

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT								last updated on:	6/8/2026
Alaska United Methodist Conference: Commissions, Committees, Councils, & Units									
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Role	First Name	Last Name	Status	Gender	Local Church	Region	Start		
AK AK CHILD AND FAMILY BOARD - UMC REPRESENTATIVES									
AK-1	Member	Kerry	Madden	L	F	First: Anchorage	SC		
AK-2	Member	Brian	Anderson	L	M	St. John	SC		
AK-3	Member	Meghan	Lambert	C	F	Soldotna, Kenai, Nikiski	K		
AH ARCHIVES & HISTORY, COMMISSION ON									
¶ 641 (AK R5.1003): The Committee on Nominations shall nominate a Chair and five members, at least two clergy and two lay, to serve for a quadrennium. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate a conference historian and at least one and no more than two conference archivists. These persons shall serve as ex-officio members of the Commission and will be included in the total of six members of the Commission.									
AH-1	Chair & Conference Historian	Larry	Hayden	L	M	Anchor Park	SC		
AH-2	Member	Elizabeth	Nicolai	L	F	St. John	SC		
AH-3	Member	Tiffany	Siller	L	F	Seward	K	2026	
AH-4	Member	Hyunghee	Kim	C	M	Girdwood	SC		
AH-5	Member	Daniel	Santos	C	M	Seward/Moose Pass	K	2026	
AH-6	Member	Heather	Feil	L	F	Turnagain	SC	2026	
DR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, COMMITTEE ON									
DR-1	Chair	Dan	Wilcox	C	M	Anchor Park	SC		
DR-2	Member	Sandra	Woods	L	F	Anchor Park	SC		
DR-3	Member	Jennifer	Miller	L	F	Anchor Park	SC		
DR-4	Member	Charles	Ensminger	C	M	Kunex Hidi Northern Light	SE		
DR-5	Member	Won Jea	Keum	C	M	Anchorage Korean	SC		
DR-6	Member	Thomas	Feaster	L	M	Christ First	N		
FA FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, COUNCIL ON									
¶ 612 (AK R5.1009): The membership of CFA shall be: Nine (9) persons; --- five (5) lay persons and four (4) clergy. AUMC Treasurer (ex-officio without vote) --- shall serve as Treasurer of the CFA. Any member of the General Council on Finance and Administration (ex-officio with vote providing their membership is not in conflict with any other provision of the Book of Discipline, in which case it shall be without vote). GCFA members cannot serve on an agency receiving funding from the CFA. The Presiding Bishop of the Area (ex-officio without vote), The AUMC Superintendent (ex-officio without vote), The CFA shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503.									
FA-1	President	Kim	Poole	C	F	Douglas Community	SE		
FA-2	Member	Nico	Reijs	C	M	Turnagain	SC		
FA-3	Member	Hyunghee	Kim	C	M	Girdwood	SC		
FA-4	Member	Madonna	Singleton	C	F	Palmer Fellowship	N		
FA-5	Member	Alex	Brint	L	M	Aldersgate	SE		
FA-6	Member	Corinne	McVee	L	F	First: Anchorage	SC		
FA-7	Member	Larry	Bennett	L	M	First: Fairbanks	N		
FA-8	Member	Cosette	Kilfoyle	L	F	Soldotna	K		
FA-9	Member			L					
FA-10	Bishop	Cedrick	Bridgeforth	C	M				
FA-11	Conference Superintendent	Kristi	McGuire	C	F				
FA-12	Conference Director of Connectional Ministries	Kristi	McGuire	C	F				
FA-13	Conference Treasurer	Brant	Henshaw	L	M				
FA-14	Conference Assistant Treasurer	Sara	Goetze	L	F				
LS LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES, COMMITTEE ON									
LS-1	Chair	Madonna	Singleton	C	F	Palmer Fellowship	N		
LS-2	Member	David	Means	L	M	Aldersgate	SE		
LS-3	Member	David	Bates	L	M	St. John	SC		
LS-4	Member	Janice	Nightingale	L	F	North Star	K		
LS-5	Member	Tyler	Watson	L	M	Turnagain	SC		
LS-6	Member	Julia	Smith	L	F	Sitka	SE		
LS-7	Member								
LS-8	Member	Andy	Bartel	C	M	St. John	SC		
LT LEADERSHIP TEAM									
AK R5.1006: It is recommended that the membership of the Leadership Team should be comprised of approximately 50% laity and 50% clergy. The following are members of the Leadership Team: The Presiding Bishop of the Area, The AUMC Superintendent, The AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries, The AUMC Secretary, The AUMC Lay Leader, The President of Conference United Women in Faith, The President of Conference United Methodist Men, The CF&A President or elected representative, The Professional Ministry Unit Chair or elected representative, The Committee on Native American Ministries Chair or an elected representative, The Vitality Team Chair or an elected representative, Any UMC member in the AUMC who serves as a director of any UM general agency, The AUMC Treasurer (ex-officio without vote unless the treasurer serves as a volunteer not employee by the AUMC), Communications Representative (voice without vote), Immediate Past Chair (voice without vote), Up to seven (7) members at large at least one of whom must be a youth or young adult. The Leadership Team shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503.									
