

2026 CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

17 Members

Officers & Executive Committee (4 Members)

Moderator, Officer (2025 & 2026)	Rev. Vonshelle Beneby Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	2-year term Non-Renewable
Vice Moderator, Officer (2025 & 2026)	Rev. John Barnette Fort Myers United Church of Christ	2-year term Non-Renewable
Treasurer, Officer (2026, 2027, 2028)	Jenny Gragg Carson Coral Gables United Church of Christ	Renewable two (2) consecutive three-year terms
Registrar, Officer (2022 replacement) (2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Dyanne Edds Lakewood United Church of Christ	Non-Renewable two (2) consecutive three-year terms

5 Committee Chairs <two (2) consecutive three-year terms>

Chair, Budget & Finance (2024 replacement) 2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Elizabeth “Lisa” LeSueur Coral Gables Congregational Church	Renewable
Chair, Committee on Ministry (2021 replacement) (2022, 2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Megan Smith Coral Gables Congregational Church	Non-Renewable
Chair, Legacy Funds (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026, 2027)	Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross JupiterFirst Church	Renewable
Chair, Nominating (2025 replacement) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Rev. Geoff Gross Cocoa Beach Community Church	Renewable
Chair, Personnel (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Candy Nordland Naples United Church of Christ	Renewable

6 Members <two (2) consecutive three-year terms>

Vacancy - 1

(2024 replacement) (2025, 2026, 2027)	Ms. Margaret “Peggy” Hayes Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	Renewable
(2025, 2026, 2027)	Rev. Shawn Proctor United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach	Renewable

(2025, 2026, 2027)	Ms. Gwen Templeton First Congregational Church, Ocala	Renewable
(2024 replacement) (2025, 2026, 2027)	Ms. Kerry Weisner First Congregational Church, Winter Park	Renewable
(2021 replacement) (2022 & 2023) (2024 & 2025, member at large)	Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey Non-Renewable Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach (2026 & 2027)	

1 Member - Youth/Young Adult <two (2) consecutive three-year terms>

(2024 & 2025) (2025 & 2026, 2027)	Declan Williams Windermere Union Church	Renewable
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1 Board Member at Large <Selected by Moderator to serve a 2-year term, also part of executive committee >

<i>*Board Member at Large</i> Chair, FL UCC Women (2026 & 2027)	Rachel Parker McClendon United Church in Tallahassee	Non Renewable
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Participates at Moderator's Request

<i>Past Moderator</i> (2025 & 2026)	Ms. Lynn Jones First Congregational UCC, Sarasota	
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Conference Minister serves as ex officio with voice without vote as do Ministerial Staff by invitation

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY 2026

16 members

2 consecutive 3-year terms

Chair (2021 replacement) (2022, 2023 & 2024)	Rev. Megan Smith Coral Gables Congregational UCC (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Non-Renewable
Chair, Oversight Team (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Rob Hunter Faith Congregational Church, Port St. Lucie	Renewable
Chair, Credentialing Team (2023, 2024, & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Rev. Harvey Lockhart First Church of North Miami Congregational	Non-Renewable
Chair, Discernment Team (2025, 2026, & 2027)	Rev. Angela Wells Bean Pass A Grille Beach, St Pete Beach	Renewable
Clergy (2026, 2027, 2028)	Rev. Talia Raymond United Church of Gainesville, UCC	Renewable
Layperson (2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Ms. Sammie Hartwell United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach	Non-Renewable
Layperson (2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Ms. Jennett Baker New Vision Congregational UCC, Yulee	Non-Renewable
Clergy (2018 replacement) (2018 – 2021) by-law change (2022, 2023 & 2024)	Rev. Gregorio Marin Sunset Congregational United Church of Christ (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Non-Renewable
Layperson (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Ms. Joycelyn Patrick Church of the Palms, Delray Beach	Non-Renewable
Clergy (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Rev. Hollie Schmidt Plymouth Congregational Church, Miami	Renewable
Layperson (2024, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Joyce “Joy” Young Faith Congregational Church, Port Saint Lucie	Renewable
Clergy (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Rev. Joe DiDonato United Church of Christ at The Villages	Renewable

Clergy (2026, 2027, 2028)	Rev. Wesley Snedeker Church of the Isles, Indian Rocks Beach	Renewable
Layperson (2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Dyanne Edds Lakewood UCC, St. Petersburg	Renewable
Layperson (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Alicia Isaac Church of the Isles, Indian Rocks Beach	Renewable
Layperson (2024, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Daphne Thomas First United Church of Tampa	Renewable

Staff – ex officio, voice without vote

Associate Conference Minister for COM and Clergy Care Rev. Michelle Taylor

Moderator and Conference Minister serve as ex officio, voice without vote

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE 2026

5 members according to Bylaws (with attrition remaining at 5)

2 consecutive 3-year terms

Chair (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Elizabeth “Lisa” LeSueur Coral Gables Congregational Church	Renewable
(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Mr. Charlton Copeland First Church of North Miami	Renewable
(2022, 2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Melissa Brown Congregational United Church of Christ, Punta Gorda	Non-Renewable
(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Mr. Joe Akin Fort Lauderdale United Church of Christ	Renewable
(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Andy Bachman United Church of Gainesville	Renewable
(2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Dr. Brian Hodges Cocoa Beach Community Church	Non-Renewable

Moderator, Treasurer, Chair of Legacy Funds, and Conference Minister serve ex officio with voice without vote

LEGACY FUNDS COMMITTEE 2026

5 Members

2 consecutive 3-year terms

Chair (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross JupiterFIRST Church	Renewable
(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Melanie Shepherd Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach	Renewable
(2024, 2025, 2026)	Mrs. Mickey Wich First Congregational Church, Port St. Lucie	Renewable
(2024, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Lynne Woodman First Congregational United Church of Christ, Sarasota	Renewable
(2024, 2025 & 2026)	Rev. Ngan Ling Lung First Congregational Church, Winter Park	Renewable

The Treasurer, Chair of Finance and Budget, Moderator and Conference Minister serve with voice without vote

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2026

5 Members

2 consecutive 3-year terms

Chair, Nominating (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Geoffrey Gross Cocoa Beach Community Church	Renewable
(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Kerry Weisner First Congregational Church, Winter Park	Renewable
(2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Marcelino Rivera Windermere Union Church	Renewable
(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Victoria Snow Community Congregational, New Port Richey	Renewable

VACANCY - 1

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PERSONNEL (HUMAN RESOURCES) COMMITTEE 2026

3 Members

2 consecutive 3-year terms

<i>Chair</i> (2024, 2025, 2026)	Ms. Candy Nordland Naples United Church of Christ	Renewable
(2026, 2027, 2028)	Ms. Margaret “Peggy” Hayes Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	Renewable

VACANCY - 1

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