

**I. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION****A. OFFICERS AND STAFF**

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**Conference Co-Presidents, Council on Youth Ministries: Nick Hall** ..... nickmhall00@gmail.com

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**Conference Chancellor: Greg Huffman** ..... c/o Amy Coles, as listed above

## B. CONFERENCE AGENCIES

As outlined in the Plan of Organization, Section VII, Part 1.

Information for entities and associated ministry departments can be found online at [www.wnccumc.org](http://www.wnccumc.org).

### 1. CONNECTIONAL TABLE

Co-Chairperson .....	John Crane, Conference Lay Leader
Co-Chairperson .....	Caroline C. Wood, Director of Connectional Ministries
Elected Young Adult Clergy: Meg Gaston	Resident Bishop: Paul Leeland
Conference United Methodist Women President: Julia Willis	Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles
Conference United Methodist Men President: William Waddell	Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services:
Conference Council on Youth Ministries Co-Presidents:	Mark King
Nick Hall and Rebecca Langston	Conference Secretary/Director of Ministerial Services:
Conference Board of Trustees President: Eric Lane	Kim Ingram
Conference Council on Finance & Administration President:	Director of Church Development: Rob Hutchinson
George Coates	Director of Communications: Melissa McGill
Council on Camp and Retreat Ministry Representative:	Director of Equity and Justice Ministries: Bill White Jr.
Andrew Brown	Director of Missional Engagement and Connectional Ministries:
Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry: John Howard Jr.	Caroline Wood
Board of Ordained Ministry Chair: Lynda Ferguson	President of the United Methodist Foundation, WNC, Inc:
Church Vitality Team Chair: Frank Ramos	David Snipes
Justice and Reconciliation Team Chair: Donnell FitzJefferies	District Superintendent (Catawba Valley): David Christy
Leadership Development Team Chair: Kari Howard	General Church Connectional Table: Sara Belles, Shareka Brown,
Mission Engagement Team Chair: Steve Cheyney	Amy Coles

### 2. COUNCILS

#### COUNCIL ON CAMP AND RETREAT MINISTRY

Chair .....	Tresca McSwain
Secretary .....	Kate May
Treasurer .....	Pam Humphrey
Liaison to Camp GuilRock .....	Andrew Brown
Liaisons to Mount Shepherd.....	Jason Boggs, Pam Humphrey
Liaisons to Camp Tekoa .....	Andrew Johnson, Chandler Ragland
Liaisons to Tekoa Foothills.....	Neill Shaw, Jonathan LeMaster-Smith
At-Large: Jason Boggs, Andrew Brown, Katie Henderson, Andrew Johnson, Chris Lakey, Jonathan LeMaster-Smith, Chandler Ragland, Jill Rhinehart, Neill Shaw	
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Northern Piedmont: Bev Copley	

#### COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

President.....	George Coates
Vice-President.....	Irish Spencer
Secretary.....	Gregg Plott
Clergy: Ellis Carson, George Coates, Kaye Fry, In-Yong Lee, Angela Marlowe, Randy Perdue, Gregg Plott, Julie Ann Roberts	
Lay: Tom Adams, Lewis Burgman, Spencer Disher, Louretta Howze, William Hutaff, Rose Rich, Irish Spencer, Mary Ann Wexler, Sara Williams	
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles; Conference Controller: Carolyn Hindel; Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services: Mark King; Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Yadkin Valley: Sam Moore Jr.	

### 3. BOARDS

#### BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY

<https://www.wnccumc.org/campus-ministries>

Chair .....	John Howard Jr.
Vice Chair Eric Lanier Jr.	
Secretary .....	Cheryl Perkins
Treasurer, Finance Chair .....	Ethan Smith
At-Large: Tylisha Baber, Cade Barefoot, Jill Alventosa-Brown, Robbie Combs II, Torey Haynes, Rebecca McKnight, Kyle Sigmon, Cindy Turner	
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Associate Director of Ministerial Services, Annalee Allen	

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

BOARD OF LAITY

https://www.wnccumc.org/lay-ministries

President, Conference Lay Leader ..... John Crane
Secretary ..... Sue Jones
Treasurer ..... William Parrish Jr.

