



Position	Nominee
Co-Moderators	Barbara Allen
	Margaret Yeboah
Co-Moderators Elect*	Grace Atanga-Fuh
	Adrienne Griffin
Co-Vice Moderator*	Lena Aspiras
	Sheila Weiss
Secretary	Char Wales
Secretary of Publicity	Mary Ellen Absetz
Treasurer	June Eakin
Assistant Treasurer*	Debra Bacon
Spiritual Nurture Communicator*	Whitney Fautleroy
Mission Communicator*	Jan Summers
Issues Communicator*	Tana Ngwira
Resource Coordinator	JoEllen LaPrade
Search Committee Member*	Elizabeth Martineau
Search Committee Moderator*	Sue Burns
Racial/Ethnic Equity Communicator*	Grace Ndjongo
Communications Coordinator*	Judy Wenig
Historian*	Marilyn Dorn
Cluster Leader Coordinator	Margaret Washnitzer
Northwest Montgomery County Cluster Leader	Peggy Sisson
Southeast Montgomery County Cluster Leader	Peggy Sisson
Prince George's County & Southern Maryland Cluster Leader	Bonnie Bergstrom
Washington DC Cluster Leader	Margaret Washnitzer
Alexandria Cluster Leader	Elizabeth Martineau
Southern Fairfax County Cluster Leader	Serena Mercer
Northern Fairfax County Cluster Leader	Sandi Mori
Arlington/City of Falls Church Cluster Leader	Open
Loudoun County Cluster Leader	Ann Feder
Prince William/Fauquier Counties Cluster Leader	

*Being elected and installed today



Listed below is information about the women who are currently on the CT, appointed by the CT, or are being elected and installed today in leadership positions.

Co-Moderator: Barbara Allen



Barbara Allen was confirmed at the age of 12 by Rev. Kelley at North Presbyterian Church in New York City, where she grew up. Barbara has been a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA for the past fifteen years. She is currently serving as a Ruling Elder on Calvary's Session and has previous terms of service in that position in the past. Having served as a former National Capitol Presbytery's Presbyterian Women (NCP PW) Issues Communicator for several terms led to her working and participating in PW's Sisters Stand and Walk Together project and establishing other relationships with PW and throughout our presbytery. She also served as a member and Vice Chair of our presbytery's Mission and Coordination Committee (MCC) for two terms. Barbara also currently serves as a co-facilitator of the Mid-Atlantic Synod's Racial Ethnic Dialogue (R.E.D.) team. We have so much more to learn, stretch our faith and serve as the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus Christ. "I can do all things through Christ who

strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 Let us continue to serve and do what has to be done collectively with God's grace as Presbyterian Women!

Co-Moderator:

Margaret Yeboah- I have been a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA since 1983 (shortly after I immigrated to the United States from my homeland Ghana). I am actively involved in the life of the church and I have had the privilege of serving as a ruling elder (many terms), leader of Women Circle, a Sunday school teacher and as leader of one of our discipleship teams. I have also been involved in the Presbytery and have served a three (3) year term on Church Development Committee, participated in Sisters Standing and Walking Together and lately, as Presbyterian Women Issue Coordinator. On the Synod level, I have served as a member of the Search Committee.

I am a mother of two grown children and a proud grandma of two adorable boys. I am an Information Technology professional and currently work for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors. With regards to my faith, I was raised by a Pentecostal mother and attended a Catholic school, but I have been Presbyterian all my adult life. I believe in the Blessed Trinity- God (the

father), Jesus Christ (the son) and the Holy Spirit. I also believe Christianity is all about forming relationship with Christ and allowing him to live His will through you. When our relationship with Christ is in order, everything falls in place. I humbly ask for your prayers as I embark on this journey of being your co-moderator elect. Thank you!





Co-Moderator Elect:



My name is **Grace Atanga-Fuh**, from Cameroon, West Africa. I am married to Martin Atanga and a mother of two girls, with 3 grandchildren. I was born into a Christian family on December 13th, 1965, in the English-speaking region of Cameroon. As a young girl, I was very active in church activities, I participated actively in Sunday school, was a Leader of the Young Presbyterian (YPs), sang in the congregational choir of the Ntamulung Presbyterian church at age 10. In 1993 I joined the Christian Women Fellowship Movement (CWF) in the Bonamoussadi Presbyterian church Douala. In 1995 I was voted to serve as the Presbytery Secretary of the CWF Movement in the East Mungo Presbytery with a membership of about 2,500 women. The Administration of the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC) towards the end of 2003, appointed me to serve as a Pioneer Provincial Secretary in the office of the East Mungo Women's Department that was under construction. However, before the office could be fully operational, I moved to the United States of America in February 2004 where I worshipped with the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church. In 2007 I was elected to serve as the secretary of the CWF Movement of the Silver Spring Congregation until

2009 when I moved to the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church where I am currently worshipping. In 2015, I was elected to serve as the National secretary for the Christian Women Fellowship (CWF) Movement of PCUSA to present. I also serve as a Co-Racial/Equity Communicator in the National Capital Presbytery Coordinating Team and a member of the Racial Ethic Dialogue Team. I Love singing and I participate actively in the Lay worship ministry of the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. I am a Registered Nurse working with Persons with Disabilities and Mentally challenged in the District of Columbia.

