

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator

Rev. Keela Neuman

Keela is the minister and teacher at FCC in Quincy, Il. Her full time ministry with FCC began on June 1, 2016. She brought a passion for creative, inclusive ministry that takes the church beyond the walls.

She has a diverse background in teaching both in Il and IA. Her undergraduate degree is from Culver Stock and attended Seminary at both Brite Divinity and graduated from Eden Theological Seminary.



She has served churches both in the DoC and the UCC.

Karen has three grown sons and seven grandchildren who love spending time with grandma.

Moderator Elect

Rev. Timothy Kim

Tim is the Co-Founder and Lead Pastor of Root and Branch Church, a new church in the CCIW region since 2013. Hailing from Southern California, Tim moved out to Chicago to pursue his Master of Divinity at the University of Chicago Divinity School and has made Illinois his home for the last decade. He is always ready to talk all



Past Moderator

Marla McElroy

Marla is a member of First Christian Church in Bloomington, Illinois, where she serves as an Elder and participates in the choir. A fourth generation Disciple, she has considered it a blessing to have served as Moderator for the Region. She also had the opportunity to serve as a member of the General Board. Marla is a Technology Manager for an insurance company, as well as a Certified Personal Trainer/Owner of Marz Fitness. Marla earned her Bachelor's Degree from Truman State University, and MBA from the University of Kansas. In her spare time, she enjoys watching sports, attending musical events, and traveling.



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Treasurer

Hank Anderson

Hank is a native of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and a graduate of both the University of South Carolina and Lexington Theological Seminary. He has served churches in Kentucky, Indiana as well as Illinois. He is currently the interim minister at First Christian Church in Canton, IL. Hank has been married for 37 years to Deann Anderson, who is a member of the pastoral care staff at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. They have two adult children: a son, Heath, who lives in Chicago; and a daughter, Kara, who lives in Champaign.



Secretary

Jason Butterick

Rev. Jason Butterick is a native of Decatur, IL and grew up in the community of Bement, IL. He received his Bachelor of Music degree with commercial music emphasis from Millikin University, Decatur, IL in 1998. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 17, 2008. He was formally ordained at Prairie Avenue Christian Church on August 17, 2008.

His life in the church began as organist and choir accompanist at First Christian Church of Bement in middle school. He served at Crestview Christian Church in Decatur as a student pastor while attending Christian Theological Seminary. He began serving at Prairie Avenue Christian Church as Associate Pastor in July 2007 until June 21, 2015, when he became Senior Pastor. He has served previously on Regional Assembly worship committee planning.

Among his community efforts, he has served as Board President of Dove, Inc., Clokey Park Neighborhood Association, and both Decatur ecumenical clergy and Decatur Area Disciples Clergy Cluster as convenor.

Jason is married to Amanda Johnson Butterick. They have one son, Patrick.

