

# Nominating Committee

Our process was similar to committees in the past. We met five times over the past several months:

- October 29, 2020
- November 19, 2020
- January 14, 2021
- February 25, 2021
- March 18, 2021

## Ballot for Executive Leadership Team

We started by reaching out to those that have served or were willing to serve in the past to see if they were open to being considered again. On December 4, 2020, an email asked for nominations for the positions needed with responses requested by January 11, 2021. We are grateful that we received 21 nominations for ELT, eight for Bishop; some were submitted more than once.

Once the nomination list was complete, our team reached out to the individuals nominated to see if they were open to being considered. Once the consideration list was complete on January 27, 2021, we then asked each of them to fill out an information sheet so that we could prayerfully seek God's direction and wisdom.

After receiving, reflecting upon and praying over them, we met on February 25, 2021, to select two names to be placed on the ballot and an alternate for each needed position. After they were chosen, we then spent time in prayer and reached out to their references to ensure that they are fit for the position of ELT if elected.

We are privileged to submit the following names to be placed on the ballot for Executive Leadership Team:

### East Clergy

Marc Stephenson, First UB church (New Castle, Pa.).  
Derek Thrush, Devonshire Church (Harrisburg, Pa.)

### Central Lay

Ruth Nietz, Mainstreet Church (Walbridge, Ohio)  
Roger Thorn, Mount Zion UB church (Wayne, Ohio)

### North Lay

Matt McConnell, Banner of Christ UB church (Byron Center, Mich.)  
Bob Tobey, Colwood UB church (Caro, Mich.)

### West Clergy

Jason Holliday, Living Grace UB church (Fort Wayne, Ind.)  
Brian Kramer, Emmanuel Community Church (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

## Ballot for Bishop

A similar process was used for the role of bishop. We are thankful to have been able to receive the nominations, pray over them, and ask if they were willing to be considered to be placed on the ballot for the role of bishop. As we engaged in this process, the entire team agreed to submit the following for your approval:

God's hand has been so apparent to us during our national ballot preparations. Pastors across the denomination submitted amazing men and women to serve on the ELT. We have been overwhelmed, amazed, and thankful. Also, in the nominations process, eight pastors were nominated for the position of bishop, one being our current bishop. Seven of the nominees declined to have their name placed on the ballot. They all feel God is working greatly in our denomination to spread his Gospel, create Unity, and build the Mission among his church. Also, looking ahead, several of these men are willing to be considered to serve in the capacity of bishop in the future.

As a nominating committee, we have been greatly encouraged by the unity displayed in these men



and their dedication and support of our God, denomination, and Bishop Feters. God is working mightily amongst us.

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1 NIV)

As we strive to continue to build God’s kingdom, how amazing it is that we can see this verse coming alive within our denomination. After much prayer and affirmation from God we (the Nominating Committee) believe God has put Bishop Feters in this position for such a time as this, so we respectfully submit for approval one name for the position of Bishop, the Reverend Todd Feters.

*Tim Sherman, Chairperson*

*Christine Augustat*

*Steve Fish*

*Jeremiah Greenland*

*Dalton Jenkins*

*Kristi McConnell*