

Lay Leadership List for Equalization – 2023 Annual Conference

Persons in the following positions, if lay persons, shall be equalization members of the Iowa Annual Conference.

Role	Lay Person	Church membership
Assistant to the Bishop	clergy	
Conference Secretary	Nitza Dovenspike	Indianola First
Conference Parliamentarian	TBD	
Conference Chancellor	John Moorlach	Indianola First
Conference Treasurer/Director of Admin Svcs	Emily Graber	
Director of Human Resources	Joni Mardesen	
Director of Communication Services and Resources	Liz Winders	
Director of Congregational Excellence	clergy	
Director of New Faith Communities	clergy	
Director of Clergy and Leadership Excellence	clergy	
Associates of Congregational Excellence (or equivalent staff)	clergy	
Director of Camp & Retreat Ministries	Bryan Johnson	Waukee
President of the Conference Board of Trustees	clergy	
Editor and Editorial Staff of the <i>Iowa Annual Conf Journal</i>	Lisa Steel	Ames Collegiate
	Patty King	Ames Collegiate
	Judy Marnin	Anita
United Methodist Men Officers	Norman Veldhuizen	Altoona
	Brian Cressey	Altoona
	Jim Smith	Lacey
	Williams Edwards	Ames First
	Scott Knudtson	Reinbeck
Elected Leadership of the United Methodist Women	Gladys Alvarez	Des Moines Burns
	Linda Blazek Garvin	
	Julie Nelson	
	Hellen Pollock	Strahan
	Barbara Oakland	CR St. Paul's
	Roberta (Bobby Jo) Paige	Grundy Center
	Doris Strait	Keosauqua
	Mary Taeger	Burlington First
	Marilyn Burch	Des Moines Staves
	Sally Redenius	Faith - Gilmore City
	Ritzanna Seaton	Selma UMC
	Irene Brucker	Council Bluffs Salem
	Reta Freihage	
Chairpersons of conference agencies as defined in <i>Plan of Organization 2005.05-</i> .		
Board of Pensions	clergy	
Board of Ordained Ministry	clergy	
Board of Camp & Retreat Ministries	clergy	
Board of Higher Ed. & Campus Ministry	clergy	

Role	Lay Person	Church membership
Board of Church & Society	clergy	
Board of Discipleship	clergy	
Board of Global Ministries	Becky Heeren	Toledo Christ
Comission on Equitable Compensation	clergy	
Commission on Archives and History	clergy	
Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns	clergy	
Commission on Religion and Race	Wayne Steen	Iowa City First
Commission on Status and Role of Women	clergy	
Commission on Ministry with Persons with Disabilities	clergy	
Committee on Community & Institutional Ministries	clergy	
Committee on Disaster Preparedness	John Newman (co-chair)	Hornick
Committee on Hispanic/Latino Ministries	clergy	
Committee on Mission Ed. and Conf Sec. of Global Ministries	Sue Hattel	Dubuque St. Luke's
Committee on Parish Development	clergy	
Committee on Volunteers in Mission	Sandy Ashley	CR St. Mark's
Committee on Justice for Our Neighbors	clergy	
Mission Personnel	Mary Morris	Jerusalem
Council on Finance & Administration	Norlan Hinke	Davenport St. John's
Ministerial Ethics	clergy	
Conference Connectional Ministries Council	Amanda Thompson	Johnston River of Life
Board of Laity elected leadership	Margaret Borgen	Des Moines Grace
	Angela Hansen-Abbas	Polk City
	Marsha Gerot	Letts
Mission Ingathering coordinator	Allaire Willits	
Deans of School of Lay Ministry and one representative of the School of Lay Ministry Commission	Kate Kitzman	Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's
	Lynn Calvert	Iowa City St. Mark's
Members of the Council on Finance and Administration	Lorene Dykstra	Garner
	Rick Hofmeyer (PR)	Fayette First
	Georgia Vajpeyi	Waterloo Linden
	Rebecca Gough (ALD)	Harlan First
	Fred Lockard (RVP)	Altoona
	Ryan Odor (CCL)	Hinton
	Jud Anton (PR)	Jesup
	Daryl Sherman (CCL)	Make Mills Asbury
	Alicia Ver Huel	Ankeny First
Members of the Committee on Rules of Order	Jason Bowles	Glenwood Grace
	Matthew Bowles	Glenwood Grace
Members of the Resolutions Committee	Marcia Grabinski (CCL)	Clear Lake
	Bobby Jo Paige (PR)	Waterloo Jubilee
	Patty King*	Ames Collegiate
Members of the Conference Sessions Planning Committee	Joyce Godwin (RVP)	Indianola First
	Sally Barrett (GV)	Montrose
	Alec Amosson (PR)	Dubuque Grandview

