

# **Elections and Appointments**

## **Church of the Brethren Annual Conference**

### **July 2-6, 2025 Greensboro, North Carolina**

#### **Election from the 2025 Annual Conference Ballot**

Moderator-elect: *Dennis Beckner, Northern Indiana (2027)*

Program and Arrangements Committee: *Amber T. Harris, Virgina (2028)*

Mission and Ministry Board – Area 1: *Eric Ramirez, Atlantic Northeast (2030)*

Mission and Ministry Board – Area 4: *Sarah Mason, Western Plains (2030)*

Review and Evaluation Committee:

*Illexene Alphonse, Atlantic Southeast (2027 – 2029)*

*Lupita Ortiz Cruz, Virgina (2027 – 2029)*

*Chris Douglas, Illinois/Wisconsin (2027 – 2029)*

*Anna Lisa Gross, Northern Indiana (2027 – 2029)*

*Daniel L. Rudy, Virgina (2027 – 2029)*

#### **Board-elected and Constituency-elected Directors and Trustees**

**Elected by the designated board and affirmed by Annual Conference.**

**Church of the Brethren Mission and Ministry Board:**

*Daniel L. Butler, Northern Plains (2030, at-large)*

**Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Trustees:**

*Katharine “Katy” Gray Brown, South/Central Indiana (2029, at-large)*

*John D. Miller, Jr., Southern Pennsylvania (2027, unexpired term)*

*Dennis Webb, Illinois/Wisconsin (2029, at-large)*

**On Earth Peace Board:**

*Stephen Niamke, Non-Brethren (2029)*

#### **Board-elected and Constituency-elected Directors and Trustees Received**

**Elected by Eder Financial and received by Annual Conference**

**Eder Financial Board**

*Janis Fahs, South/Central Indiana (2029)*

*Katherine Haff, South/Central Indiana (2029)*

*Derrick Petry, Southern Ohio/Kentucky (2029)*

#### **Standing Committee Nominating Committee**

**Serving Through Annual Conference 2026**

*Patrick Fiegenbaum, Pacific Northwest*

*Mary Eller, Atlantic Northeast*

*Daniel M. Murrell, II, Southern Plains*

*Karl Magenhofer, Shenandoah*

**Serving Through Annual Conference 2027:**

*Dawn Baldwin, Northern Ohio*

*Aaron Gross, South/Central Indiana*

*Kevin Kessler, Illinois/Wisconsin*

*Lori Sollenberger Knepp, Middle Pennsylvania*

**Standing Committee Appeals Committee**

**Serving Through Annual Conference 2026**

*Beth Cage, Northern Plains*  
*Shawn Carothers, Pacific Southwest*  
*Vickie Samland, Western Plains*  
*Gary Copenhaver, Michigan, First Alternate*  
*Myron Jackson, Missouri/Arkansas, Second Alternate*

**Program Feasibility Committee**

*Harriet Hamer, Standing Committee (2027) PFC Chairperson*  
*Jeff Carter, Bethany Theological Seminary (2027)*  
*Nevin Dulabaum, Eder Financial (2028)*  
*Cathy S. Huffman, Standing Committee (2029)*  
*Marie Benner-Rhoades, On Earth Peace (2029)*  
*Ed Woolf, Mission and Ministry Board (2029)*

**Leadership Team - Reorganization**

*David A. Steele, General Secretary, Chair*  
*Pete Kontra, Council of District Executives Representative (2027)*  
*Donald R. Fitzkee, Moderator (2026)*  
*Dennis Beckner, Moderator-elect (2027)*  
*David K. Shumate, Annual Conference Secretary (2027)*  
*Rhonda Pittman Gingrich, Director of Annual Conference, ex officio*

**Mission and Ministry Board - Reorganization – Executive Committee**

Chair: *Kathy Mack, Northern Plains (2027)*  
Chair-elect: *Josiah Ludwick, Atlantic Northeast (2029)*  
At-Large  
Members: *Michaela Alphonse, Atlantic Southeast (2026)*  
*Joel Gibbel, Southern Pennsylvania (2026)*  
*Colby Patton, Western Plains (2026)*  
Ex Officio: *Donald R. Fitzkee, Moderator; David A. Steele, General Secretary*

**Council of District Executives – Executive Committee - Reorganization**

Chair:	<i>Walt Wiltschek (2027)</i>	Secretary:	<i>Andrew Hamilton (2027)</i>
Chair-Elect:	<i>Beth Sollenberger (2027)</i>	Treasurer:	<i>Russ Matteson (2027)</i>

**Ministers Association - Executive Committee - Reorganization**

Chair:	<i>Brandy Liepelt (2026)</i>	Secretary:	<i>Andrew Sampson (2029)</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair:	<i>J. Trent Smith (2027)</i>	Treasurer:	<i>Ben Lattimer (2029)</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair:	<i>Nancy Hess (2028)</i>		

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