

Western District Conference Ballot, July 2020

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

I affirm the whole ballot. _____

	YES	NO
Moderator-Elect (2 year term)		
(1) (2022) <u>Delon Martens (First, Hutchinson, KS)</u>	_____	_____
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Secretary (2 year term)		
(1) (2022) <u>**June Krehbiel (Eden, Moundridge, KS)</u>	_____	_____
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Executive Board (3 year term)		
(1) (2023) <u>**Vicki Penner (Southern Hills, Topeka, KS)</u>	_____	_____
(2) (2023) <u>*Kent Moore (Rainbow, Kansas City, KS)</u>	_____	_____
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Other members: Lois Barrett (Mennonite Church of the Servant, Wichita, KS); Lester Caceros (Dallas, TX); Phil Schmidt (Tabor, Newton, KS); Willmar Harder (Buhler, KS); Lee Lever (Austin, TX) (*temporarily stepped off Executive Board while serving as Interim Conference Ministry Liaison for Texas*); Jim Stucky (Faith, Newton, KS)

Gifts Discernment Committee (3 year term)		
(1) (2023) <u>*Eldon Epp (First, Ransom, KS)</u>	_____	_____
(2) (2023) <u>**Ardie Goering (Goessel, KS)</u>	_____	_____
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Other members: Eric Jantzen (Rainbow, Kansas City, KS); Dwight Mueller (First, Halstead, KS); Alberto Parchmont (Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena, TX); Rachel Voth Schrag (Peace, Dallas, TX)

Church Planting Commission (3 year term)		
(1) (2023) <u>**Karen Mascho (Joy, Oklahoma City, OK)</u>	_____	_____
(2) (2023) <u>**Tonya Ramer Wenger (First, Hutchinson, KS)</u>	_____	_____
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Other members: Tim Amor (Beatrice, NE); John Garland (San Antonio, TX); Alberto Parchmont (Iglesia Menonita Casa del Alfarero, Pasadena, TX); Caleb Yoder (Alexanderwohl, Goessel, KS)

Ministerial Leadership Commission (3 year term)		
(1) (2023) <u>*Todd Schlosser (Hoffnungsbau, Inman, KS)</u>	_____	_____
(2) (2023) <u>**Rachel Epp Miller (San Antonio, TX)</u>	_____	_____
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Other members: Rachel Ringenberg Miller (Shalom, Newton, KS); Peter Goerzen (Tabor, Newton, KS); Brad Roth (West Zion, Moundridge, KS); Dave Stevens (Hope, Wichita, KS);

Resource Commission (3 year term)		
(1) (2023) <u>*Graciela Tijerina (Casa Betania, Newton, KS)</u>	_____	_____
(2) (2023) <u>**Christina Litwiller (Salina, KS)</u>	_____	_____
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Other members: Valerie Klaassen (Grace Hill, Whitewater KS); Derek King (Eden, Moundridge, KS); Melissa Atchison (Manhattan, KS); Steve Wilcox (First, Halstead)

Stewardship Commission (3 year term)

- (1) (2023) **Matt Lehman Wiens (Lorraine Ave, Wichita, KS) _____
- (2) (2023) OPEN POSITION _____

Other members: Pauline Buller (First, Hutchinson, KS); Marlan Ratzlaff (First Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS); Darlene Powers (Faith, Newton, KS); Dick Koontz (Bethel College, North Newton, KS)

NOMINEE’S INFORMATION

MODERATOR-ELECT

Delon Martens, Retired Public school educator and administrator. *I have had the opportunity of serving on the WDC Executive Committee in the past and have just completed a 3-year term on the Staff Relations Committee. I value the relationship that WDC has with its member congregations and church plants in allowing them to serve God in their respective communities. While we are a diverse conference, we share a common mission of witnessing, serving, and connecting not only with each other but also to those in the communities where we gather. I look forward to again having the opportunity of serving and engaging with the people of the Western District.*

SECRETARY

June Krehbiel, Freelance writer/editor. *WDC continues to nurture my faith. During my first term as secretary, I have learned the many ways staff, commissions, task forces and volunteers bring energy to their work for the local conference. I'm convinced that decisions we make on Executive Board, as well as in our congregations, are molded by God as we strive to do justice and make peace in loving ways.*