LT-1	Bishop	Cedrick	Bridgeforth	C	M				
LT-2	Conference Superintendent	Kristi	McGuire	C	F			SE	
LT-3	Conference Director of Connectional Ministries	Kristi	McGuire	C	F			SE	
LT-4	Conference Secretary	Meghan	Lambert	C	F	Soldotna, Kenai, North Star	K		
LT-5	Conference Lay Leader	Melanie	Venables	L	NB	Aldersgate	SE		
LT-6	United Women in Faith President	Susan	Williams	L	F	Anchor Park	SC		
LT-7	United Methodist Men President	Bob	Jones	C	M	First: Fairbanks	N		
LT-8	CFA President	Kim	Poole	C	F	Douglas Community	SE		
LT-9	PMU Chair	Charles	Ensminger	C	M	Kunex Hidi Northern Light	SE		
LT-10	Native Ministries Representative	Murray	Crookes	C	M	Sitka, First: Ketchikan	SE		
LT-11	Vitality Chair	Geoff	Woods	L	M	Anchor Park	SC		
LT-12	General Agency Representative	Fran	Lynch	L	F	Willow	N		
LT-13	General Agency Representative	Andy	Bartel	C	M	St. John	SC		
LT-14	Conference Treasurer	Brant	Henshaw	L	M				
LT-15	Conference Assistant Treasurer	Sara	Goetze	L	F				
LT-16	Communications Representative (w/o vote)	Jim	Doepken	C	M	Chugiak	SC		
LT-17	Immediate Past Leadership Team President (w/o vote)	Fran	Lynch	L	F	Willow	N		
LT-18	At Large Member (Board of Pensions)	Nico	Reijs	C	M	Turnagain	SC		
LT-19	At Large Member (Board of Trustees)	Von	Cawvey	L	M	St. John	SC		
LT-20	At Large Member	Patricia	Vai	L	F	Ola Toe Fuataina	SC		
LT-21	At Large Member	Debbie	Pintsch	L	F	St. John	SC		
LT-22	At Large Member (youth or young adult)								
LT-23	At Large Member (w/o vote)	Autumn	Krueger	C	F	St. John	SC		
LT-24	President	David	Means	L	M	Aldersgate	SE		
NA NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES, COMMITTEE ON									
¶ 654 (AK R5.1012): The membership of CONAM shall be as selected by the Native Elders of the AUMC. It is recommended that representation be sought from each of the four program regions of the AUMC. CONAM shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference.									

	Role	First Name	Last Name	Status	Gender	Local Church	Region	Start
NA-1	Chair	Murray	Crookes	C	M	Sitka, First Ketchikan	SE	
NA-2	Member	Charles	Brower	C	M	First Fairbanks	N	
NA-3	Member	Patti	Atkisson	L	F	Kunexi Hidi Northern Light	SE	
NA-4	Member	Bertha	Koweluk	C	F	Nome Community	N	
NA-5	Member	Lily Fawn	White	L	F	Nome Community	N	
NC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE								
	AK R5.1005: The membership of the CON shall be nominated from the floor at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference. The members shall serve for the succeeding quadrennium. Eight (8) persons shall be elected from the nominees: four (4) clergy and four (4) lay persons. The AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Lay Leader shall also serve on the CON.							