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	Shannon Meister (ADL)	Council Bluffs Broadway
Executive Secretary of the Conference Nominating Coordinating	Barb Oakland	CR St. Paul's
Members of the Conference Nominations Coordinating Committee	Lanny Hillyard	Kingston
	Dennis Eppley	Waverly Trinity
	Kathy Pettinger	Nevada
Members of the Commission on Religion and Race	Wayne Steen*	Iowa City First
	Linda Colorado	Linn Grove UMC
Members of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women	Mackenzie Carlson (RVP)	Storm Lake
	Amber Jersen (GV)	Bettendorf Asbury
	Hailey Edwards (ALD)	Carter Lake
	Millie Kehrli (RVP)	Algona First
Chair of the Conference Human Resources Committee	Lori Johnson	Toledo Christ
	Brandi Meyer	Keswick
Delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences who	Lindsay Drake	Ankeny First
shall serve for the quadrennium following the conference for which	Erica Shannon-Stueve	Indianola First
	Angela Hansen-Abbas*	Polk City
	Nitza Dovenspike*	Indianola First
	Catherine Rohret	Iowa City St. Mark's
	Alex Johnson	Osceola
	James Baty II	Mount Vernon
	Rebecca Nims	CR St. Paul's
	Kae Tritle	Iowa City First
	Kathi Mitchell	Burr Oak
	Anne Marie Webb	Ft Dodge First
	Prudence Klinger	Waterloo First
Members of General and Jurisdictional agencies	Margaret Borgen*	
	Lindsay Drake*	
	Nitza Dovenspike*	
	Erica Shannon-Stueve*	
Two students representatives from each of the four United Methodist church-related colleges in Iowa, to be selected by the president of the college in consultation with the district		
Two students representatives, or Wesley Foundation Board Members, from each Wesley Foundation in Iowa, to be selected by the board of directors		
Active and retired diaconal ministers who have local church membership in Iowa	Kae Tritle*	
Church and Community Workers and deaconesses who are members of a United Methodist Church in Iowa.		
District Leadership		
District Lay Leaders	ALD: Sam Harding	Jefferson First
	GV: Mike Petkewek	Iowa City First
	GV: Janice Bolger	Centerville First
	GV: Marilyn Lancaster	Burlington First
	PR: Cal Nicklay	Osage

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	CCL: Ann Trimble-Ray	Early
	RVP: Angela Hansen-Abbas*	Polk City
District United Methodist Men Presidents	ALD: Joseph Riddle	Carson
	ALD: George Volz	Carson
	RVP: Norman Veldhuizen *	Altoona
	RVP: James Smith *	Altoona
	PR: Scott Knudtson *	Reinbeck
District United Methodist Women Presidents	ALD: Phyllis Schwaninger	Glenwood Grace
	GV: Penny Warren	Bloomfield
	RVP: Sharon Boen	Ames First
	CCL: Jan Lange	Estherville
	CCL: Collen Peltz	Estherville
	PR: Kate Buroker	CR St. Paul's
District Connectional Ministries Council Chairpersons	ALD: clergy;	
	GV: Marsha Gerot*	
	PR: clergy;	
	CCL: clergy	
	RVP: clergy	
<i>* Listed previously</i>		