

Genesis Annual Conference 2010
Profile of Nominees for Conference Boards (BOA, MAC, MEG)

Ron Sawade

Clergy Nominee for BOA, Term 2011

- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Valley Chapel FMC, Warsaw
- Currently serving on BOA
- Lead Pastor at Valley Chapel FMC since 2006
- Pastor for 19 years and has been in Genesis Conference since 2000
- Has served for past 3 years on BOA
- District Leader for 4 years prior to serving on BOA
- Was in Retail Management before being called into ministry
- "I enjoy serving the conference in the administrative ministry of the BOA."

Brian Babcock

Clergy Nominee for BOA, Term 2013



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed to Denominational Service as Director of Rochester Connection, Inc.
- Developed vision & ministry of Rochester Connection Inc. for networking Kingdom resources for ministry in Rochester, NY
- "Retired" after 21 years in college administration and teaching at undergraduate & graduate levels
- Leadership experience in multiple arenas of college administration
- Previously Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of

Personal & Spiritual Formation at Northeastern Seminary

- D. Min. in Spiritual Formation from Asbury Theological Seminary
- Ph.D. in Higher Education & Administration from SUNY Buffalo
- M. Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary
- M.S. from Miami University, Ohio in Personnel Counseling & Higher Education
- B.A. from West Virginia University in History & Political Science

Louis D. Colon

Clergy Nominee for BOA, Term 2013

- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Heart & Soul Community FMC, Rochester

Ted Miller-Batavia

Lay Nominee for BOA, Term 2013



- Layperson at Northgate FMC, Batavia
- Currently serving on BOA
- Delegate and Member of Administrative Team at Northgate FMC
- Retired Director of Community Mental Health Services for Genesee County
- Masters degree in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
- "Serving on the BOA is a meaningful ministry to me as

an opportunity to participate in the work of Free Methodism beyond my individual church."

Scott Sittig

Nominee for Conference Treasurer



- Layperson at New Hope FMC, Rochester
- Currently serving as Treasurer
- For the local church: Coach for Bible Quizzing Ministry, Volunteer in Youth Ministry
- For the conference: Finance Committee, Treasurer for Genesis Conference
- Currently employed as a Senior Research Associate, Center for Governmental Research, Inc. in Rochester, NY
- Previously employed 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."

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Judy Cornman



Nominee for Conference Secretary

- Layperson at Northgate FMC, Batavia
- Currently serving as Secretary
- Serves in local church as Women's Small Group Leader, Welcome Center
- Serves Genesis Conference as Conference Secretary and BOA member
- Current ministry/employment: NERegion Administrative Assistant & Financial 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."

Greg Harp



Nominee for NSMT Liaison

- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Ransomville FMC
- Currently serving as NSMT Liaison
- Associate Pastor at Ransomville – responsibilities include ministry to teens and their families, worship leadership, and outreach to young families
- Involved in youth ministry since 1991
- Coordinated Teen Leadership Conference 2008 at Roberts Wesleyan College
- Graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary
- Ordained Elder in 2004

- Currently pursuing D.Min. in Family & Marriage Counseling through Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- "Serving as the Conference NSMT Liaison would be meaningful for me because it would allow me to share the knowledge I have gained over the years and support those who continue to serve the young people in our conference."

Sandi Burroughs

Clergy Nominee for MAC, Term 2013

- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Cross Creek FMC, Palmyra
- Currently serving on MAC
- Serving as Associate Pastor at Cross Creek for 12 years
- Formerly 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
- "This ministry would be meaningful because I get to use my training, experience, and giftedness."

Charley Canon

Lay Nominee for MAC, Term 2013
Lay Nominee for Area 2 MEG, Term 2013
(Buffalo/Batavia)

- Layperson at Northgate FMC, Batavia
- Currently serving on MAC
- Co-Director of the Bible Quizzing Ministry at Northgate (Current)
- Local BOA Member and Delegate to Annual Conference (Past)
- Member of the Genesis Conference MAC/MEG (Current)
- General Conference Delegate & Member of FMCNA BOA (Past)
- Employed as a Librarian at Roberts Wesleyan College & Adjunct Instructor at Northeastern Seminary
- Graduate of Roberts Wesleyan College (BS) and SUNY Genesee (MLS)
- "Serving on the MAC and the MEG is to me a privileged opportunity to serve God and the church by bringing a lifetime of experience in pastor/church relations to the role. My desire as a MAC/MEG member is with God's direction to see Kingdom growth as a result of bringing the best people into ministry and placing them in places that created the best possibility of winning people to Christ."

