

## 2026 CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### 22 Members

#### Officers & Executive Committee

<b>Moderator, Officer</b> (2025 & 2026)	Rev. Vonshelle Beneby Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	2-year term, non-renewable
<b>Vice Moderator, Officer</b> (2025 & 2026)	Rev. John Barnette Fort Myers United Church of Christ	2-year term, non-renewable
<b>Treasurer, Officer</b> Replace (2026 & 2027)	<b>VACANT</b>	2 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
<b>Registrar, Officer</b> (2022 replacement) (2023 & 2024) (2025 & 2026)	Ms. Dyanne Edds Lakewood United Church of Christ	2 consecutive 2-year terms, non-renewable
<b>Chair, Legacy Funds</b> (2024 replacement) (2025 & 2026)	Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross JupiterFirst Church	2 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
<b>Chair, Committee on Ministry</b> (2021 replacement) (2022, 2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Megan Smith Coral Gables Congregational Church	2 consecutive 3-year terms, non-renewable
<b>Chair, Budget &amp; Finance</b> (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Elizabeth "Lisa" LeSueur Coral Gables Congregational Church	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Board Member at Large</b> Chair, FL UCC Women (2026 & 2027)	Rachel Parker McClendon United Church in Tallahassee	2-year term, non-renewable
<b>Board Member at Large</b> (2026 & 2027)	<b>VACANT</b>	2-year term, non-renewable

*Conference Minister participates with voice without vote*

#### Other Members of the Board of Directors

#### 2 consecutive 3-year terms

<b>Chair, Personnel</b> (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Candy Nordland Naples United Church of Christ	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Chair, Nominating</b> (2025 replacement) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Rev. Geoff Gross Cocoa Beach Community Church	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable

**Under 250 - 3 consecutive 2-year terms (5 Members)*****VACANCIES 2***

(2024 replacement)	Ms. Margaret "Peggy" Hayes	3 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
(2025 & 2026)	Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	
(2025 & 2026)	Rev. Shawn Proctor	3 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
	United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach	
(2025 & 2026)	Ms. Gwen Templeton	3 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
Renewable	First Congregational Church, Ocala	

**Over 251 - 3 consecutive 2-year terms (5 Members)*****VACANCIES 3***

(2024 replacement)	Ms. Kerry Weisner	3 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
(2025 & 2026)	First Congregational Church, Winter Park	
(2021 replacement)	Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey	3 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
(2023 & 2024)	Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach	
(2025 & 2026)		

**Youth - 3 consecutive 2-year terms (1 Member)**

(2024 & 2025)	Declan Williams	3 consecutive 2-year terms, renewable
(2025 & 2026)	Windermere Union Church	

**Participates at Moderator's Request**

<i>Past Moderator</i>	Ms. Lynn Jones
(2025 & 2026)	First Congregational UCC, Sarasota

## 2026 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

### 19 Members

**All are eligible to serve two consecutive 3-year terms**

<b>Chair</b> (2021 replacement) (2022, 2023 & 2024)	Rev. Megan Smith Coral Gables Congregational UCC (2025, 2026 & 2027)	2 consecutive 3-year terms, non-renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2024 replacement) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Rob Hunter Faith Congregational Church, Port St. Lucie	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2023, 2024, & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Rev. Harvey Lockhart First Church of North Miami Congregational	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2025, 2026, & 2027)	Rev. Angela Wells Bean Pass A Grille Beach Community, UCC	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Ms. Sammie Hartwell United Church of Christ of New Smyrna Beach	2 consecutive 3-year terms, non-renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2024 replacement; 2025 & 2026)	Rev. David Westcott First Congregational Church, Orange City	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2023, 2024 & 2025) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Ms. Jennett Bake New Vision Congregational UCC, Yulee	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2018 replacement) (2018 – 2021) by-law change (2022, 2023 & 2024) (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Gregorio Marin Sunset Congregational United Church of Christ	2 consecutive 3-year terms, non-renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Ms. Joycelyn Patrick Church of the Palms, Delray Beach	2 consecutive 3-year terms, non-renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Rev. Hollie Schmidt Plymouth Congregational Church, Miami	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2024, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Joyce “Joy” Young Faith Congregational Church, Port Saint Lucie	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Clergy</b> (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Rev. Joe DiDonato United Church of Christ at The Villages	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable

<b>Layperson</b> (2023, 2024 & 2025)	Dyanne Edds Lakewood UCC, St. Petersburg (2026, 2027 & 2028)	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2024 replacement, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Alicia Isaac Church of the Isles, Indian Rocks Beach	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Layperson</b> (2024, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Daphne Thomas First United Church of Tampa	2 consecutive 3-year terms, renewable
<b>Clergy</b>	<b>VACANCIES - 2</b>	
<b>Layperson</b>	<b>VACANCY - 1</b>	

## 2026 BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE 7 Members

### **2 consecutive 3-year terms**

<b>Chair</b> (2025, 2026 & 2027)	Rev. Elizabeth "Lisa" LeSueur Coral Gables Congregational Church	2 consecutive 3-year terms, Renewable
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### **3 consecutive 2-year terms**

(2025 & 2026)	Mr. Charlton Copeland First Church of North Miami	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable
(2022 & 2023) (2024 & 2025) (2026 & 2027)	Ms. Melissa Brown Congregational United Church of Christ, Punta Gorda	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Non-renewable
(2025 & 2026)	Mr. Joe Akin Fort Lauderdale United Church of Christ	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable
(2025 & 2026)	Rev. Andy Bachman United Church of Gainesville	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable
(2023 & 2024) (2025 & 2026)	Dr. Brian Hodges Cocoa Beach Community Church	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable

### ***1 VACANCY***

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

## 2026 LEGACY FUNDS COMMITTEE

### 7 Members

#### **2 consecutive 3-year terms**

**Chair** Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross  
 (2025, 2026 & 2027) JupiterFIRST Church 2 consecutive 3-year terms, Renewable

#### **3 consecutive 2-year terms**

**Member** Ms. Melanie Shepherd  
 (2025 & 2026) Union Congregational Church, West Palm Beach 3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable

**Member** Mrs. Mickey Wich  
 (2024 & 2025) First Congregational Church, Port St. Lucie 3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable  
 (2026 & 2027)

**Member** Ms. Lynne Woodman  
 (2024 & 2025) First Congregational United Church of Christ, Sarasota 3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable  
 (2026 & 2027)

**Member** Rev. Ngan Ling Lung  
 (2024 & 2025) First Congregational Church, Winter Park 3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable  
 (2026 & 2027)

#### ***VACANCIES – 2***

***Treasurer, Chair of Budget and Finance, Moderator and Conference Minister serve ex officio with voice without vote***

## 2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### 7 Members

#### **2 consecutive 3-year terms**

Chair, Nominating (2025 replacement) (2026, 2027 & 2028)	Rev. Geoffrey Gross Cocoa Beach Community Church	2 consecutive 3-year terms, Renewable
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#### **3 consecutive 2-year terms**

(2025 & 2026) Renewable	Ms. Kerry Weisner First Congregational Church, Winter Park	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable
(2023 & 2024) (2025 & 2026)	Rev. Marcelino Rivera Windermere Union Church	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable
(2025 & 2026)	Rev. Victoria Snow Community Congregational, New Port Richey	3 consecutive 2-year terms, Renewable

#### ***VACANCIES - 3***

## 2026 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

### 7 Members

#### **2 consecutive 3-year terms**

<b>Chair</b> (2024, 2025 & 2026)	Ms. Candy Nordland Naples United Church of Christ	2 consecutive 3-year terms, Renewable
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#### **2 consecutive 3-year terms>**

(2025, 2026 & 2027)	Ms. Margaret “Peggy” Hayes Hope United Church of Christ, Rockledge	2 consecutive 3-year terms, Renewable
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