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

For Moderator



Larry Brown has celebrated his faith as a member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Chickasha, Oklahoma, since 1979. This congregation is a vital source of love and nurturing to the community it serves and his family's closest friendships have come from within this wonderful congregation. He has held several leadership positions in this church, serving as Moderator, Committee Chair and Elder.

In addition to serving the local church, Larry has served the Regional Church of Oklahoma as its Regional Moderator, Chairperson of the 2002 Miracle Day, and Chairperson of the Annual Fund. Larry has served the General Church as a member of the General Board, Administrative Committee, Nominating Committee, and most recently the Search Committee for the OGMP which resulted in the selection of Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins for that office. He is currently on the Board of Trustees for Phillips Theological Seminary.

Larry and Diana, the love of his life, have been married for 41 years and are the proud and blessed parents of four married daughters, Dayna, Julie, Amy and Christi and five grandchildren. In 1987 Larry founded Midwest Towers. He is currently the President and has transformed it into an employee owned company. He is a graduate of the University of California at Davis with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Larry brings his spirit, integrity, and work ethic to serve God's church, his family, and many friends.

For First Vice Moderator



Juan Rodriguez was born in Puerto Rico, raised in New York City, and grew up in Indiana. He has served in Northwest Indiana as a minister since 1981. His principal involvement these past 28 years has been as the organizing Pastor of a predominantly Latino multi-cultural congregation which has become a growing urban ministry center seeking to serve the diverse community of Hammond, Indiana.

Juan has a passion for building community and believes that openness and respect go far toward insuring that individuals feel safe to learn, grow and serve. He is known for speaking the truth in a spirit of love. Juan is a strong partner, working for collaboration of church-wide ministries. Juan most recently served on the 21st Century Vision Team.

He has been married to Sonia Colon, a powerful Latina Disciple leader, for 37 wonderful years and share life with Rico the "wonder dog". Juan's grandfather, Tomas Rodriguez, and his father, Bernardo Rodriguez, were lay Disciple preachers in Puerto Rico and New York. His childhood church home was Primera Iglesia Discipulos de Cristo en Brooklyn.

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45 **For Second Vice Moderator**



46 **Marilyn F. Williams** is from Raleigh, North Carolina, where she is a member of
47 Covenant Christian Church in Cary, North Carolina. Marilyn is active in Disciples Women’s
48 Ministry serving as a member of International Disciples Women Ministry Executive Committee
49 and as 2nd vice-president elect for the National Convocation Women’s Ministry.

50 Marilyn currently serves as the Vice-moderate elect for the region of North Carolina.
51 She is a lay minister, graduate of Lay Academy Religious Studies from Barton College, Wilson,
52 NC. Marilyn has served in many leadership roles for women’s ministries local, regional and
53 national. She was the facilitator for the Women’s Well at the 2003 General Assembly in
54 Charlotte, NC. As a Registered Dental Hygienist, she works towards the same goal. Saving Teeth
55 and Saving Souls.

56 Marilyn is the second oldest child of J.O. and Ida Williams. She has two grown children
57 and four grandchildren. She loves reading, singing, dancing, traveling and meeting people, and
58 her greatest joy and pastime is her grandchildren

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62 **For membership on the General Board**

63 **January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013**

64 (Nominated from the General Nominating Committee)

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- 67 Bob Alvarez, Hispanic, Layman, (50-60), Georgia
- 68 Mark Anderson, White, Layman, (40-50) Greater Kansas City
- 69 Ely Bulness, Hispanic, Clergywoman, (30-40) Great River Region
- 70 Daisy Chambers, Black, Laywoman, (70-80) North Carolina
- 71 Sharon Fields, Black, Clergywoman (50-60) Kentucky
- 72 Tamara Nichols-Rodenberg, White, Clergywoman, (30-40) Pacific Southwest
- 73 Jacque Nicolas, Haitian, Clergyman, (30-40) Florida
- 74 Kimberly Perring, White, Laywoman, (18-23) At Large
- 75 Sylvia Tisnado, Hispanic, Clergywoman, (30-40) Arizona

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78 *Of the persons being nominated:*

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2 are laywomen

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2 are laymen

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4 are clergywomen

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1 clergyman

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6 are racial ethnic persons

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(2 African Americans, 3 Hispanics, 1 Haitian)

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89 **NEW MEMBERS FOR THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
90 Nominated from the Administrative Committee of the General Board

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92 For election through the 2013 General Assembly

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94 Hanna Arambel (At Large) W, L, F
95 Eleanor Demus (IL/WIS) B, L, F
96 Lian Jiang (SW) A, C, M
97 Hilda Robles (FL) H, L, F
98 Lorenzo York (OH) B, C, M
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100 Of the five-person class of 2013:
101 3 are laywomen
102 2 are clergymen
103 4 are racial ethnic persons (2 African Americans, 1 Hispanic, 1 Asian)
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106 **Continuing members of the General Nominating Committee through the 2011 General**
107 **Assembly include:**

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109 Luis Ferrer (IN) H, C, M
110 Marshall Dunn (CAP) W, C, M
111 Bob Pulliam (GRR) W, L, M
112 Amy Piatt (CRM) W, C, F
113 Brenda Etheridge (MI) B, L, F
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115 Of the five-person class of 2011:
116 1 is laywoman
117 1 is layman
118 1 is clergywoman
119 2 are clergymen
120 2 are racial ethnic persons (1 African American, 1 Hispanic)
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122 In keeping with *The Design* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the members of the
123 Corporation of the Division of Disciples Home Missions and the Corporation of the Division of
124 Overseas Ministries were elected by the General Board at its April 2009 meeting. They are
125 reported here to comply with the Bylaws of the two divisions:
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127 **DISCIPLES HOME MISSIONS**

128 The General Board **elected** the following persons in the

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130 **Class of 2015:**

131 David Geenen (IL/WI) C,W
132 Alan Hilberg (PSW) C,W
133 Lee Parker (VA) C,W
134 KK Wiseman (TN) C,W
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Class of 2013:

George Crawford (NW) L, B
Janet Fountain (CAN) L,W
Jim Hockman (SC) L, W
Norwedie Roberts (GRR) L,B
Jean Vandergrift (NOEAST) C, W

Class of 2011:

Janet Casey Allen, (IN) C,A
Paul Few, (NEB) L,W
Marilyn Fiddmont, (SW) C, B
Rebecca Littlejohn (AL/NWFL) C,W
Madelyn Logan (VA) L, W
William McConnell (KS) C, W

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

The General Board **elected** the following person to the class of 2011
Carlos Cardoza Orlandi (GA) C, H

The General Board **elected** the following person to the class of 2012
Don Sherman (FL) L, W

The following persons are continuing members:

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

Class of 2010

Zachary Baird (OH) L, W
Angel Guardiola (GA) L, H
Daisy Chambers (NC) L, B
Nedella Foster (OK) L, B
Kathy Parker (CRM) L, W

Class of 2009

Donald Gillett (KY) C, B
Martin Hernandez (FL) L, H
Tabitha Knerr (IL-WI) L, W
Daniel Lauer (OR) L, W
Virzola Law (TN) C, B