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Doug Cullum

Clergy Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2013
Clergy Nominee for Area 1 MEG, Term 2013
(Chautauqua-Cattaraugus/Letchworth)



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed to Denominational Service at Northeastern Seminary
- Academic Dean and Professor of Historical & Pastoral Theology at Northeastern Seminary
- His teaching ministry seeks to blend the academic and the practical, with a focus on strengthening and renewing the local church.
- Serves as volunteer Lead Pastor at Community of the Savior, a branch of the Edgewood Free Methodist family of congregations

- 1978-began as a student pastor during seminary, and then moved to Florida Conference to serve First FMC of Tampa (1981-1989)
- 1994-after pursuing further graduate education, started at Roberts Wesleyan College as College Chaplain and faculty member in the Religion and Humanities Division
- 1998-he became one of founding faculty members of Northeastern Seminary
- Also serves as a speaker and retreat leader in local churches as available
- Graduate of Asbury College (BA), Asbury Theological Seminary (MDiv), Duke Divinity School (ThM), and Drew University (PhD)
- "As a life-long Free Methodist, Doug welcomes the potential opportunity to serve in any way possible to help the church embrace the mission of God in the world."

David McCarthy

Clergy Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2013
Clergy Nominee for Area 1 MEG, Term 2013
(Chautauqua-Cattaraugus/Letchworth)



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Gerry FMC
- Lead Pastor at Gerry FMC
- Transferred to Genesis Conference in 2009 from New York Conference
- The Lord Jesus has blessed me with wonderful conference leadership opportunities in the past 28 years:
- Assistant to the Superintendent (Windsor District, NY Conf.) 1995-1998
- District Leader (Windsor Leader) 1999-2002

- New York Conference MEG Board 9/2003-6/2009
- "I love the ministry of the MEG Board. The gifts of encouragement and direction and exhortation and discernment it can offer to pastors and ministerial candidates is so valuable. I have truly appreciated being a part of the MEG Board."

Judy Presutti

Lay Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2013
Lay Nominee for Area 1 MEG, Term 2013
(Chautauqua-Cattaraugus/Letchworth)

- Layperson at Harvest Chapel FMC, Fredonia
- Currently serving on Conf. MEG
- Serves on Leadership Board at Harvest Chapel as a Delegate and Secretary
- Also participates in Leadership and Small Group Greenhouses as well as being a Teller
- Employed as Executive Director at City of Dunkirk Housing Authority
- Serves in community on Dunkirk Local Development Corporation
- Member of Northern Chautauqua Landlord Association and Chautauqua Leadership Network
- Bachelor of Arts Degree from SUNY Oneonta in Mathematics Education

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Chris Hoppe-Spink **Clergy Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2013**
Clergy Nominee for Area 2 MEG, Term 2013
(Buffalo/Batavia)



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Cornerstone Community FMC, Buffalo
- Currently serving on Conf. MEG
- Co-Pastor, Cornerstone Community Church with wife, Joan, since 2000
- Served on 2009-2010 Genesis Conference MEG Board
- "I feel as if I'm just getting up to speed on the Conference MEG Board after serving for 1 year and would feel honored to continue to serve God & the conference on the MEG for a full 3-year term and additionally on the Area 2 MEG for the first time."