NC-1	Conference Superintendent (Chair)	Kristi	McGuire	C	F		SE	
NC-2	Conference Lay Leader	Melanie	Venables	L	NB	Aldersgate	SE	
NC-3	Member	Daniel	Santos	C	M	Seward Memorial, Moose Pass	K	
NC-4	Member	Fa'atafa	Fulumu'a	C	M	Aldersgate	SE	
NC-5	Member	Emily	Carroll	C	F	First Anchorage	SC	
NC-6	Member	Bertha	Koweluk	C	F	Nome Community	N	
NC-7	Member	Bonnie	Miller	L	F	North Star	K	
NC-8	Member	Jo Anne	Hayden	L	F	Anchor Park	SC	
NC-9	Member			L				
NC-10	Member	Crystal	Feaster	L	F	Christ First	N	
OM OUTDOOR MINISTRIES, COMMITTEE ON								
	AK R5.1014: The committee will consist of at least eight (8) members with vote, four (4) laity and four (4) clergy, plus at least one representative each from the Birchwood Camp Committee, Southeast Camp Committee, and Hope Retreat Center. The representatives from the camps will serve with voice but not vote. Each committee will select its representative and the Committee on Nominations will select the others seeking regional balance, to be elected at the annual conference. The chairperson will be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, elected at annual conference.							
OM-1	Chair							
OM-2	Member	Alan	Dennis	L	M	St. John	SC	
OM-3	Member	Lori	Staats	L	F	First Anchorage	SC	
OM-4	Member	Jane	Ginter	L	F	Kunexi Hidi Northern Light	SE	
OM-5	Member	John	Meyn	L	M	St. John	SC	
OM-6	Member	John	Redmond	C	M	Willow	N	
OM-7	Member	Bob	Jones	C	M	First Fairbanks	N	
OM-8	Member	Blake	Langston	C	M	Homer	K	
OM-9	Birchwood Camp Director	Lydia	Wilson	C	F		SC	
OM-10	Eagle River UM Camp Directors	Kevin	Voss	L	M		SE	
OM-11	Eagle River UM Camp Directors	Nicola	Voss	L	F		SE	
OM-12	Hope Retreat Center Chair	Peggy	Finnigan	L	F		SC	
OM-13	Advisor	Alan	Rogstad	L	M			2026
PM PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT								
	The membership of the Professional Ministries Unit will follow the Book of Discipline requirements for the Committee on Superintendency and the Committee on Episcopacy. As the PMU transitions off of its licensing responsibilities through 2028, it will reduce to 11 members.							
PM-1	Chair - Bishop Appointee	Charles	Ensminger	C	M	Kunexi Hidi Northern Light	SE	
PM-2	Conference Lay Leader	Melanie	Venables	L	NB	Aldersgate	SE	
PM-3	CS Appointee	Kelly	Marciales	C	NB	Christ First	N	
PM-4	CS Appointee	Hyunghee	Kim	C	M	Girdwood	SC	
PM-5	WJ COE Representative	Jo Anne	Hayden	L	F	Anchor Park	SC	
PM-6	DCOM & BOM Liason/ Candidacy Guide	Fa'atafa	Fulumu'a	C	M	Aldersgate	SE	
PM-7	DCOM & BOM Liason/ Candidacy Guide	Steve	Lambert	C	M	Chugiak	SC	
PM-8	Bishop Appointee	Bob	Jones	C	M	First Fairbanks	N	
PM-9	DCOM & BOM Liason/ Candidacy Guide	Autumn	Krueger	C	F	St. John	SC	
PM-10	DCOM & BOM Liason/ Candidacy Guide	Won Jea	Keum	C	M	Anchorage Korean	SC	
PM-11	Bishop Appointee	Stephanie	Mullally	L	F	Seward Memorial	K	
PM-12	Member	Bety	Burke	L	F	Chugiak	SC	
PM-13	Member	Geo	Abad	L	M	Aldersgate	SE	
PM-14	Member	Matt	Smith	L	M	Homer	K	
PM-15	Member	Ave	Fuamaila	L	F	Aldersgate	SE	
VT VITALITY TEAM								
	AK R5.1013: The membership of the Vitality Team shall be at least the following with others as elected on nomination by the Committee on Nominations: Four (4) lay persons, Four (4) clergy, AMC VIM Coordinator, Disaster Response Coordinator, Church and Community Workers Serving within the bounds of the AUMC. The Vitality Team shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference.							
