

## 2026 CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

17 Members

### **Officers & Executive Committee (4 Members)**

<b><i>Moderator, Officer</i></b> (2025 & 2026)	Rev. Vonshelle Beneby Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	2-year term Non-Renewable
<b><i>Vice Moderator, Officer</i></b> (2025 & 2026)	Rev. John Barnette Fort Myers United Church of Christ	2-year term Non-Renewable
<b><i>Treasurer, Officer</i></b> (2026, 2027, 2028)	<b>VACANT</b>	Renewable two (2) consecutive three-year terms
<b><i>Registrar, Officer</i></b> (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>**

<b><i>Chair, Budget &amp; Finance</i></b> (2024 replacement) 2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Elizabeth "Lisa" LeSueur Coral Gables Congregational Church	Renewable
<b><i>Chair, Committee on Ministry</i></b> (2021 replacement) (2022, 2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Megan Smith Coral Gables Congregational Church	Non-Renewable
<b><i>Chair, Legacy Funds</i></b> (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026, 2027)	Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross JupiterFirst Church	Renewable
<b><i>Chair, Nominating</i></b> (2025 replacement) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Rev. Geoff Gross Cocoa Beach Community Church	Renewable
<b><i>Chair, Personnel</i></b> (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)	Ms. Kerry Weisner	Renewable
(2025, 2026, 2027)	First Congregational Church, Winter Park	
(2021 replacement)	Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey	Non-Renewable
(2022 & 2023)	Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach	
(2024 & 2025, member at large)	(2026 & 2027)	

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

(2024 & 2025)	Declan Williams	Renewable
(2025 & 2026, 2027)	Windermere Union Church	

**1 Board Member at Large <Selected by Moderator to serve a 2-year term, also part of executive committee >**

<b>*Board Member at Large</b> Chair, FL UCC Women	Rachel Parker McClendon United Church in Tallahassee	Non Renewable
(2026 & 2027)		

**Participates at Moderator's Request**

<b>Past Moderator</b> (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**

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

<b>Clergy</b> (2026, 2027, 2028)	Rev. Wesley Snedeker Church of the Isles, Indian Rocks Beach	Renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Dyanne Edds Lakewood UCC, St. Petersburg	Renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Alicia Isaac Church of the Isles, Indian Rocks Beach	Renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (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**

<b>Chair</b> (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**

<b>Chair</b> (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**

<b>Chair</b> , 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**

<b>Chair</b> (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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