

OFFICERS, STAFF, POD LEADERS, TASK LEADERS, POD MEMBERS, & TASK TEAMS FALL 2026

OFFICERS & STAFF

Moderator	Rusty Bender	2027-1
Vice Moderator	Jamie Norstog	2027-1
Stated Clerk	Adam Montgomery	2029-2 Staff
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Ellen Misialek	2027 Staff
Communications Coordinator	Jenn Kolodka	Annual Staff

SYNOD & NATIONAL LEVEL POSITIONS

GA Teaching Elder 2028	Rev. Deanna Reikow	2028 F-TE	At-Large
GA Teaching Elder Alternate 2028		2028	
GA Ruling Elder 2028	Ray Wertz	2028 M-RE	Mandan
GA Ruling Elder Alternate 2028		2028	
GA YAAD 2028		2028	
Synod Teaching Elder	Rev. Mary Holtey	2027-2 F-TE	Fargo
Synod Ruling Elder	Elizabeth Swee	2028-2 F-RE	Moorhead

LEADERSHIP POD

Pod Leader	Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood	Annual
PNP Moderator/Vice Pod Leader	Rusty Bender	2027-1
PNP Vice Moderator	Jamie Nortstog	2027-1
Stated Clerk (non-voting)	Adam Montgomery	2029-2 Staff
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Ellen Misialek	2027 Staff
Congregational Vitality Pod Leader	Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood	Annual
Mission Pod Leader	Donna Preston	Annual
Preparation for Ministry Pod Leader	Rev. Dr. Spencer Homan	Annual
Committee on Representation	Rev. Donna Monteith	2027
Financial Task Force Leader	Sherri Stern	Annual
Nomination Task Force Leader	Rusty Bender	Annual
Personnel Task Force Leader	Ben Shannon	Annual
Communications Coordinator	Jenn Kolodka (non-voting)	Annual Staff

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY POD

Pod Leader	Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood	Annual
Pod Member	Rev. Dan Billings	Annual
Pod Member	Rev. Cathie Bishop	Annual
Pod Member	Rev. Bob Boyar	Annual
Pod Member	Rev. Deanna Reikow	Annual
Pod Member	Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sweet	Annual
Pod Member	Rusty Bender	Annual
Pod Member	Ellen Misialek	Annual
Pod Member	Sherri Stern	Annual

MISSION POD

Pod Leader	Donna Preston	Annual
Bdecan Ministry Task Leader	Chandra Mendieta	Annual
Chogoria Ministry Team	Carrie Lauber	Annual
Chogoria Ministry Team	Jamie Norstog	Annual
Clearwater Forest Board Rep	Casey Chapman	2029-2
Clearwater Forest Board Rep	Rachel Schmidt	2027-1
Presbyterian Women Task Leader	Lana Schultz	Annual
SDOP Task Leader	Elizabeth Swee	Annual
University of Jamestown Task Leader	Bill Weispfenning	Annual
Youth Connection Task Leader	vacant	Annual

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY POD

Pod Leader	Rev. Dr. Spencer Homan	Annual	M-TE	Grand Forks
Pod Member	Rev. Ruth Sanders	Annual	F-TE	Crookston UMC
Pod Member	Tom Cummings	Annual	M-RE	
Pod Member	Jamie Norstog, CLP	Annual	M-RE	Moorhead
Pod Member	Erik Swee	Annual	M-RE	Moorhead

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Task Leader	Rev. Donna Monteith	2027	F-TE	At-Large
Task Team	Suzy Pfliiger	2028	F-RE	Mandan
Task Team	Scott Halstead	2029	M-RE	Grand Forks

FINANCIAL TASK FORCE

Task Leader	Sherri Stern	Annual	F-RE	Fargo
Task Team	Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood	Annual	F-TE	Fargo
Task Team	Rev. Nancy Emerson	Annual	F-TE	At-Large
Task Team	Ross Mushik	Annual	M-RE	Mandan
Task Team	Marilynn Ogden	Annual	F-RE	East GF
Task Team	Scott Swanholm	Annual	M-RE	Fargo

NOMINATING TASK FORCE

Task Leader	Rusty Bender	Annual	M-RE	Fargo
Task Team	Elizabeth Swee	Annual	F-RE	Moorhead
Task Team	Tiffany Dauer	Annual	F-RE	Jamestown

PERSONNEL TASK FORCE

Task Leader	Ben Shannon	Annual	M-RE	Grand Forks
Task Team	Mary Barrett	Annual	F-RE	Mendenhall
Task Team	Char Enger	Annual	F-RE	Jamestown
Task Team	Maggie Sambo	Annual	F-RE	Moorhead

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE TASK FORCE

Task Leader	Elizabeth Swee	Annual
Task Team	Rev. Sarah M. Bigwood	Annual
Task Team	Nicole Boyer	Annual
Task Team	Jihan Brifki	Annual
Task Team	Gracia Fulwiler	Annual
Task Team	Caliton Ntahompagaze	Annual
Task Team	Anne Roberts	Annual
Task Team	JoAnn Zutz	Annual

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Commissioner	Toby Christensen	2028	M-RE	Fargo
Commissioner	Rev. Deanna Reikow	2028	F-TE	Mandan
Commissioner	Lana Schultz	2030	F-RE	Casseltown
Commissioner	Josie Hornbacher	2030	F-RE	Glencoe
Commissioner	Rev. Robin Dill	2030	M-TE	Grafton
Commissioner	Jason Waskiewicz	2032	M-RE	Rhame
Commissioner	Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sweet	2032	F-TE	At-Large

VACANCIES

Youth Connection Task Leader **vacant**

Annual

FALL 2026 NOMINATIONS SLATE

Stated Clerk	Adam Montgomery	2029	M-RE	Fargo
Clearwater Forest Board Rep	Casey Chapman	2029	M-RE	Grandin-Hunter
SDOP Task Leader	Elizabeth Swee	Annual	F-RE	Moorhead
Committee on Representation	Suzy Pfliiger	2028	F-RE	Mandan
Committee on Representation	Scott Halstead	2029	M-RE	Grand Forks
Nominations Task Force Member	Tiffany Dauer	Annual	F-RE	Jamestown
Personnel Task Force Leader	Ben Shannon	Annual	M-RE	Grand Forks
PJC Commissioner	Jason Wasckiewicz	2032	M-RE	Rhame
PJC Commissioner	Rev. Elaine Bidgood Sweet	2032	F-TE	At-Large

Any & All Positions with Annual Renewal