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(Operational Business Item)

REPORT OF THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE
For Officers of the General Assembly

For Moderator

Regina Morton moved “home” to Tennessee from Renton Washington in 2009. She is a member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis where she loves serving in the nursery and is studying to become a Stephen’s Minister.

While living in Washington, Regina held positions as elder, moderator, usher, and children’s Sunday school teacher in her Disciples congregation. Regina was also an active member of the Northwest Regional Board. Regina was nominated to the General Board by the General Nominating Committee in 2006. She has chaired the Personal, Policies and Procedures Committee and the Review/Search and Call Committee while also being a member of the Governance and Administrative Committees.

Regina holds a Masters degree in Applied Behavioral Science from City University of Seattle and earned her Bachelor degree in education from Tennessee State University. Regina is a certified personal life coach and a teacher at heart, who advocates for fairness and justice. She has served in Bible Study Fellowship International since 1985 in various capacities including Children’s Supervisor.

Regina enjoys pursuing activities that nourish her soul—facilitating post play discussions, traveling, collecting art and artifacts, reading, listening to blues and jazz, watching movies and spending quality time with friends and family, especially her very outspoken 100 year old Aunt Fannie. She is a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

For First Vice Moderator

Susan Ward Diamond is the Senior Minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Montgomery, Alabama. Before coming to Montgomery in May of 2003, she served for thirteen years as Senior Minister of First Christian Church (Disciples) in Naples, Florida. She has a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School and a Bachelor degree from Texas Christian University.

Susan has invested herself in ministry and mission through the local, regional and general expressions of the church, as well as through her community. She has served on numerous local ecumenical and civic boards in both Naples and Montgomery. Susan has also served on the regional boards of the Florida and Alabama-Northwest Florida regions and as chairperson of the Program Committee on Church Development for the Alabama-Northwest Florida Region. Susan has served the General Church as a board member of the Christian Church Foundation since 2004 and as the Foundation’s representative to the General Board from 2008-2010.

Susan is married to her husband Ron Diamond. They are the proud parents of their miniature dachshund Sweet Pea and “adopted parents” of Rosa and Aggie Kwambolsa, two little girls in Kenya whom they help to support and send to school.
For Second Vice Moderator

Rick Ikeda has been a resident of the Salem, Oregon area since graduating from Willamette University with a degree in physics. After a brief career as a science and math teacher, Rick moved to the business world where he currently is Vice President in charge of purchasing and technology for Western Tool Supply.

Rick is an active member of First Christian Church in Salem, having served in various capacities over the years including both domestic and international youth mission trips. He has served on the Oregon Regional Board, is the Oregon Region’s representative to the General Board, is currently on the Administrative Committee, Audit Committee and the Review/Search and Call committee. Rick is also active with Habitat for Humanity and the Interfaith Hospitality Network, both in Salem.

Rick is married to his wife Beverly and has two adult daughters, Rochelle and Andrea.
For membership on the General Board
January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2015
(Nominated from the General Nominating Committee)

Vy Nguyen, Asian American, Clergyman, (23-29) Northern California / Nevada
Eli Rolon, Asian American and Hispanic, Layman (23-29) Illinois-Wisconsin
Bernice Cintron, Hispanic, Laywoman (50-59) Oregon
Fernando Morales, Hispanic, Clergyman (30-39) Florida
Caroline Hamilton, Caucasian, Laywoman (18-22) Southwest
Jean O’Brien (50-59), Clergywoman Michigan
Laura Jennison Reed, Laywoman (23-29) Northwest
Yvonne Gilmore Essig, Clergywoman (30-39) Ohio

Of the persons being nominated:

3 laywomen
1 layman
2 are clergywomen
2 clergyman
5 are racial ethnic persons
(1 African Americans, 2 Hispanics, 1 Asian, 1 Asian / Hispanic)
1 is 22 or younger

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Nominated from the Administrative Committee of the General Board
For election through the 2015 General Assembly

Larry Love (NC/N) W, C, M
Jean Blackburn (TN) W, L, F
Phil Smith (Mid-Am) B, L, M
Michelle Gloyer-Harris (GKC) H, C, F
Sandhya Jha (NC/N) A, C, F

Of the four-person class of 2015:
1 is a laywomen
1 is a layman
1 are clergymen
2 are clergywomen
3 are racial ethnic persons (1 African American, 1 Hispanic, 1 Asian)

Continuing members of the General Nominating Committee through the 2011 General Assembly include:

Hanna Arambel, Chair (GRR) W, L, F
Eleanor Demus (IL/WIS) B, L, F
Lian Jiang (SW) A, C, M
Hilda Robles, Vice-Chair (FL) H, L, F
Lorenzo York (OH) B, C, M
Of the five-person class of 2011:

- 3 are laywomen
- 2 are clergymen
- 4 are racial ethnic persons (2 African Americans, 1 Hispanic, 1 Asian)

In keeping with *The Design* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the members of the Corporation of the Division of Disciples Home Missions and the Corporation of the Division of Overseas Ministries were elected by the General Board at its April 2009 meeting. They are reported here to comply with the Bylaws of the two divisions:

**DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS**

The General Board elected the following persons in the Class of 2017:

- Lisa Buday (PA) F, W
- Chad Cline (SW) M, W
- Young Sook Kim (PSW) C, A
- Valerie Melvin (NC) C, B
- Dale Richmond (KS) M, W

The following persons are continuing members:

**Class of 2015:**

- David Geenen (IL/WI) C,W
- Alan Hilberg (PSW) C,W
- Lee Parker (VA) C,W
- KK Wiseman (TN) C,W
- Richie Sanchez (FL) C, H

**Class of 2013:**

- George Crawford (NW) L, B
- Janet Fountain (CAN) L,W
- Jim Hockman (SC) L, W
- Candyce Black (SW) L, B
- Jean Vandergrift (NOEAST) C, W

**DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES**

**Class of 2014**

- Wilfredo del Pilar (PA) L, Ha
- Zenobia Guess-Mayo (OK) L, B
- Phyllis Ann Hallman (AZ) L, W
- John R. Kleinschmidt III (KY) L, W
- Marilyn Whittaker (VA) L, B

The following persons are continuing members:

**Class of 2013**
Stephanie Crowder (TN) C, B
Donald Gillett (KY) C, B
Tabitha Isner (IL-WI) C, W
Daniel Lauer (OR) L, W
Joel Saucedo (VA) C, H

Class of 2012
Bonnie Carenen (IL-WI) L, W
Danny Stewart (MIDAM) C, W
Carol Nichols (GKC) L, W
Ester Lee (SW) L, A

Class of 2011
Garry Sparks (IL-WI) C, W
Sara Laroche (SW) L, W
Linda McCrae (IN) C, W
Eugene James (MI) C, B