

Ordination Task Force Members



Deborah Boucher-Payne, B.S., M.Div., M.S., D. Min. has been an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) for 33 years. Originally from Rochester New York, she lived in Austin, Texas as a teen and young adult, attending the University of Texas and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She also has advanced degrees from Creighton University and Union Theological Seminary. Deborah has pastored churches in New York, Nebraska and Iowa, as well as serving as the Director of Pastoral Care at a regional trauma and transplant center in Omaha and served for eight years as the Executive Presbyter of Missouri Union Presbytery. Since January 2024 Deborah is the Synod Executive for the Synod of Mid America. She serves the Co-Moderator of the Task Force.



Renda Brinson is a Certified Christian Education who has served in the Presbytery of Charlotte for over 30 years. She currently serves in a joint position as the Director of Christian Education Resource Center for the Presbytery of Charlotte and Union Presbyterian Seminary. Renda has served in Christian Education in four Churches in our Presbytery. She is a member of POINT - Presbyterians Organized in Nurture and Teaching and the Advisor for the Education Certification Council for PC (USA). She has served as the President of the Association of Partners in Christian Education. (APCE, 2022) and on numerous committees in the Presbytery and as commissioner to 224th and 225th General Assemblies.



Cheryl Carson is the Associate Executive Presbyter for Central Florida Presbytery. Cheryl has a Doctor of Educational Ministries degree from Columbia Theological Seminary. She also has her Masters of Christian Education from Union-PSCE (now Union Presbyterian Seminary) in Richmond and a Master of Mass Communication from the University of Florida. She is also certified as a Christian Educator in the PC(USA) and as a coach by the International Coaching Federation. Cheryl is a member of Rockledge Presbyterian Church where she currently serves on Session and as Worship Committee Chair. She also teaches the Bible Boosters adult Sunday school class.



Sean Chow is the Executive Director of the Presbytery of San Diego where he is focused on church planting, church revitalization, and being missionally focused. He has previously served as the Associate for 1001 New Worshiping Communities with the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He has resourced and consulted with mid-councils, churches, and New Worshiping Communities as they launch creative expressions of church. Sean is a graduate of Azusa Pacific University, San Francisco Theological Seminary and New York Theological Seminary. Over the years, he has been a part of developing new ministries through and with existing congregations. Part of his aim is to prepare, equip, and sustain leaders to do the work God calls them to do.



Libby Janes is a senior in the Master of Divinity program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and a candidate for ordination through Mission Presbytery, to become a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. She is an Austin College (BA) and Texas Tech University (MSW) alumna, and an experienced Licensed Master Social Worker. Libby loves organizing campus events and supporting students as a peer tutor. This summer, Libby served as the Director of Junior High Jubilee at Mo Ranch and as a Theological Seminary Advisory Delegate for the General Assembly. Libby enjoys practicing yoga and camping with her husband, Jesse.



Brint Pratt Keyes serves as Transitional Pastor for Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Fishersville, VA. He received his BA in English from Duke University and the MDiv from Princeton Seminary. He is married to Carla, who is also a PCUSA Minister. Brint has served churches in Belfast, Baton Rouge, Atlanta, and Richmond, VA, and was previously Director of Admissions for Union Presbyterian Seminary. He was the mid-Atlantic representative to the PCUSA Urban Ministry Roundtable (GA 221) and a commissioner to GA 224 (online!). He currently serves on the Committee on Theological Education (COTE). His other education includes graduate studies at Georgetown (National Security Studies), Queen's University Belfast (Church History), and Union Presbyterian Seminary (ThM). Prior to his ordination in 1998, Brint served seven years as a naval officer before resigning his commission to serve as a PCUSA Volunteer in Mission at the Nan Christian School in Nan, Thailand, where he taught ESL for three years.