VT-1	Chair	Geoff	Woods	L	M	Anchor Park	SC	
VT-2	Member	Jennifer	Miller	L	F	Anchor Park	SC	
VT-3	Member	John	Redmond	C	M	Willow	N	
VT-4	Member	Adam	Richards	C	NB	St. John	SC	
VT-5	Member	Joe	Nightingale	L	M	Kenai, North Star	K	
VT-6	Member	Bonnie	Miller	L	F	North Star	K	
VT-7	Member	Lisa	Talbott	C	F	Homer	K	
VT-8	Member			L				
VT-10	Disaster Response Coordinator	Dan	Wilcox	C	M	Anchor Park	SC	
VT-11	Volunteer In Mission Coordinator	Lori	Staats	L	F	First Anchorage	SC	
YA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES, CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON								
	Amended AK R5.1007: Membership shall be as follows (minimum membership: 11; maximum membership: 22): a. 4-8 youth b. 3-7 young adults, c. 2-5 adults d. Additional ex officio members: i. Conference lay leader. ii. Past president							
YA-1	President	Autumn	Krueger	C	F	St. John	SC	
YA-2	Member (SE)(A)	Fa'atafa	Fulumu'a	C	M	Aldersgate	SE	
YA-3	Member (SE)(A)	Melanie	Venables	L	NB	Aldersgate	SE	
YA-4	Member (SC)(A)	Ane	Taitila	L	F	Ola Toe Fuataina	SC	
YA-5	Member (SC)(A)	Henry	Taitila	C	M	Ola Toe Fuataina	SC	
YA-6	Member (SC)(YA)	Cyrus	Hicks	L	M	St. John	SC	
YA-7	Member (SC)(YA)	Hope	Toland	L	F	St. John	SC	
YA-8	Member (K)(A)	Daniel	Santos	C	M	Seward, Moose Pass	K	
YA-9	Member							
YA-10	Member							
YA-11	Past-President (1 year)							
OTHER CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ROLES								
	Associate Lay Leader	Janice	Nightingale	L	F	North Star	K	
	Safe Sanctuary Coordinator	Geoff	Woods	L	M	Anchor Park	SC	
	Disaster Response Coordinator	Dan	Wilcox	C	M	Anchor Park	SC	
	Volunteer In Mission Coordinator	Lori	Staats	L	F	First Anchorage	SC	
	Conference Statistician	Brett	Watson	L	M	Turnagain	SC	
	Annual Conference Secretary	Meghan	Lambert	C	F	Soldotna, Kenai, North Star	K	
	Secretary of Global Ministries	Fran	Lynch	L	F	Willow	N	
	Lay Servant Ministries Coordinator	Madonna	Singleton	C	F	Palmer Fellowship	N	
	Hospitality Coordinator	Jo Anne	Hayden	L	F	Anchor Park	SC	
	Disabilities Advocate	Maria	Del Rosario	L	F	St. John	SC	
	Creation Care Advocate	Teri	Inch	L	F	St. John	SC	2026

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	Abundant Health Coordinator							
CIM	GNW COMMITTEES - CIRCLE OF INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES BOARD							
	Board (in consultation/agreement with the Director) will set vision, name priorities, set policies, adopt budget, and advise. Membership will include two representatives from each Conference CONAM (one the committee chair and one named by the Conference CONAM), up to 7 Native American/Alaskan Indigenous leaders from local ministries in GNW, named by the Director.							
CIM-1	Alaska CONAM / Native Ministries Chair	Murray	Crookes	C	M	Sitka & Ketchikan	SE	
CIM-2	Alaska CONAM / Native Ministries Rep, named by CONAM							
CIM-3	PNW CONAM / Native Ministries Chair	Sarah	Augustine					
CIM-4	PNW CONAM / Native Ministries Rep, named by CONAM							
CIM-5	Oregon Idaho CONAM / Native Ministries Chair	Maryl	Smith					
CIM-6	Oregon Idaho CONAM / Native Ministries Rep, named by CONAM							
CIM-7	Leader	Bertha	Koweluk	C	F	Nome	N	
CIM-8	Leader	Charles	Brower	C	M	Fairbanks	N	
CIM-9	Leader							
CIM-10	Leader							
CIM-11	Leader							
CIM-12	Leader							
CIM-13	Leader							
CIM-14	Director	Allen	Buck	C	M			
CIM-15	Executive Director, Native American Comprehensive Plan	Chebon	Kernell					
	Director of Connectional Ministries, selected by DCMs in consultation with							
CIM-16	Director	Kristi	McGuire	C	F			
CIM-17	Board Treasurer, named by Board	Julia	Frisbie	L	F			
	QUADRENNIAL NOMINATIONS							
	Conference Treasurer	Brant	Henshaw					
	Conference Assistant Treasurer	Sara	Goetze					
	Conference Statistician	Brett	Watson					
	Conference Secretary	Meghan	Lambert					
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