

**No. 0926**  
**(Operational Business Item)**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**For Second Vice Moderator**



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

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

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

**For membership on the General Board**

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

(Nominated from the General Nominating Committee)

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

*Of the persons being nominated:*

2 are laywomen  
2 are laymen  
4 are clergywomen  
1 clergyman  
6 are racial ethnic persons  
(2 African Americans, 3 Hispanics, 1 Haitian)  
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 2013 General Assembly

Hanna Arambel (At Large) W, L, F  
Eleanor Demus (IL/WIS) B, L, F  
Lian Jiang (SW) A, C, M  
Hilda Robles (FL) H, L, F  
Lorenzo York (OH) B, C, M

Of the five-person class of 2013:

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

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

Luis Ferrer (IN) H, C, M  
Marshall Dunn (CAP) W, C, M  
Bob Pulliam (GRR) W, L, M  
Amy Piatt (CRM) W, C, F  
Brenda Etheridge (MI) B, L, F

Of the five-person class of 2011:

1 is laywoman  
1 is layman  
1 is clergywoman  
2 are clergymen  
2 are racial ethnic persons (1 African American, 1 Hispanic)

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 her 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  
Norwedie Roberts (GRR) L,B  
Jean Vandergrift (NOEAST) C,F

#### **Class of 2011:**

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

#### **Class of 2009**

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

### **DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES**

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

Carlos Cardoza Orlandi (GA) C,H  
Don Sherman IFL) L,W  
Sara Laroche (SW) L,W

The following persons are continuing members:

#### **Class of 2011**

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)  
Tommy Potter C,W (SW)  
Danny Stewart, C,W (Mid-Am)

#### **Class of 2009**

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