

Genesis Annual Conference 2011
Profile of Nominees for Conference Boards (BOA, MAC, MEG)

Warren Bushart

Lay Nominee for BOA, Term 2012, unexpired



- Layperson at Community of Savior, Pittsford—a part of the Edgewood FMC family of congregations
- Member of Leadership Team and Chair of Finance Committee
- Employment: Food Service Director for three school districts
- Serves on School Lunch Advisory Council for New York State Office of Government Services
- Instructor for Sanitation and Food Safety for New York State

- Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management
- "Serving on the BOA would be a meaningful ministry for me because I desire to be more involved in the life of the Free Methodist Church and the Genesis Conference."

Bill Lowery, Jr.

Clergy Nominee for BOA, Term 2014

Currently serving on BOA



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Ransomville FMC
- Lead Pastor at Ransomville FMC since 2004
- Free Methodist Pastor for 32 years
- "We live in a world where the church and Christ have seemingly become irrelevant, where trying to have a relationship with God is made to seem so complicated. My passion is helping people – all people – discover that there is nothing more relevant than being connected to Jesus; that it doesn't have to be complicated; that walking with Jesus day by day is the most amazing

journey ever! Serving on the BOA enables me to help provide a foundation for our churches to connect people to Jesus"

Scott Sittig

Nominee for Conference Treasurer

Currently serving as Treasurer



- Layperson at New Hope FMC, Rochester
- For the local church: Coach for Bible Quizzing Ministry, Volunteer in Youth Ministry, Lay Delegate to
- Annual Conference
- For the conference: BOA, Finance Committee Chair, Treasurer for Genesis Conference, Lay Delegate to
- General Conference 2011
- Currently employed as a Principal Management Analyst for Rochester City School District
- Previously employed as a Senior Associate, Center for

Governmental Research, Inc. in Rochester, NY

- Previously served as Executive Pastor for New Hope FMC
- Masters Degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago
- Bachelor Degree in Business Administration and Sociology from Roberts Wesleyan College
- "I have served the Conference for several years as Treasurer. I have developed a great working relationship with the BOA, Administrator, and Finance Team. It is a pleasure to serve, and I would enjoy the opportunity to continue in this role."

Mark C. Humbert

**Lay Nominee for MAC, Term 2014
and Lay Nominee for Area 3 MEG, Term 2014**

Currently serving on MAC and A-3 MEG

- Layperson at Rose FMC
- Employed at SUNY Oswego as Director of Financial Aid
- MPA from SUNY Brockport
- BS degree from Roberts Wesleyan College

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Judy Cornman

Nominee for Conference Secretary
Currently serving as Secretary



- Layperson at Northgate FMC, Batavia
 - Serves in local church as Women's Small Group Leader, Welcome Center
 - Serves Conference as Conference Secretary and BOA member, Delegate to General Conference 2011
 - Current ministry/employment: NERegion Administrative Assistant & Financial Secretary and WAVE Finance Secretary
 - Previous ministry/employment: Church Administrator & Treasurer, Director of Christian Education, Kindergarten & Elementary Teacher
- Service in Community: Mental Health Association in Genesee Co.-Board Member & Treasurer
 - Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood & Elementary Education; Graduate coursework in Reading
 - "Serving as Conference Secretary would be a meaningful ministry because I would be able to continue using and build on my prior experience & administrative skills to help BOA carry out its administrative & financial role for the Conference with the goal of enabling and supporting our churches in building the Kingdom."

Randy LeBaron

Clergy Nominee for MAC, Term 2014
Currently serving on MAC



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Albion FMC
 - Lead Pastor at Albion FMC (2004-present)
 - Previously served as Pastor at Colonial Heights FMC, Niagara Falls, NY (1998-2004) and Assistant Pastor at Valley Chapel FMC, Warsaw, NY (1996-1998)
 - Currently serving Conference as MEG/MAC member, Delegate to General Conference 2011
 - Previously served Conference as BOA member, Reserve Delegate to General Conference 2007
 - Currently working on D. Min. from Northeastern Seminary with focus on Predictors of Pastoral Burnout
- M. Div. from Northeastern Seminary
 - BA in Religion and Philosophy from Roberts Wesleyan College
 - "Serving on the MEG/ MAC during this past term has been one of the best, and most difficult, experiences. It has exposed me to both the highs and lows of ministry and challenged me to pray all the more for our pastors and churches, especially during times of transition."

Mike Stasko

Lay Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2014
and Lay Nominee for MEG (Buffalo/Batavia), Term 2014
Currently serving on BOA



- Layperson at Northgate FMC, Batavia
- Currently serving Conference as Chair of Board of Administration, Delegate to General Conference 2011
- Self Employed State Farm Insurance Agent, Batavia, NY
- Bachelor degree in Business Science, Associate degree in Risk Management
- "It would be an honor to serve on the MEG using my business, personnel, and administrative abilities to counsel and assist the FMC."

