**Western District Conference Ballot, July 2019**

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

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

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

**YES NO**

**Executive Board** (3 year term)

(1) (2022) \*Lee Lever (Austin, TX)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2022) \*\*Jim Stucky (Faith, Newton, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Ray Reimer (Zion, Elbing, KS); Lois Barrett (Mennonite Church of the

Servant, Wichita, KS); June Krehbiel (Eden, Moundridge, KS): Wayne Albrecht (Peace,

Dallas, TX); Vicki Penner (Peace, Lawrence, KS); Lesther Caceros (Dallas, TX); Phil

Schmidt (Tabor, Newton, KS); Willmar Harder (Buhler, KS)

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

(1) (2022) \*Eric J. Jantzen (Rainbow, Kansas City, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2022) \*Dwight Mueller (First, Halstead, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

 \*Eldon Epp (First, Ransom) to fill unexpired term ending 2020\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Ardie Goering (BCMC, North Newton, KS); Alberto Parchmont (Iglesia

Menonita Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena, TX); Andrea Zuercher (Peace, Lawrence, KS)

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

(1) (2022) \*Tim Amor (Beatrice, NE)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2022) \*Alberto Parchmont (Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena, TX) \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Karen Mascho (Joy, Oklahoma City, OK); Tonya Ramer Wenger (First,

Hutchinson, KS); Caleb Yoder (Alexanderwohl, Goessel, KS); John Garland (San Antonio, TX)

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

(1) (2022) \*\*Dave Stevens (Hope, Wichita, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2022) \*Rachel Ringenberg Miller\_(Shalom, Newton, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

 \*Todd Schlosser (Hoffnungsau, Inman KS) to fill unexpired term ending 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Rachel Epp Miller (San Antonio, TX); Terry Rediger (Turpin, OK); Peter

Goerzen (Tabor, Newton, KS); Brad Roth (West Zion, Moundridge, KS)

**Resource Commission** (3 year term)

(1) (2022) \*Steve Wilcox (First, Halstead, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2022) \*Valerie Klaassen (Grace Hill, Whitewater, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Suhelen Cazares (Casa Betania, Newton, KS); Christina Litwiller

(Salina, KS); Derek King (Eden, Moundridge, KS); Melissa Atchison (Manhattan, KS)

**Stewardship Commission** (3 year term)

(1) (2022) \*\*Darlene Powers (Faith, Newton, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

(2) (2022) \*Dick Koontz (Bethel College, North Newton, KS)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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Other members: Dwight M. Flaming (Alexanderwohl, Goessel, KS); Matt Lehman Wiens

(Lorraine Ave, Wichita, KS); Pauline Buller (First, Hutchinson, KS); Marlan Ratzlaff (First

Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS)

**NOMINEE’S INFORMATION**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Lee Lever,** Pastor.  *I love the church, especially as it engages in life-giving community and mission in the local setting. Conference leaders support and encourage the life of the local congregation as it follows the way of Jesus as an agent of healing and hope amidst the challenges of the 21st century.*

**Jim Stucky,** Retired photographer. *I have served in several WDC positions and have always found it to be challenging and rewarding. I look forward to another term on the Executive Board and will contribute whatever gifts I have to the future of the Conference. In many ways, Western District Conference has become my “church”.*

**GIFTS DISCERNMENT**

**Eldon Epp,** Minister. *Some familiarity with persons with gifts in the Western District Conference.*

**Eric Jantzen,** Food Service/Stay at Home Dad. *I anticipate meeting and identifying many different individuals who share in the mission of Western District Conference. My hope is, by bringing a diverse group of people and perspectives together, WDC will continue its role as an important resource to constituent congregations and the larger church. I have served my local congregation in a variety of roles and I am looking forward to sharing my talents.*

**Dwight Mueller,** Donor Relations Representative with Mennonite Mission Network. *Through my role with Mennonite Mission Network and various activities associated with Bethel College and other wider church happenings, I have had the opportunity to connect with many people, recognizing gifts they may have that might be shared by serving in some capacity with WDC.*

**CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION**

**Tim Amor,** Pastor. *I have a background serving as a part of the leadership teams at church plants in London, Burlington, Oakville, and Hamilton-Ontario-Canada.*

**Alberto Parchmont,** Pastor/Bi-vocational. *I have the experience of working in unity with others, as well as knowing and seeing God moving in the midst of his congregation, healing, restoring with his love. I rejoice to see how God is working magnificently.*

**MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION**

**Dave Stevens,** Pastor. *Served congregations in NJ, CO, PA, KS, and The Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago (2001), over 31 years. Important and guiding verses: “In Christ all things hold together…He is the head of his body, the church…He is the firstborn of all creation…In Him all the fullness of God was pleased to take up residence and through Him to reconcile all things to himself” (Col 1:17-20).*

**Rachel Ringenberg Miller,** Pastor. *I am honored to be nominated to serve. I love being able to serve as a pastor in a congregational setting. I have been a pastor in MC USA since 2007. Before coming to Kansas I served as an Associate Pastor of Portland Mennonite Church. I love people and love the church. I look forward to the joys and challenges that come with supporting pastors and congregations as they discern God’s call.*

**Todd Schlosser,** Long Term Care/Nursing Home Administrator. *I’ve served in both the business world and in ministry, pastoring congregations in Manitoba and Kansas and working as the campus pastor at Mennonite Friendship Communities (South Hutchinson, KS). My years in business bookend my pastoral experience – business management prior to attending seminary and the last six years as an Administrator. I have learned and experienced much and hope to support our pastors, congregations, and conference.*

**RESOURCE COMMISSION**

**Valerie Klaassen,** Nurse. *I am inspired and encouraged by the many ways Western District congregations and members worship and work to create the Kingdom of God in their communities. I feel that sharing our gifts and ideas with each other is one important way to widen the table and welcome all into our communities of faith. Sharing in the ministries we have as well as sharing in the resources each of our congregations has in the gifted people that attend our churches can be a way to connect, energize and expand our work in WDC.*

**Steve Wilcox,** Pastor. *I enjoy finding and using a variety of resources in whatever I am doing. Whether it’s working with kids, families, outreach, sermon prep, new hobbies, fixing something or restoring a tractor, there is a resource for it. I have two years of experience as a pastor and 8 years as a youth leader before that.*

**STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION**

**Dick Koontz,** Realtor. *I was Director of Financial Aid at Bethel College for 22 years. Then I took a marketing and school customer service position with Chase Bank and Sallie Mae addressing student loan needs for schools in Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma (9 years). Since 2009 I have been a Realtor with J.P. Weigand in Newton. I served on the board and as moderator of the board for my home church and was involved in helping to raise funds for a major church building project at BCMC.*

**Darlene Powers,** Title Officer/Abstracter. *I’ve enjoyed the past three years on the Stewardship Commission and have learned about the finances and other property of WDC, so I bring that experience to this position. In the past, I have also served my congregation as Treasurer and on the Stewardship Committee. It is important that WDC has the resources we need to support all the ministries of the conference and I wish to continue promoting participation by our churches and individual members in that mission.*