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REPORT OF THE GENERAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE
FOR OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

For Moderator

D. Newell Williams is president and professor of Modern and American Church History at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. He is an author and editor who previously taught at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, where he also served as Vice President and Dean from 1992-1998. Prior to his tenure at CTS, Dr. Williams was Assistant Professor of Church History and Assistant Dean (1978-1983) and Associate Dean (1983-1984) at Brite.

Dr. Williams is an Ordained Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); a member of the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, and the Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion. He holds a Ph.D. (1979) and M.A. (1975) from Vanderbilt University and a B.A. from University of Tulsa (1971). He is married to the Rev. Sue McDougal, and they are the parents of three children, Mac, Coert and Errett.

For First Vice Moderator

Ayanna Johnson is a pastor, social worker, community organizer, motivational speaker and preacher. She currently serves as pastor-planter of Family of Hope Christian Church (DOC) in Blue Island, Ill., a church start that began in 2005. She is also serving as new church pastor-in-residence at Disciples Divinity House, working with University of Chicago ministry students. Prior to becoming a new church pastor, Ayanna served both as Youth Minister at Park Manor Christian Church and as Project Director for the Southwest Youth Collaborative—a youth-centered community development organization in Chicago, IL.

A fifth-generation Disciple, Ayanna's home church is Swope Parkway United Christian Church in Kansas City, MO where she was raised by her mother Dorothy Johnson under the leadership of Revs. K. David Cole and Margaret N. Roberts. She is an alumna of the University of Chicago, where she earned her M.Div. and social work degrees in 2004, and Yale University where she earned a B.A. in Sociology in 2000. During her time at Yale, she studied one semester in Ghana and, as student recruitment coordinator, assisted Yale College in recruiting gifted minority students.

For Second Vice Moderator

Robert (Bob) Alvarez is a member of Aposento Alto Christian Church (DOC) in Forest Park, Ga. He is the president of the North Point Realty Partners, an Atlanta commercial real estate firm. He has held a variety of leadership positions in the church, including serving as the vice-moderator for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Puerto Rico and a master's degree in national strategic studies and security affairs from the Naval War College.

Early in his career he served in the United States Army from January 1979 to August 2000. Mr. Alvarez's excellent organization, tireless work ethic, and outstanding character under the leadership of the like of Ret. Gen. Colin Powell, led to his well earned promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in 1994. In late 2000, after a long and successful military career, Mr. Alvarez retired and was honorably discharged for the Army to join Fidelity Information Services where he worked for four years before securing his current position. He is married to spouse Juanita for over twenty five years. Their children Jeika, a law student, and Robert and Ashley currently undergraduate students remain the love and motivation for Bob's tireless work and efforts.

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

For election through the 2011 General Assembly

Luis Ferrer (H,C, M (IN), 60+
Marshall Dunn (W, C, M, (CAP), 60+
Bob Pulliam (W, L, M, (GRR), 60+
Amy Piatt (W, C, F, (CRM), 30-39
Brenda Etheridge (B, L, F, (MI), 50-59

Continuing members

Kristen Svenson (W, L, F (Young Adult Representative) 23-29)
Cynthia Kim (A, L, F (Illinois/Wisconsin) 30-39)
Sharon Shields (W, L, F (Nebraska) 60+)
Don Gillett (B, C, M (Kentucky) 40-49)
Monica Myers (W, C, F (Northwest) 30-39)

In keeping with *The Design* of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the members of the Corporation of the Division of Homeland Ministries and the Corporation of the Division of Overseas Ministries were elected by the General Board at its meeting April 28- May 1, 2007. 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 2013:

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

The following persons will continue in office:

Class of 2011:

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

Class of 2009

Zach Fuqua, C, W (KY)
Alan Hilberg
Ester Robles (FL)
Jim Rivers, L, B (OH)
Lee Parker, C, W (VA)

DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

The General Board **elected** the following persons in 2013:

terms ending in 2009:
Donald Gillett (KY) C,B
Martin Hernandez (FL) L,H
Tabitha Knerr (IL/WI) L, W
Daniel Lauer (OR) L, W

The following persons are continuing members:

Zachary Baird, L, W (VA)
William Carpenter, L,W (TN)
Daisy Chambers, L, B (NC)
Chad Cline, L,W (SW)
Nedella Foster, L, B (OK)
Angel Guardiola, L, H (GA)
Cynthia Hale, C,B (GA)
Eugene James, Jr., C,B (MT)
Virzola Law (TN) C,B
Linda McCrae C,W (IN)
Carol Nichols, L,W (GKC)
Kathy Parker, L,W (CRM)
Maria Perez, L,H (NOEAST)
Tommy Potter C,W (SW)
Danny Stewart, C,W (Mid-Am)