

1 **No. GA 1126**
2 **(Operational Business Item)**

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

6 **For Moderator**



7 **Regina Morton** moved “home” to Tennessee from Renton Washington in
8 2009. She is a member of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis where
9 she loves serving in the nursery and is studying to become a Stephen’s Minister.

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

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

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

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28 **For First Vice Moderator**



29 **Susan Ward Diamond** is the Senior Minister at First Christian Church
30 (Disciples of Christ) in Montgomery, Alabama. Before coming to Montgomery in May of
31 2003, she served for thirteen years as Senior Minister of First Christian Church
32 (Disciples) in Naples, Florida. She has a Doctor of Ministry degree from United
33 Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, a Master of Divinity from Brite Divinity School
34 and a Bachelor degree from Texas Christian University.

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

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



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

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

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60 Rick is married to his wife Beverly and has two adult daughters, Rochelle and Andrea.

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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

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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

162 Stephanie Crowder (TN) C, B
163 Donald Gillett (KY) C, B
164 Tabitha Isner (IL-WI) C, W
165 Daniel Lauer (OR) L, W
166 Joel Saucedo (VA) C, H

Class of 2012

169 Bonnie Carenen (IL-WI) L, W
170 Danny Stewart (MIDAM) C, W
171 Carol Nichols (GKC) L, W
172 Ester Lee (SW) L, A

Class of 2011

174 Garry Sparks (IL-WI) C, W
175 Sara Laroche (SW) L, W
176 Linda McCrae (IN) C, W
177 Eugene James (MI) C, B