

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

FALL 2025

OFFICERS & STAFF

Moderator	Rusty Bender	2027
Vice Moderator	Jamie Norstog	2027
Stated Clerk	Adam Montgomery	2026 Staff
Connectional Care Pastor	Rev. Deanna Reikow	2026 Staff
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Ellen Misialek	2027 Staff
Communications Coordinator	Jenn Kolodka	2026 Staff

SYNOD & NATIONAL LEVEL POSITIONS

GA Teaching Elder 2026	Rev. Dr. Spencer Homan	2026 M-TE	Grand Forks
GA Teaching Elder Alternate 2026	Rev. Deanna Reikow	2026 F-TE	Mandan
GA Ruling Elder 2026	Elizabeth Swee	2026 F-RE	Moorhead
GA Ruling Elder Alternate 2026	Ray Wertz	2026 M-RE	Mandan
GA YAAD	vacant		
Synod Teaching Elder	Rev. Mary Holtey	2026 F-TE	Fargo
Synod Ruling Elder	Elizabeth Swee	2028 F-RE	Moorhead

LEADERSHIP POD

Pod Leader	Paul Campbell	Annual
PNP Moderator/Vice Pod Leader	Rusty Bender	2027
PNP Vice Moderator	Jamie Nortstog	2027
Stated Clerk (non-voting)	Adam Montgomery	2026 Staff
Connectional Care Pastor	Rev. Deanna Reikow	2026 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	Lana Schultz	2026
Financial Task Force Leader	Sherri Stern	Annual
Nomination Task Force Leader	Rusty Bender	Annual
Interim Personnel Task Force Leader	Brian McClure	Annual
Communications Coordinator	Jenn Kolodka (non-voting)	2026 Staff

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY POD

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

MISSION POD

Pod Leader Donna Preston
Bdecan Ministry Task Leader Chandra Mendieta
Chogoria Ministry Team Carrie Lauber
Chogoria Ministry Team Jamie Norstog
Clearwater Forest Board Rep Casey Chapman 2026
Clearwater Forest Board Rep Rachel Schmidt 2027
Presbyterian Women Task Leader Lana Schultz
SDOP Task Leader George O'Neill 2025
University of Jamestown Task Leader Bill Weispfenning
Youth Connection Task Leader vacant

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY POD

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

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Task Leader	Lana Schultz	2026	F-RE	Casselton
Task Team	Rev. Donna Monteith	2027	F-TE	At-Large
Task Team	vacant	2028		

FINANCIAL TASK FORCE

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

NOMINATING TASK FORCE

Task Leader	Rusty Bender	M-RE	Fargo
Task Team	Elizabeth Swee	F-RE	Moorhead
Task Team	vacant		

PERSONNEL TASK FORCE

Interim Task Leader	Brian McClure	M-RE	Fargo
Task Team	Mary Barrett	F-RE	Mendenhall
Task Team	Char Enger	F-RE	Jamestown
Task Team	Maggie Sambo	F-RE	Moorhead

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE TASK FORCE

Task Leader	George O'Neill	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	Jim Skaret	2026	M-RE	Bismarck
Commissioner	Rev. Donna Monteith	2026	F-TE	At-Large
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

VACANCIES

1 GA YAAD (aged 17-23)
1 Personnel Task Force Leader
1 Youth Connection Task Leader
1 Task Team Member Committee on Representation 2028
Additional Task Team Members Nominating & Personnel

FALL 2025 NOMINATIONS SLATE

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CPM Pod Member	Rev. Ruth Sanders	Annual F-TE	Crookston UMC
Representation Task Team Member	Rev. Donna Monteith	2027 F-TE	At-Large
Financial Task Force Team Member	Rev. Nancy Emerson	Annual F-TE	At-Large

Any & All Positions with Annual Renewal