Phyllis Chlebowski **Lay Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2011**
Lay Nominee for Area 2 MEG, Term 2011
(Buffalo/Batavia)



- Layperson at Tonawanda FMC
- Serves local church as Secretary of Official Board at TFMC (8 Years), Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Leader for Purpose Driven Life, Coordinator for Funeral Meals, Worship Team, Café Coordinator, Women's Ministry Events Coordinator
- 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
- "Having been allowed the opportunity to serve as an Official Board member and observe lay ministers and Ministerial Candidates at TFMC, under the leadership of Pastor Don Mohr, has had an important effect on my observations as to how important it is to build character into those coming into ministry as pastors, involving the giving of personal advice and support to students on the part of a teacher as opposed to simply teaching them. Working as a layperson at Tonawanda Free Methodist Church, has given me insight into the importance of those coming into the ministry and to be aware of every facet necessary to be good shepherds."

Cheryl Jacobson **Lay Nominee for Conference MEG, Term 2011**

- Layperson at New Life Ministries, Endicott
- Member at New Life Ministries since 1997
- Currently serves and has served on local church BOA and in Worship Ministries for over 7 years
- Served on former Susquehanna MEG Board 2001-2004
- Delegate to General Conference in 2003

Max McGinnis **Clergy Nominee for Area 3 MEG, Term 2013**
(Rochester/Palmyra)



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at Edgewood FMC, Rochester
- Currently serving on Area 3 MEG Bd.
- Current Ministry: Senior Pastor at Edgewood Free Methodist Church; District Leader for Rochester District; Area 3 MEG Board Chair; Adjunct Professor at RWC and NES
- Previous Ministry: FMWM Missionary in Santiago, Chile; Senior Pastor at Northgate FMC, Batavia; Genesee BOA Board Member
- Education: BA in Sociology from RWC; Masters in Theological Studies from NES

Dave Francis **Lay Nominee for Area 3 MEG, Term 2013**
(Rochester/Palmyra)



- Layperson at Edgewood FMC, Rochester
- Serves in local church as Delegate, Leadership Board, Personnel Committee, Pastor's Friend
- Current Occupation: Stay at home Dad
- Former Occupations: Pharmaceutical Research, Water Treatment Sales, Laboratory Medicine
- Education: B.S. Houghton College 1994 General Science/Chemistry
- Graduate work: SUNY at Buffalo Applied Physiology 1997-1999
- "Serving as a member of the Area MEG Board represents an opportunity to share my passion for how God is moving the Free Methodist Church so that we may be more relevant and effective in reaching our world for Jesus."

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Joe Wickman

**Clergy Nominee for Area 4 MEG, Term 2011
(Binghamton/Syracuse)**



- 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."

Sab Prospero

**Clergy Nominee for Area 4 MEG, Term 2013
(Binghamton/Syracuse)**



- Clergy – Elder, Appointed at New Life Ministries, Endicott
- Currently serving on Area 4 MEG Bd.

Neil Bendixen

**Clergy Nominee for Area 4 MEG, Term 2011
(Binghamton/Syracuse)**



- Clergy – CMC, Appointed at Canasawacta Valley FMC, Norwich
- Lead Pastor at Canasawacta Valley FMC since 2003 – Intentionally bi-vocational
- Interim Pastor at Wellsboro, PA-summer 2003, bi-vocational
- Music Pastor at Oneida-New Beginnings, Oneida, NY – 1994-2003, bi-vocational
- Susquehanna Conference BOA – past member and Chair
- Secular Employment: Manager of Contract Hauling for Dairy Marketing Services, Syracuse, NY
- Responsible for all transportation in 13 state throughout the Northeast for Dairy Cooperatives
- Degree in Business Administration and Psychology from University of Wisconsin
- "Serving on the Area 4 MEG Board would be a meaningful ministry because of the importance of the spiritual, emotional and physical health of our church. The broader the base of experience represented on MEG Board allows for a more comprehensive ministry to all pastors and ministerial candidates."

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Marsha Wathen

**Lay Nominee for Area 4 MEG, Term 2012
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- Layperson at Canasawacta Valley FMC, Norwich

Ron Foster

**Lay Nominee for Area 4 MEG, Term 2013
(Binghamton/Syracuse)**

- Layperson at New Life Ministries, Endicott
- Recently began worshipping at New Life to be able to worship with his adult children
- 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
- Employed at New York State Electric & Gas for almost 31 years with various technical and management responsibilities