Alma Thompson

Clergy Nominee for MEG (Chautauqua/Cattaraugus), Term 2014
Currently serving on Area 1 MEG

- Clergy – Elder at Harvest Chapel FMC, Endicott
- Co-Lead Pastor at Harvest Chapel since 2007
- Previously Associate Pastor at Edgewood FMC, Rochester

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Phyllis Chlebowski Lay Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2014
and Lay Nominee for MEG (Buffalo/Batavia), Term 2014
Currently serving on Conf. MEG and A-2 MEG



- Layperson at Tonawanda FMC
- Serves local church as Delegate, Secretary of Official Board at TFMC (9 Years), Sunday School Teacher-Upper Elementary, Associate Bible Study Colleague, Worship Team, Church Coffeehouse Coordinator
- Serves conference currently as MEG Board member and Area 2 MEG member
- Currently employed as Church Secretary at Tonawanda FMC
- Previously employed as Bus Operator and Facilitator for

Public Relation Seminars with Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (NFTA)

- Associates Degree in Business Management from Bryant & Stratton Business Institute
- 2010-Coordinated a Community 5K Walk-a-thon event to help disadvantaged people in neighborhood
- "Having had the opportunity to serve as an Official Board Member for 9 years and serving with the Conference MEG Board 2010-2011 has offered me the opportunity to observe the many expanses in ministry that are obtainable and it has released so many heartfelt experiences. The understandings I have acquired have enabled me to have a expansive outlook and better understanding of those who are developing their effectiveness in ministry where God's love and understanding endures."

Mike Traylor Clergy Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2014
Currently serving on Conference MEG



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at New Hope FMC, Rochester
- Lead Pastor, New Hope FMC, Rochester, NY - 2008 to present
- Founding Pastor, Christ Community Fellowship, Twinsburg, OH - 2001-2008
- Ordained Elder 2005
- Vice-Chair, African Heritage Network of the FMC, 2007 to present
- Previously member of Evangelism Team and Finance Team, Ohio Conference
- Served as Delegate to General Conference 2007 (Ohio Conf.)
- Community Pediatrician, Anthony Jordan Health Center, 2009 to present
- Director, Christ Community Free Clinic, Twinsburg, OH – 2002-2006
- Board Certification, American Board of Pediatrics
- M.D.-University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
- Masters of Public Administration-Cleveland State University
- Physician's Executive Management Program-Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
- Masters of Divinity Candidate, partial completion, Ashland Theological Seminary
- Masters of Arts Candidate, currently, Northeastern Seminary
- Mike's passions include leadership development, community development, and relational wholeness.

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Ron Foster

**Lay Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2014
and Lay Nominee for MEG (Binghamton/Syracuse), Term 2014**
Currently serving on Area 4 MEG



- Layperson at New Life Ministries, Endicott
- Recently began worshipping at New Life to be able to worship with his adult children
- Serves local church as member of guest services ministry, participates in a small group
- Had previously attended Binghamton FMC his whole life
- Served in various roles at Binghamton FMC including local church BOA, Chair of Board of Trustees, and Treasurer
- Served on former Susquehanna MEG Board for several terms along with other special committees when the WAVE was initiated
- Degree in Electrical Engineering and MBA in Finance
- Employed as Manager-Marketing and Sales for New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), and recently added Rochester Gas and Electric (RGE), for almost 32 years with various technical and management responsibilities
- "When I previously served on the MEG Board, I found the experience very rewarding as the Board strived to provide guidance and support to the spiritual leaders of our conference churches."

Sandi Burroughs

Clergy Nominee for MEG (Rochester/Palmyra), Term 2014
Currently serving on MAC and A-3 MEG

- Clergy – Elder, Serving in Counseling Ministry
- Served as Associate Pastor at Cross Creek for 12 years
- Served as Associate Pastor at Gananda Community FMC for 5 years
- Assistant Dean at Asbury Theological Seminary for 3 years
- M.Div., M.A. from Asbury Theological Seminary
- 20 years experience in Counseling
- Served Free Methodist Church in lay leadership for 30+ years prior to becoming a pastor
- "Serving on the Area 3 MEG Board has been a meaningful experience that I am willing to continue being a part of for the next 3 years."

Joe Wickman

Clergy Nominee for MEG (Binghamton/Syracuse), Term 2011
Currently serving on Area 4 MEG



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at New Life Ministries, Endicott
- Associate Pastor and Family Ministries Director at New Life – 2007-present
- Responsible for all ministries for children and teens
- Oversees 5 staff members and 150+ volunteers
- Senior Pastor at New Windsor FMC – 2002-2006
- Senior Pastor of New Life Church Planting Project – 2002-2004
- Staff Pastor at New Life Ministries – 2000-2002
- Assistant Pastor at Breckinridge Chapel FMC in Louisville, KY – 1999-2000
- "I have served the FMC in a variety of appointed roles. Through firsthand experience I have become well acquainted with the demands of pastoral leadership in a multitude of venues. I could therefore provide discernment and guidance to those in the midst of preparing for and engaging in ministry. Additionally, I have a deep desire to help the local church advance the Kingdom of God."