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Vicki Penner, Hospice Social Worker. *I am willing to serve a second term on the executive board. I am an ordained pastor in WDC and have served as pastor and chaplain. I am currently working as a social worker in hospice. I appreciate the significant diversity of WDC and the cooperative spirit that resides in our community. My husband and I live in a co-housing neighborhood in Lawrence, KS. We value community living and compassionate care of each other. I would be honored to serve again if chosen by the delegates.*

Kent Moore, Senior Strategist for Physician Payment, American Academy of Family Physicians. *I have previously served on a WDC task force and as Moderator of Rainbow Mennonite Church, where I currently serve on the church’s Personnel Committee. I also have leadership development and experience through Toastmasters International and my staff responsibilities with the American Academy of Family Physicians, a non-profit membership organization. I enjoy the challenges that come with juggling competing priorities and diverse perspectives at an executive level and welcome the opportunity to put my skills and experience to work for Western District Conference on the Executive Board, if elected by the delegates. Thank you.*

GIFTS DISCERNMENT

Eldon Epp, Pastor. *I appreciate the opportunity to help find qualified candidates for our WDC positions.*
Ardie Goering, Christmas tree farmer. *I enjoy sharing what I know about the Western District with other members of the committee as we work together in our discernment. I’m committed to bringing the diversity and spirit of our congregations to the ministry of WDC.*

CHURCH PLANTING COMMISSION

Karen Mascho, Pastoral Team. *With God's prompting and guidance my late husband and I planted a church in Texas among residents of the local Housing Authority. In our experience there we addressed death and dying, poverty, racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, and healthy communication. Our activity and presence changed the atmosphere of that community. I pray that my experience will help other church plants be a light to their community as well.*

Tonya Ramer Wenger, Pastor. *Paul, in Ephesians 1, describes the wisdom and insight through which God has made known to us the mystery of his will in Christ: to gather together all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. My deep desire to be a part of God's 'gathering in' energy, purpose, and activity is what draws me to the work of the Church Planting Commission. I’m excited about new church*

plants and the revitalization of established churches. I also feel I have administrative and organizational gifts to bring to the work of the commission.

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

Rachel Epp Miller, Former Pastor, Stay-at-home Parent. *I have been a part of the Ministerial Leadership Commission for the past three years. I am deeply energized by the work we do in supporting pastors, particularly the opportunities to meet with pastors for credentialing interviews--being blessed by their stories and being empowered to offer the blessing of WDC on them and their ministries.*

Todd Schlosser, Nursing Home Administrator. *Serving the past year on the Ministerial Leadership Commission has offered me both orientation and a renewed appreciation for the work of this commission, Western District Conference and the pastoral leadership within our conference. My hope is to offer compassionate care and attention, to continue learning, and to provide helpful input if chosen to serve in this way. I graduated from AMBS in 1999 with an MDiv, was a pastor/chaplain from 1999-2013, and have been a nursing home administrator from 2013 to present. My wife, Lynn, is pastor at Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church.*

RESOURCE COMMISSION

Graciela Tijerina, Casa Betania Pastor and Offender Victim Ministries Office Manager. *Past positions include SS school teacher, youth sponsor, SS superintendent, worship leader, and women's group participant (Cordero Mennonite Church); secretary, treasurer and moderator (Unidad Cristiana de Iglesias Menonitas); Director (VBS on the Road); church planting (Corpus Christi, TX); Associate Pastor (Hope for the Broken, TX).*

Christina Litwiller, Pastor. *I have served as chair of the Resource Commission for 2 of the 3 years I've been a member of it. My 11 years as a pastor, 18 years working in a Mennonite owned bookstore, and 7 years as a teacher have assisted me in performing the duties assigned to this commission.*

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Matt Lehman Wiens, Fundraiser. *Since moving to Kansas in 2013, I have worked as a fundraiser for Mennonite Mission Network, KHCC Radio Kansas, and Bethesda Home in Goessel. I have also served one term on the Stewardship Commission, starting in 2017.*