

ELT Bios

East Region Laity

The Executive Leadership Team consists of the bishop plus 12 other persons.

Eight of those persons are elected by the National Conference.

The other four are appointed by the new ELT.

The 12 members include six laypersons and six clergy, with three persons from each of the four regions.

Let's Pray!

Janis Creason

Church of membership: Devonshire Church (Harrisburg, Pa.)

Janis has been a member of Devonshire Church for 36 years, and has served on the church board and finance committee. She is the elected treasurer of Dauphin County. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for 38 years. Janis has been a member of the Executive Leadership Team since 2015.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Janis: "I have enjoyed my term on the ELT as a small part of a collaborative and spiritual component of the denomination. My talents lie in administrative tasks, so this fits well with my spiritual gifts. I am pleased to serve when asked and as needed."

Dale Perry

Church of membership: Mt. Pleasant UB church (Chambersburg, Pa.).

Dale is manager of Right-of-Way Administration for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. He and his wife, Shirley, have been members of Mount Pleasant for 27 years. He is currently chairperson of the Governance Board (since 2016), teaches an adult Sunday school class, and serves on the church media team. Over the years, he has also served as assistant Sunday school superintendent, as a choir member and junior church volunteer, and as a member of the Property Commission.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Dale: "As a layperson, I believe I can contribute significant experience in establishing and interpreting policy while maintaining focus on the best interests of the denomination. With 15 years of experience writing policy as part of my job responsibilities, I apply logical thinking and an unbiased opinion toward policy decisions. As a manager, I have written multiple position descriptions and prepared annual employee evaluations. My spiritual gifts include leadership and administration. I am ready to serve."



West Region Laity

Tomi Cardin

Church of membership: Anchor Community Church (Fort Wayne, Ind.).

Tomi is director of Redemption House Ministries, a faith-based alternative to incarceration for women. She serves on various boards and committees for the betterment of the Fort Wayne community. She has been a member of the Anchor board for five years, and its chairperson for most of that time. She has been a member of the ELT since 2015.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Tomi: "I truly value the opportunity to serve our denomination in this way. It is my hope to continue to serve."

Kevin Smith

Church of membership: Zanesville UB church (Zanesville, Ind.).

Kevin is Sales Manager for Fit Up Gear, selling tools to ship and barge builders worldwide. He and his wife, Jan, are longtime members of Zanesville UB, where he has held various roles over the years: Congregational Care leader, chairman of the Governing Board, member of the praise band, and worship leader. He fills the pulpit in the pastor's absence. He has been a member of the ELT since 2015. Before the dissolution of Central Conference, he was a member of the council of administration.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Kevin: "I want to remain open to God's leading in my life and serve where HE wants me. To step outside of the busy business world and focus on the mission of the UBIC."

Central Region Clergy

Andrew (Andy) Sikora

Church of membership: Renew Communities (Berea, Ohio).

Andy is the lead pastor of Renew Communities, the church he started in 2011 in the Cleveland area. He and Meri have been married for 17 years and have three children. Andy graduated from Huntington University in 2001 with a degree in youth ministry, and was ordained in 2014. He has served on the ELT since 2015. He is currently serving as a church planting strategist with the UB National Office.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Andy: "I love the UB and believe that we have a bright future ahead of us. I want to serve the greater Church in whatever capacity I can to fan into flame the dreams God has planted in our heart to see His Kingdom come!"



Greg A. Voight

Church of membership: Lancaster UB church (Lancaster, Ohio).

Greg graduated from Huntington University in 2011 with a masters degree, and was ordained that year. He has served two years at what is now Shoreline UB church (Oak Harbor, Ohio), and since 2006 has been senior pastor at Lancaster. Greg and Debbie have been married for 24 years. He is cluster leader for the Columbus cluster, and has been a member of the ELT since 2013.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Greg: "It is a privilege to provide support, encouragement, and prayer for our bishop and national leaders. If elected, I will continue to do so to the very best of my ability."

North Region Clergy

Mark Wilson

Church of membership: Fowlerville UB church (Fowlerville, Mich.).

Mark graduated from what is now Houghton College with a degree in pastoral ministries, was ordained in the Wesleyan denomination in 1991, and went on to serve at four Wesleyan churches (three as senior pastor). In 2010, he became senior pastor of Fowlerville UB. He served two years as a cluster leader, has served on the Pastoral Ministry Leadership Team, and is a member of the Nominating Committee. He has been a member of the ELT since 2015. Mark and Carla have been married for 35 years.

Why are you interested in serving on the ELT?

Mark: "I have a deep love for our denomination and the fresh vision that we have for multiplying churches and strengthening our churches and pastors. It is an honor to be considered to serve our denomination in this capacity."

Randy Carpenter

Church of membership: Colwood UB church (Caro, Mich.).

Randy graduated from Huntington University in 1990 and from the HU Graduate School of Christian Ministries in 1992. He also earned an MA in Theological Studies from Winebrenner Seminary in 2004, and an M.Div equivalency from Wesley Seminary in 2018. He was ordained in 1993.

Randy served a year at Fowlerville UB (Fowlerville, Mich.), three years as senior pastor of what is now Anchor Community Church (Fort Wayne, Ind.), 11 years as senior pastor of what is now Shoreline UB (Oak Harbor, Ohio), and seven years as senior pastor of Sunfield UB (Sunfield, Mich.). Since January 2018 he has been a teaching pastor at Colwood. He has served on the Pastoral Ministry and Higher Education teams, and has been a cluster leader and a conference superintendent. He has been a member of the ELT since 2015. Randy and his wife, Crystal, were married in 2009.