

I. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

A. OFFICERS AND STAFF

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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.

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 President: Joseph Navarro	Mark King
Conference Board of Trustees President: Eric Lane	Conference Secretary/Director of Ministerial Services:
Conference Council on Finance & Administration President:	Kim Ingram
George Coates	Director of Church Development: Dan Pezet II
Council on Camp and Retreat Ministry Representative:	Director of Communications: Melissa McGill
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: George Coates, Kaye Fry, In-Yong Lee, Angela Marlowe, Randy Perdue, Gregg Plott, Julie Ann Roberts, Louis Timberlake	
Lay: Tom Adams, Spencer Disher, Louretta Howze, William Hutaff, Joel Long, 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	Jessica Dayson
Secretary	Cheryl Perkins
Treasurer, Finance Chair	Ethan Smith
At-Large: Jill Alventosa-Brown, Robbie Combs II, Torey Haynes, Josh Headen, Eric Lanier Jr., Rebecca McKnight, Amy Rio, Kyle Sigmon	
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Associate Director of Ministerial Services, Annalee Allen	

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, Mary Umbarger, Angela Webster
 District Lay Leaders: Appalachian: Kenny Bumgarner, 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
 Vice President, Conference Council on Youth Ministries: Talon Shuffler
 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 Angela Pleasants
 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, Laura Auten, Steve Autrey, Eileen Ayuso, Sherri Barnes, Randy Blanton, Emmanuel Boakye-Yiadom, Fredrick Bowman, Mary Brown, Matthew Burton Jr., Heidi Campbell-Robinson, Paul Christy, Al Everett, Randy Harry, Dan Hester, J. F. Howard Sr., Lory Beth Huffman, Jeff Johnsen, Mark Key, Uiyeon Kim, Josh Kurtz, Justin Lowe, Dan Lyons, Jonathan Marlowe, Dan Martin, John McGill, Jeff Patterson, Angela Pleasants, Sally Queen, George Ragsdale, Charlie Rivens Sr., Lucy Robbins, Jim Sanders, Randy Sherrill, Mike Shuford, Wes Smith, Tom Steagald, Brad Thie, Ashley Thomas, Will Van Wieren III, Norma Villagrana, 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 Efid, 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; Member, 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: David Hockett; 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: Rob Hutchinson, 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: Dan Pezet II

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, Jae Lee, Slice Penny

Ex-Officio: Member, General Board of Church & Society: Otto Harris III

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Appalachian: Carl Arrington

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM<https://www.wnccumc.org/leadershipdevelopment>

Chair Kari Howard
 Vice Chair Bill White Jr.

At-Large: David Beam, Shirley Canty, 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, Irma Ellwanger, Russ Ford, Jason Harvey, Bill Taylor, Nancy Watkins

Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Archival Assistant: Sonja Clough; Conference Secretary: Kim Ingram; Assistant to Conference Secretary: Marsha Patton; Conference Archivist: Jim Pyatt

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; Communications Ministry Assistant: Aimee Yeager

COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE COMPENSATION

Chair Neal Jones
 Vice Chair Phyllis Coates
 Secretary Steve Reeder
 Clergy: Paul Bethel, Timothy Fitzgerald, Patrick Ledford, Eric Lineberry, Brad Treece
 Lay: Ann Aldridge, Charlene Curtis, Kyle Evensen, Tracy Fuller, Fernando Little, Frances Williamson
 Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Smoky Mountain: Linda Kelly

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: Conference Council on Finance and Administration President: George Coates; Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles;
 Conference Lay Leader: John Crane; 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, Joseph Kim, Joe Tarpley Jr.
 Clergy, Alternate: David Hamlyn, Donald Jenkins, Patricia Pegram
 Diaconal, Alternate: Rebecca Lile, Sandi McGarrah, Catherine Ritch
 Lay: Jesse Caldwell III, Torry Pinter
 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
 Director of Connectional Ministries: Caroline Wood
 Elected Laymen: Hank Dozier, Ken Partin
 Conference Lay Leader: John Crane
 Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland
 President, Conference Council on Youth Ministries: Joseph Navarro
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 President, United Methodist Men: William Waddell
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 District Superintendents: Appalachian: Carl Arrington; Blue Ridge: Mark Ralls; Catawba Valley: David Christy; Metro: David Hockett; Northern Piedmont: Bev Copley; Smoky Mountain: Linda Kelly; 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:

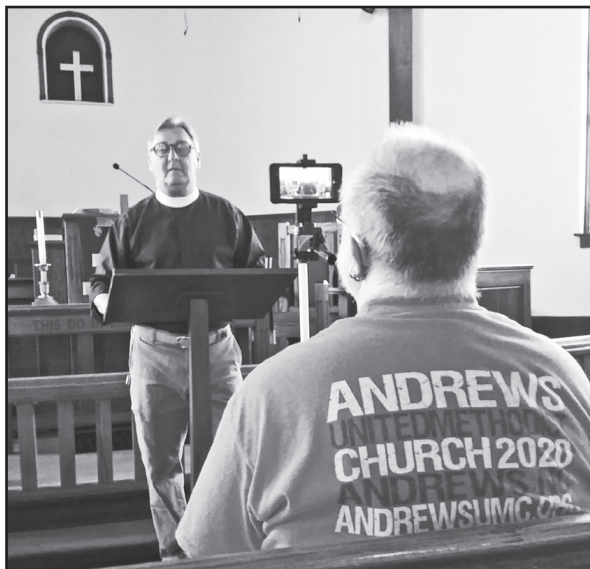
1. Annual Conference, District, Jurisdictional,
and General Church Apportioned Funds and Askings:
 401. District Missional Engagement
 402. District Benevolence Fund
 403. District Congregational Vitality
 404. District Administration Fund
 501. District Support Fund
 502. Conference Support Fund
 503.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

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 led to many changes across the Western North Carolina Conference. Churches and ministries found creative ways to serve their communities as government mandates were put in place, restricting gatherings, mask-wearing, and guidelines for 6-foot social distancing. Jesus' ministry did not cease in times of trouble or in cases of illness, and neither did the ministries of WNCC!



Above: Pleasant Grove, Charlotte - Socially-Distant and Masked Indoor Worship - photo by John Vain
 Left: Muir's Chapel, Greensboro - Blood Drive - photo by Sandy Cantliffe

Below: Andrews UMC - Recording Sunday Service for Remote Church - photo by Jeanne Powell



Guilford College UMC - Outdoor Confirmation Service - photo by Michael Symonds



Union UMC, Waxhaw - Outdoor Worship - photo by Rev. Brad Cunningham



Light of Christ UMC, Charlotte - Drive-Thru Communion - photo by Lindsay Kappius