**Western District Conference Ballot, July 2018**

 (\* = 1st term; \*\*= 2nd term)

**\_\_\_\_\_ I AFFIRM THE WHOLE BALLOT**

**\_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF VOTES**

**YES NO**

**Moderator Elect** (2 year term)

(1) (2020) \*Lois Barrett (Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Secretary** (2 year term)

(1) (2020) \*June Krehbiel (Eden, Moundridge, KS) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Executive Board** (3 year term)

(1) (2021) \*Philip Schmidt (Tabor, Newton, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2021) \*Willmar T. Harder (Buhler, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Ray Reimer (Zion, Elbing, KS); Cynthia Loganbill (Hope, Wichita, KS);

Jim Stucky (Faith, Newton, KS); Wayne Albrecht (Peace, Dallas, TX); Vicki Penner (Peace,

Lawrence, KS); Lesther Caceros (Iglesia Menonita Camino Nuevo, Dallas, TX)

**Gifts Discernment Committee** (3 year term)

(1) (2021) \*Alberto Parchmont (Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena, TX)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2021) \*Nominee to be named\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Roberta Harms (Grace Hill, Whitewater, KS); Susan Jantzen (First, Hillsboro,

KS); Stan Bartel (Manhattan, KS); Ardie Goering (BCMC, North Newton, KS)

**Church Planting Commission** (3 year term)

(1) (2021) \*Caleb Yoder (Alexanderwohl, Goessel, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2021) \*John Garland (San Antonio TX)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Violeta Ajquejay Suastegui (Tabor, Newton, KS); Marv Zehr (Shalom, Newton,

KS); Karen Mascho (Joy, Oklahoma City, OK); Tonya Ramer Wenger (First, Hutchinson, KS)

**Ministerial Leadership Commission** (3 year term)

(1) (2021) \*\*Peter Goerzen (Tabor, Newton, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2021) \*\*Brad Roth (West Zion, Moundridge, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Dave Stevens (Hope, Wichita, KS); Gail Graber (Eden, Moundridge, KS);

Rachel Epp Miller (San Antonio, TX); Terry Rediger (Turpin, OK)

**Resource Commission** (3 year term)

(1) (2021) \*Derek King (Eden,Moundridge, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2021) \*Melissa Atchison (Manhattan, KS)\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Vicki Hinz Ensz (First, Beatrice, NE); Gordon Houser (New Creation, Newton,

KS); Suhelen Cazares (Casa Betania, Newton, KS); Christina Litwiller (Salina, KS)

**Stewardship Commission** (3 year term)

(1) (2021) \*Marlan Ratzlaff (First Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2021) \*Pauline Buller (First, Hutchinson, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Darlene Powers (Faith, Newton, KS); Emily Voran (Houston, TX), Dwight

M. Flaming (Alexanderwohl, Goessel, KS); Matt Lehman Wiens (Lorraine Ave, Wichita, KS)

**NOMINEE’S INFORMATION**

**MODERATOR ELECT**

**Lois Barrett,** Retired AMBS professor of theology and Anabaptist studies. *I have worked for the church in some capacity for more than 40 years – as a journalist, as a pastor, as a mission executive, and as a seminary teacher and administrator. I continue to do research and writing on the church’s discerning and knowing God’s will.*

**SECRETARY**

**June Krehbiel,** Freelance writer/editor. *I affirm ways WDC has nurtured my faith; in return, I am willing to serve as secretary. I have served in leadership positions in my church, on WDC committees, and on the Mennonite Publishing Network board. As a freelancer, I have written/edited pieces for WDC, MWR, Herald Press, and Mennonite Church USA. I have worked as a writer/editor for Hesston and Bethel colleges and in an interim position at Mennonite Church USA Communications. I tell clients that my goal is to "make them look good." So then, I hope to make WDC look good through words and communications.*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Philip Schmidt,** Pastor. *I am looking forward to serving on the Executive Board! As a pastor at a rural congregation, I am interested in helping both my congregation and WDC thrive. As someone who has attended several trainings at the Kansas Leadership Center, I anticipate using the leadership skills I have learned to further the ministries and mission of our conference. As someone who enjoys envisioning the future and thinking big picture, I hope to offer much to the WDC Executive Board.*

**Willmar T. Harder,** Pastor. *The Western District Conference has been and continues to be a solid resource for the congregations I have served. The local area conference is an important organization that helps our individual congregations work together to do the things together on a larger scale. It will be an honor to serve on the WDC Executive Board.*

**GIFTS DISCERNMENT**

**Alberto Parchmont,** Pastor. *As a leader of faith, I base my life experience on walking under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, discerning His will, amid the challenges and difficulties to exercise leadership taking into account two perspectives. First, my relationship with God, asking for wisdom and listening to the call. Second, once we discern what is God’s will together with the community of faith and task groups, we look to where God is already moving and we put initiatives and plans into action. This is how I can contribute to the position.*

**CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION**

**Caleb Yoder,** Pastor. *I lived a few years in both Honduras and Ecuador, and speak Spanish. In each of those countries, I came to know and love Anabaptist churches very different from the US church and very different from each other. This gives me a bit of a window into the perspective of the Latino/a church here. I am excited to learn about the new churches in our conference, and hear stories of what God has done in their midst, so that I can bring those stories back to my congregation and we too can be inspired to be more missional.*

**John Garland,** Pastor. *No information available.*

**MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION**

**Peter Goerzen,** Bethel College Campus Pastor & Instructor of Bible & Religion. *I have valued my first term of service with the members of the Ministerial Leadership Commission. WDC is richly blessed with outstanding ministerial leadership, and I am grateful for the opportunity to continue supporting our leaders.*

**Brad Roth,** Pastor. *I love the church and am committed to helping us grow in our ability to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed! I have served as a pastor for 12 years in Washington, Peru, and Kansas.*

**RESOURCE COMMISSION**

**Melissa Atchison,** Homemaker & seminary student. *As a student and a lay leader in faith formation in my congregation, I benefit a great deal from WDC library resources. I also bring the perspective of not having grown up in the Mennonite church, discovering my Anabaptist identity as an adult.*

**Derek King,** Pastor. *I have been a Youth Sponsor and Pastor, while also directing and teaching Bible for summer camp and VBS. These roles have forced me to seek out quality resources for faith formation. While our world offers anything we want at the push of a button, I am excited to work with others to prayerfully discern and promote resources that are needed to challenge and strengthen our faith foundation and Kingdom engagement.*

**STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION**

**Marlan Ratzlaff,** Retired school teacher. *He has been active in Western District Conference throughout his life, serving on many committees.*

**Pauline Buller,** Retired with professional experience in fund development and college admissions. *I firmly believe God’s work in the world happens through the church on both the local level and the regional level and beyond. WDC supports the local congregation and its leadership while also providing ways for the local church to express its care and love for God’s people everywhere. We are more effective TOETHER, working together, singing together, serving together and praying together. I look forward to being part of WDC’s work of giving, networking and administrating.*