At-Large: Kylee Rose Frye, Pati Graham, Casey Habich, Dorian Palmer, Christine Pharr, Angela Webster
District Lay Leaders: Appalachian: Penny Ledbetter, Blue Ridge: Russ Darnall, Catawba Valley: George Eubanks, Metro: Louretta Howze, Northern Piedmont: Kim Eller, Smoky Mountain: Sue Jones, Uwharrie: Kathy Odell, Yadkin Valley: Tim Hoffman
Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries: TBD
Conference Prayer Advocate: Don Hyler
President, United Methodist Men: William Waddell
President, United Methodist Women: Julia Willis
Co-Presidents, Conference Council on Youth Ministries: Nick Hall and Rebecca Langston
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Blue Ridge: Mark Ralls

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

https://www.wnccumc.org/BOM

Chair ..... Lynda Ferguson
Vice Chair ..... Paul Thompson
Secretary ..... Avery White
Treasurer ..... Kevin Turner
Chairperson, Order of Deacons ..... Monica Childers
Chairperson, Order of Elders ..... Norma Villagrana
Chairperson, Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members ..... Eric Lineberry
Lay Member of Executive Committee ..... Ceola Ross-Baber
Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Uwharrie ..... Laura Auten
Registrar/Director of Ministerial Services ..... Kim Ingram

Clergy, Deacon: Amy Burton, Monica Childers, Julia Trantham Heckert, Meredith Hinton, Troy Howard, Meredith Martin, Rene Wilt, Carrie Wright
Clergy, Elder: Aldana Allen, Carl Arrington, Laura Auten, Steve Autrey, Eileen Ayuso, Sherri Barnes, Randy Blanton, Emmanuel Boakye-Yiadom, Fredrick Bowman, Mary Brown, Matthew Burton Jr., Heidi Campbell-Robinson, Beth Crissman, Paul Christy, Al Everett, Randy Harry, Susan Heafner-Heun, Dan Hester, Jeff Johnsen, Mark Key, Joseph Kim, Uiyeon Kim, Josh Kurtz, Justin Lowe, Dan Lyons, Jonathan Marlowe, Dan Martin, John McGill, Jeff Patterson, Sally Queen, George Ragsdale, Charlie Rivens Sr., Lucy Robbins, Jim Sanders, Mike Shuford, Wes Smith, Tom Steagald, Brad Thie, Ashley Thomas, Will Van Wieren III, Cliff Wall
Clergy, Local Pastor: Alexis Anthony Sr., Tom Jones, Eric Lineberry, Sue Anne Morris
Lay: Joe Beaman Jr., Michael Blackburn, Jane Boatwright Wood, Ellen Copley, John Crane (Conference Lay Leader), Martha Efird, Joyce Forth, Eunice Hannah, Andrea Johnson, Bob Penny, Mary Perkins, Jenny Reilly, Ceola Ross-Baber, Jatana Royster, Jaidy Smith
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Associate Director of Ministerial Services: Annalee Allen; Members, General Board: Jane Boatwright Wood, Kim Ingram

BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

President ..... Sarah Kalish
Vice-President ..... Vicki Hunt
Secretary ..... Amy Berrier
Treasurer ..... Lynne Gilbert
Conference Treasurer ..... Mark King
Chair, Health Benefits Committee ..... Lori Wilson
Chair, Joint Committee on Medical Leave ..... Rennie Salata

Class of 2024: Amy Berrier, Vicki Hunt, Sarah Kalish, Jearld Leonhardt, Albert Mills
Class of 2028: Sandy Arey, Lauren Hill, Dave Ogden, Joseph Purington, Rennie Salata, Anthony Vincent, Lori Wilson
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Conference Benefits Administrator: Dale Bryant; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Northern Piedmont: Bev Copley; Board Treasurer: Lynne Gilbert; Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services: Mark King

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INC.

President ..... Eric Lane
Vice-President ..... Chad Shoaf
Secretary ..... Michelle Chappell

Class of 2024: Steve Felts, Roslyn Harris, Eric Lane, Chad Shoaf, Earonita Strong
Class of 2028: Michelle Chappell, Fred DeVore, Karen Foster, Tonya Lanier, Ricky Lefft, Carl Manuel Jr., Phil Smith
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Metro: Dan Pezet II; Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services: Mark King; Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland

## 4. MINISTRY TEAMS

### CHURCH VITALITY TEAM

<https://www.wnccumc.org/ChurchDevelopment>

Chair ..... Frank Ramos  
 Vice Chair ..... Cindy Wechter  
 At-Large: Amy Foote, Tiffany Little, Meredith Menius, Brenda Ray, Wally Vaughan Jr.  
 District Representatives: Appalachian: Howard Fleming, Blue Ridge: Sam Burleson, Catawba Valley: Amy Hutchison, Metro: Hugo Villagrana, Northern Piedmont: Morris Brown, Smoky Mountain: Wayne Dickert, Uwharrie: Jim Parsons, Yadkin Valley: Darren Crotts  
 Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Associate Director of Church Development: Luke Edwards; Director of Church Development: Rob Hutchinson;  
 Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Smoky Mountain: Jae Lee

### JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION TEAM

<https://www.wnccumc.org/justice-reconciliation>

Chair ..... Donnell FitzJefferies  
 Vice Chair ..... Renee Hayes  
 Secretary ..... Nikki Raye Rice  
 Convener, Religion & Race ..... Tammy Ingram  
 Convener, Native American Ministries (CONAM) ..... Joel Locklear Jr.  
 Convener, Creation Care Ministries ..... Kim Richmond  
 Convener, African American Ministries ..... Ronnie Roseboro  
 Convener, Asian American Ministries ..... May Lo Vang  
 Convener, Status & Role of Women (COSROW) ..... Nancy Walton  
 Convener, Hispanic/Latino Ministries ..... Susan Suarez Webster  
 At-Large: John Barbee, J.B. Byrch, Josette Ferguson, Slice Penny  
 Ex-Officio: Member, General Board of Church & Society: Otto Harris III  
 Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Director of Equity and Justice Ministries: Bill White Jr.; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Yadkin Valley: Sam Moore Jr.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

<https://www.wnccumc.org/leadershipdevelopment>

Chair ..... Kari Howard  
 Vice Chair ..... Shirley Canty  
 At-Large: David Beam, Diron Chloe, Mark Conforti, Laura Danford, Deborah Daniels, Karen Easter Bayne, Jesse Enniss, Jon Gaylord, Parker Haynes, Carl Martin, Jeremy Pegram, Wil Posey, Lauren Sims-Salata  
 Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Director of Ministerial Services: Kim Ingram

### MISSION ENGAGEMENT TEAM

<https://www.wnccumc.org/missionengagementteam>

Chair ..... Steve Cheyney  
 Vice Chair ..... Amy Spivey  
 Secretary ..... Catherine Gantt  
 UMVIM Coordinator ..... David Milsaps  
 At-Large: Richard Buff, Alexis Coleman, Carolyn Coram, Laina Davis, Laura Alexander Elliott, Rod Ingram Sr., Monique Luckey, Kris Mares, Camille Roddy, Patricia Settle, Dick Weaver, Marilyn Weiler  
 Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Associate Director of Missional Engagement: Brian Mateer; Director of Missional Engagement and Connectional Ministries: Caroline Wood; UMVIM Coordinator, David Milsaps

## 5. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

### COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

<https://www.wnccumc.org/conference-history>

Chair ..... Sandy Williamson  
 Vice Chair ..... Charlie Curtis II  
 Secretary ..... Alan Keely  
 Conference Archivist ..... Jim Pyatt  
 Archival Assistant ..... Sonja Clough  
 At-Large: Brenda Alston, Kelly Crissman, Phyllis Dudley, Betty Durham, Irma Ellwanger, Russ Ford, Jason Harvey, Bill Taylor, Nancy Watkins  
 Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Conference Archivist: Jim Pyatt; Archival Assistant: Sonja Clough; Conference Secretary: Kim Ingram; Assistant to Conference Secretary: Marsha Patton

**COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair..... Doug Peninger  
 Vice Chair.....Shonnie Streder  
 Secretary..... Juston Smith

At-Large: Marty Barrett, Barbara Bowser, Earl Bradshaw, Kathy Bryant, Jonathan Coppedge-Henley, Sarah Davis, Fran Farrer, Bill Jones III, Lindsay Snipes

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Director of Communications: Melissa McGill; Associate Director of Communications: Aimee Yeager

**COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION**

Chair.....Charlene Curtis  
 Vice Chair.....Phyllis Coates  
 Secretary.....Steve Reeder

Clergy: Paul Bethel, Timothy Fitzgerald, Brandon Lazarus, Patrick Ledford, Eric Lineberry, Brad Treece

Lay: Ann Aldridge, Kyle Evensen, Tracy Fuller, Fernando Little, Frances Williamson

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Appalachian: Lory Beth Huffman

**6. COMMITTEES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

(nominated by the bishop)

Chair..... Elizabeth Coppedge-Henley  
 Vice Chair.....Carol Williams-Gilbert

Clergy: Elizabeth Coppedge-Henley, Myer Dahn, Carol Williams-Gilbert; Alternates: Mike Carr, Gloria Hughes

**CONFERENCE STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chair..... Nancy Miller Campbell  
 Secretary..... John Crane

Clergy, Deacon: Nancy Miller Campbell

Clergy, Elders: Paul Brown, Faye Herbin

Lay: Bonnie Burkett, Susan Roseboro, Rob Shepherd Jr.

