is on staff with the Keystone Conference Youth Ministries team serving as prayer coordinator and camp counselor. Besides prayer, Sherri has a great passion to help women young and old to find their value and worth in Christ Jesus.

To learn more about Sherri and her husband Rock, check out their website at www.faithupside-down.org.



Chuck Riel

Nominated for Missions Promotor

Chuck is the lead pastor of both Centerville and Pleasantville churches. In his local church ministry, he is also a small group facilitator, leads Kids Camp and the Good News Club at the Pleasantville Elementary School.

Chuck has also participated in several mission trip including a recent trip to the Conference Connected Community in Costa Rica. He feels the experience on each of these trips has led him to become the pastor and leader he is today. God has helped him grow through missions as much as

leading the churches he currently serves.

In his words, Chuck believes a good leader is a result of those who join in God's work together to glorify the Lord. He has been blessed with great people making an awesome impact wherever God leads us, both with those who go and those we meet.

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Cassie Burt

Nominated for Ministerial Education and Guidance Board (MEG)

Cassie Burt of Port Allegany is the Design Coordinator at Open Arms Church. Cassie has been on three US mission trips to Townsend TN. She has volunteered in the youth group, children's ministry, production, worship, greeting, ushering and design since 2011. Cassie has a bachelor's degree in Information Technology and is married to Pastor Matthew, and has five children, Vata: 15, Marcus: 11, Rain: 8, Harmony: 5, Gideon: 3.



Alex Davis

Nominated for the Board of Administration

Alex Davis of Bradford is the director of ministry operations at Open Arms Church and is a local ministerial candidate pursuing the deacon track. He has been involved in the ministry since 2016 and has a current focus on developing and strategizing ministries. He is married to Samantha, and they have two felines.



Maryann Hockey

Nominated for the Board of Administration

I became a Christian in March 1981. My husband, David, and I married in June 1984 and went into full time ministry in 2000 with the FMC. We have since have pastored in New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. In 2012 we adopted special needs twin girls from China; we are all doing very well. In 2015 we moved to Pennsylvania and have since been pastoring the Cameron County Christian Center in Emporium. Most of my career has been spent in banking; however, since moving to Pennsylvania I have been home taking care of my family and helping my husband with the church.



Joshua McConnell

Nominated for the Board of Administration

Joshua is a member of Light and Life FMC in DuBois. He works as a facilitator at ResCare. In his church, he is the assistant pastor and treasurer. He is also on the pastor's cabinet, is part of the leadership team, and is involved in the children's ministry, youth, and short-term missions. For the Keystone Conference, he is a reserve delegate. He is also working on becoming a local ministerial candidate.

Joshua has a business background with management in retail and restaurant services. He also has secular leadership and decision-making responsibilities. From a Biblical perspective, he recently received his Master's degree in Clinical and Mental Health Counseling, undergrad in Christian Counseling, and an unaccredited associate in Biblical studies. He looks forward to the possibilities God has in store for our Conference and surrounding communities.



Karen Michel

Nominated for the Nominating Committee

Karen attends Stepping Stones Community Church in State College and is an administrative assistant at Penn State University. In her church, she serves as a small group leader, a café worker, and is on both the leadership and worship teams. Her work for the Keystone Conference includes MEG Board, Ministerial Appointments Committee, FMC-USA Board of Administration, General Conference Delegate, Conference bookkeeper, Conference secretary, Conference treasurer, Superintendent Search Committee, and the Youth Ministry Team.

Karen has served in the Keystone Conference for 28 years and during that time she have had the wonderful opportunity of getting to know many church leaders throughout the Conference. The Lord has also blessed her with the gift of discernment and with a job that has given her the opportunity to work with a diverse group of people over the years and which has sharpened my sensitivity in working with others.

Gail Miller

Nominated for the Board of Administration



Gail attends Fleming Free Methodist Church and is retired from working at Penn State University. Her local church ministry work includes treasurer, delegate, Sunday School teacher, CLC Director, and WMI Vice President. Gail's Conference works includes being a member of the Board of Administration and Conference Finance Committee.

In her community, Gail has been a school and nursing home volunteer and has served as the Fundraising Chair for the Relay for Life.

Gail says, "I was saved as a teenager and recommitted my life to the Lord when I was 25. I was told we are saved to serve. I have served our church BOA for 30 years and as a treasurer for 18 years. During my 25 years at Penn State Purchasing, I worked on various projects dealing with contracts and budgets."



Rob Miller

Nominated for the Board of Administration

Rob attends Stepping Stones Community Church where he is a part of the Leadership Team, Small Group Coordinator, webmaster, social media leader, worship team, and Conference Delegate. He works as a senior meteorologist for AccuWeather, Inc. Rob serves the Keystone Conference as Conference and BOA Secretary. He served on the MEG Board for seven years and was a Reserve Delegate to General Conference.

Rob feels the Lord has given him a servant's heart. This has led him to serve in multiple ministries at Stepping Stones throughout the years. This service has led to an appointment on the MEG Board for over six years and service as the secretary this past church year. Isaiah 6:8 summarizes his attitude toward serving – *Here I am; send me!*"



Sherri Osborne

Nominated for Ministerial Appointment Committee (MAC)

Sherri attends tfreechurch in Titusville. She has been involved in ministry work in the Free Methodist Church for 15 years and has been employed at tfreechurch for 11 of those years as Ministries Coordinator and, until late, worship Leader.

She has served on the MEG Board for over eight years and has been the Lay Delegate to General Conference twice as well as a Reserve Lay Delegate for one.

Sherri feels her work in the Conference gives her the wonderful opportunity to get to know the great people who serve in Keystone.

Diane Sedor

Nominated for Ministerial Education and Guidance Board (MEG)



Diane Sedor has always had a passion to help make positive changes in the lives of others. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Studies with a minor in Gerontology from Penn State University. Her career has led her on many paths from the aging population to those with disabilities and most currently with individuals with addiction. Diane is employed with Pyramid Healthcare Inc as a compliance auditor where she conducts internal audits within the treatment and recovery facilities. Throughout her career she was trained in adult protective services and as a certified investigator to help protect the health and safety of the aging population and those with disabilities.

Diane is an active member of Light and Life Church where she serves as a leader on the hospitality team. She has been a local resident all her life. She currently lives in Treasure Lake with her husband Greg and daughter Paige. She enjoys baking, walking, spending time with family and friends, golfing and traveling.



Kian Washington

Nominated for the Board of Administration

Kian attends New Vision Church in Erie. She is employed at PNC Bank where she is the Teller Lead. Her work in the local church ministry includes worship team and a Bible study leader. She volunteers through PNC Bank at their Grow Up Great program.

Kian has been worked in the financial industry for over seven years, and it has given her a great opportunity to work with a variety of different people in multiple positions. She has been able to gain management experience and good organizational skills. Outside of work she has been serving alongside her husband for the past seven years in youth ministry and then as he took on the role of senior pastor. She has assisted him in any way that he has needed including helping with events, leading worship, and lead Bible studies for girls and women.