Hope Lee is the Lead Pastor of Vienna Presbyterian Church, one of the largest congregations in the PC(USA). In her 20+ years of ministry, Hope has also served churches in Florida and Pennsylvania. Her area of focus is church growth and redevelopment through adaptive change and preaching. She has been a preacher/speaker for conferences and presbyteries all over the country for the PC(USA), and for the New Wilmington Mission Conference, and the Fellowship of Presbyterians. She is married to SungHo, who is also a PC(USA) pastor.



Mary Lloyd has served in leadership roles at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Detroit Presbytery, and various organizations. An experienced consultant to executives and leadership teams, she is known for her expertise in Strategic Fundraising, Marketing Management, Organizational Transformation, and Management. She earned a Doctoral degree in executive leadership, a master's in international business, a bachelor's in business administration and has conducted postgraduate studies focusing on theology, social impact, and nonprofit excellence. Mary has traveled broadly across Africa, Canada, Cuba, Bahamas, Germany, France, Jamaica, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



Rachael McConnell (M.Div. APTS) is the pastor of First Presbyterian Church Duncanville in Texas. She is passionate about serving vital churches that reflect the diversity of their communities in all ways and invite the Holy Spirit's unifying presence. Her ministry experience includes churches in the Texas Hill Country, the Blue Ridge Mountains, Raleigh, NC, and Austin, TX. She also served as the catalyst and interim director of Rolling Hills Christian Montessori School while serving as pastor of Rolling Hills Community Church, a multi-denominational congregation. Before serving as a solo Teaching Elder, Rachael served in thriving and growing children's and family ministry programs in two state capitols. Rachael came to faith in Christ as a teenager in a PC(USA) church plant in Georgetown, TX, San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, where she was ordained as a Ruling Elder at 17. She brings insight as a person raised outside of a faith tradition, an immigrant, an early childhood educator/administrator, a community bridge-builder, and a lovingly busy mom of four boys.



Bobby Musengwa is a Teaching Elder who serves as a pastor of Maximo Presbyterian Church, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He has been serving there for more than 18 years. He has served congregations in Vernon, Wisconsin, Niagara Falls, New York, and his current congregation in Florida. Bobby is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education (now part of Presbyterian Union Seminary), St. Andrews Presbyterian College (now St. Andrews University) and the Transvaal College of Education in South Africa. Prior to being ordained 25 years ago by the Presbytery of Milwaukee, he served as Director of Christian Education for four years.



Juan J. Sarmiento has served as Executive Presbyter of the San Fernando Presbytery in the Los Angeles area since August 2020. Born in Venezuela and ordained in Brazil, he has been in pastoral ministry and nonprofit leadership for more than three decades. Juan has helped strengthen church and leadership development movements in close to 80 countries and in five continents with the Presbyterian Mission Agency and other organizations. He was a commissioner to the 216th General Assembly of the PC(USA) in Richmond, VA. Juan's graduate education includes graduate studies at Fuller, San Francisco, Columbia and Louisville Theological Seminaries. He has been a member of the American Society of Missiology and the Scientific Study of Religion. He serves the Co-Moderator of the Task Force.



Alejandra Spir-Haddad, D.D.S., M.S. is a professional in the dental field and Ruling Elder commissioned. From 2010 to 2018, she served on the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) and currently serves her church (United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, IN) in the ministries of preaching and visitation. She is a Benedictine Oblate, a trained Spiritual Director and recently obtained a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Meinrad's School of Theology.



Courtney Steininger is a Teaching Elder who serves as the Pastor of Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in DeWitt, NY. She is a lifelong Presbyterian from Montgomery County, Maryland, and engaging with our weird and wonderful connectional church is one of the main reasons she remains a Presbyterian. Prior to serving at Pebble Hill, she served as a Minister of Christian Education and a Director of Christian Education at churches in Connecticut and New York. She serves on this Task Force as a liaison from the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice.



Lance Wiesmann is a "cradle Presbyterian" from Maumee Valley Presbytery (Northwest Ohio & Southeast Michigan). He is a CRE as well as being involved in the life of the Church and Presbytery in various other ways and serving as the Clerk on the Task Force.