Ex-Officio: Council on Finance and Administration President: George Coates; Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles; Conference Lay Leader: John Crane; Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services: Mark King; Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland

**COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY**

Chair..... Sandy Giles  
 Vice Chair..... Hank Dozier  
 Secretary..... Linda Linfors

Appointed by Bishop: Peg Aldridge, Shirley Canty, John Fitzgerald

Clergy: Otto Harris III, Paul Milton, Andrea Smith

Laymen: Dennis Carroll, John Crane (Conference Lay Leader), Tom Jordan, Ed Welch

Laywomen: Joyce Forth, Linda Masters, Suzanne Schilling

Ex-Officio: Member, Jurisdictional Committee: Jennifer Davis, Kim Ingram

**COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION**

(nominated by the bishop)

Clergy: Pam Blackstock, Charlotte Brendel, Carol Hunter, Joe Tarpley Jr.

Lay: Richard Abernethy, Jesse Caldwell III, Torry Pinter

Clergy, Alternate: David Hamlyn, Donald Jenkins, Patricia Pegram; Diaconal, Alternate: Rebecca Lile, Sandi McGarrah, Catherine Ritch

Lay, Alternate: Margaret Cox, Chris Douglas, Sally Kirby Turner

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Chair.....Bishop Paul L. Leeland  
 Secretary..... Kim Ingram

Elected Laywomen: Mary Allen Conforti, Reola Jamerson

Conference Lay Leader: John Crane

Elected Laymen: Hank Dozier, Ken Partin

Co-Presidents, Conference Council on Youth Ministries:

Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland

Nick Hall and Rebecca Langston

Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles

President, United Methodist Women: Julia Willis

Conference Secretary: Kim Ingram

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District Lay Leaders: Appalachian: Penny Ledbetter; Blue Ridge: Russ Darnall; Catawba Valley: George Eubanks; Metro: Louretta

Howze; Metro: Louretta Howze; Northern Piedmont: Kim Eller; Smoky Mountain: Sue Jones; Uwharrie: Kathy Odell; Yadkin Valley: Tim Hoffman

District Superintendents: Appalachian: Lory Beth Huffman; Blue Ridge: Mark Ralls; Catawba Valley: David Christy; Metro: Dan Pezet II;

Northern Piedmont: Bev Copley; Smoky Mountain: Jae Lee; Uwharrie: Laura Auten; Yadkin Valley: Sam Moore Jr.

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

Lynne Gilbert, Sandy Giles, Sue Jones, Jonathan Marlowe, Christine Pharr  
 Ex-Officio: Conference Secretary: Kim Ingram

**COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND RULES**

Ella Hand, Denise Kilgo-Martin, Jonathan LeMaster-Smith, Dustin Mailman, Kelly Shrader  
 Ex-Officio: Conference Secretary: Kim Ingram; Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland; Director of Missional Engagement and  
 Connectional Ministries: Caroline Wood

**C. AFFILIATE BOARDS**

Beginning in 2020, affiliate boards will no longer be listed in the organizational section of the WNC journal. The board membership of affiliate organizations can be found within the organization's report found in section VIII: Reports.

**D. TREASURER TO WHOM FUNDS SHOULD BE FORWARDED**

**Forward receipts for the following funds to R. Mark King, Conference Treasurer, PO Box 2757, Huntersville, NC 28070:**

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| 1. Annual Conference, District, Jurisdictional,<br>and General Church Apportioned Funds and Askings:                                   | 6. UMCOR Sunday   |
| 401. District Missional Engagement   | 7. Native American Awareness Sunday   |
| 402. District Benevolence Fund   | 8. Mother's Day Offering for Aldersgate, Arbor Acres,<br>and Givens Estates                         |
| 403. District Congregational Vitality  | 9. Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry   |
| 404. District Administry Fund  | 10. Project AGAPE   |
| 501. District Support Fund   | 11. Peace with Justice Sunday   |
| 502. Conference Support Fund   | 12. Children's Home Sunday  |
| 503. Equitable Compensation Fund   | 13. World Communion Sunday  |
| 505. Mission and Ministry  | 14. United Methodist Student Day  |
| 512. Episcopal Fund  | 15. Youth Service Fund  |
| 513. Africa University Fund  | 16. General Advance Specials (world, national, UMCOR)   |
| 514. Black College Fund  | 17. Conference Advance Specials   |
| 515. General Administration Fund   | 18. World Service Special Gifts   |
| 516. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund  | 19. World Hunger (all projects, including UMCOR)  |
| 517. Jurisdictional Administration Fund  | 20. Special gifts for constituent ministries in addition<br>to above named Special Sunday offerings |
| 519. Ministerial Education Fund  | 21. Conference Mission Response Center  |
| 520. World Service Fund  | 22. Medical Mission Teams   |
| 2. Annual Conference Direct Invoicing of Benefits<br>(includes pastor, spouse and family health benefit<br>and clergy pension benefit) |   |
| 3. Bishop's Initiative for Africa University (WSSG #03 01 88)  |   |
| 4. Human Relations Day   |   |
| 5. UMAR Sunday   |   |