I. CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

A. OFFICERS AND STAFF

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Director of Missional Engagement and Connectional Ministries: Caroline C. Wood

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Controller: Carolyn Hindel ..................................................Ext 190 | 704.535.2260 | chindel@wnccumc.org
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Conference President, United Methodist Women: Julia Willis ..................336.392.1233 | jwillis1@aol.com
Conference President, Council on Youth Ministries: Joseph Navarro ........................................704.641.4455 | jenavaro08@gmail.com
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
Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles
Conference United Methodist Women President: Julia Willis
Conference Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services: Mark King
Conference United Methodist Men President: William Waddell
Conference Council on Youth Ministries President: Joseph Navarro
Conference Board of Trustees President: Eric Lane
Conference Council on Finance & Administration President: George Coates

Council on Camp and Retreat Ministry Representative: Andrew Brown
Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry: John Howard Jr.
Board of Ordained Ministry Chair: Lynda Ferguson
Church Vitality Team Chair: Frank Ramos
Justice and Reconciliation Team Chair: Donnell FitzJefferies
Leadership Development Team Chair: Kari Howard
Mission Engagement Team Chair: Steve Cheyney

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 Coppley

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

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
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 Rails

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, Ulyeon 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 Villagran, 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 Coppley, 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; Member, General Board: Jane Boatwright Wood, Kim Ingram

BOARD OF PENSION AND HEALTH BENEFITS

President ............................................................................................................. Sarah Kalish
Vice-President ..................................................................................................... Vicki Kalish
Secretary ............................................................................................................ Amy Berrier
Treasurer ............................................................................................................ Lynne Gilbert
Conference Treasurer ........................................................................................... Lynne Gilbert
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 Purinton, Rennie Salata, Anthony Vincent, Lori Wilson
Ex-Officio, Non-Voting: Conference Benefits Administrator: Dale Bryant; Cabinet Representative: District Superintendent, Northern Piedmont: Bev Coppley; 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 .......................................................................................................................... Carl Arrington

At-Large: Amy Foote, Tiffany Little, Meredith Menius, Brenda Ray, Wally Vaughan Jr.


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 Fergusson, 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 .......................................................................................................................... Amy Spivey
Secretary .............................................................................................................................. 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 .......................................................................................................................... Kari Howard
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 ............................................................ Justin 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
Elected Laymen: Hank Dozier, Ken Partin
Resident Bishop: Bishop Paul L. Leeland
Assistant to the Bishop: Amy Coles
Conference Secretary: Kim Ingram
District Lay Leaders: Appalachian: Kenny Bumgarner; Blue Ridge: Russ Darnall; Catawba Valley: George Eubanks; Metro: Loureta Howze; Northern Piedmont: Kim Eller; Smoky Mountain: Sue Jones; Uwharrie: Kathy Odell; Yadkin Valley: Tim Hoffman
District Superintendents: Appalachian: Carl Arrington; Blue Ridge: Mark Ralls; Catawba Valley: David Christy; Metro: David Hockett; Northern Piedmont: Bev Coppley; 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 Askins:
   401. District Missional Engagement
   402. District Benevolence Fund
   403. District Congregational Vitality
   404. District Administry 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 Kapius