Co-Moderator Elect:

Adrienne Griffin is an attorney for the federal government who lives in Alexandria. She is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where she enjoys participating in a Circle and ringing in a handbell choir. She has previously served as an elder, during which time she was chair of the Stewardship Committee and then the National Mission Committee. Adrienne is originally from New York and grew up on Long Island, but has lived in Virginia for about 20 years, 16 of them in Northern Virginia. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, Scrabble, and going to the movies.





Co- Vice Moderator:



Madalena (Lena) Aspiras, was born in Washington, D.C. and is descended from Filipino, Chinese, Welsh and German ancestry. Baptized Catholic but raised at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, faith has always been an integral part of her foundation. When she turned fourteen, Madalena participated in her first mission trip with WMPC to Cumberland, MD where she and others from the congregation spent a week painting houses, building handicap ramps and doing other home improvements for those in need. In 2001, she experienced her first international mission trip to Brazil where she was forever changed by her experiences and the amazing children she met. College years were spent in Florida where she proudly graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a certificate in English as a Second Language. In 2011, Madalena and 5 other WMPC members went to Haiti to assist with relief efforts after the devastating earthquake in 2010. The fall of 2013, she moved to Nashville, TN and spent two years at Vanderbilt University where she received her Master of Education in International Education, Policy and Management. Since 2015, Madalena has called Washington, D.C. home where she has worked as a substitute teacher, restaurant manager and director of events and private dining. She has served as co-moderator on Warner's PW committee since 2017 and looks forward to joining the National Capital Presbytery's PW Coordinating Team.

Co- Vice Moderator: Sheila Weiss

Sheila Weiss grew up in High Ridge, Missouri, just outside St. Louis, and has been a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church since 2007. She and her husband Eric visited WPC several times and then joined at Agudas Achim Synagogue, where services were being held while the church was under renovation. She was raised in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, where she and Eric were married, but decided to try a more inclusive church home when their first daughter was born. They eventually ended up at Westminster and feel that they found what they were looking for – a caring, supportive, and welcoming community, with lots of opportunities for service and fellowship. Sheila has served as a Deacon and belonged to a PW Circle for the last 10 years, serving as Co-Leader of Ruth Circle for the past 3 years. After a long career as a legal secretary and then an accountant, Sheila got her Adult ESOL certification and began teaching English to immigrants with the Literacy





Council of N. VA. It is by far the most inspiring and fulfilling job of her life. She enjoys gardening, glass art, and oil painting. She feels that it has taken a lifetime to find her niches in the world and looks forward to a w chapter serving on the NCP PW Coordinating Team.

Secretary



Char Wales was born in Canada, raised in Rhode Island, graduated with a B.S. in Physics from URI in 1976, and moved to the DC area shortly afterwards to work initially for the US Government, followed by a succession of IT companies, and culminating with 36+ year career as a Systems Engineer for the MITRE Corporation (retired last February). Met future husband Steve while working on an M.S. in Physics at CUA; married in 1980. Steve retired 7 yrs. ago from the Naval Research Laboratory where he worked as a Research Physicist and is quite busy between activities at church and various woodworking and landscaping projects. We have two children, both college graduates: Pam with a double major in Chemistry and Math, and, as of 2 years ago, a PhD in Atmospheric Chemistry, married as of 2017, and doing postgrad work at NASA Goddard; Philip with a double major in Physics and Math working as a computer programmer out in Wisconsin for the state court system. Regarding church life, raised and baptized in the American Baptist Church and joined Trinity Presbyterian Church - Herndon in 1989 where am now an Elder, have served on Session,

sing in its Westminster Choir, and currently lead its Worship Team. Got active in Trinity's PW starting less than a year after joining Trinity: participated in its activities, served as Lydia Circle Treasurer and later Leader, PW CT treasurer, and finally PW CT Moderator. Have served as Secretary for the NCPW CT since 2016, which – at the time – I characterized as a leap of faith for me, taking me way out of my comfort zone. My experience since then has only reinforced my belief that God works through all of us to make us better than we ever thought we could be and that should I fear my well of confidence in my abilities and strength of commitment is running dry, God's hand will quietly refill it with pure refreshing water sufficient to my needs.

Secretary of Publicity

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NCP PW Coordinating Team Slate



My name is **Mary Ellen Absetz**. I am a wife of almost 46 years and the mother of two grown children, a son and a daughter; and a grandmother to two grandsons, ages 4 and almost 2. I am moderator of a circle and the secretary of our coordinating team. I play bells with the Bell Choir at Christ (of Fairfax). I am a Serving Elder (on the Finance Team). I chair the quilting group at our church, we make hand quilted quilts which are raffled off and the proceeds go to local charities. I am a retired barista (from Starbucks). I pursue many crafts including, knitting, crochet, sewing by machine and by hand, spinning and felting, bread making, and just enjoy different crafts. I feel that faith can move mountains and that people of faith working together can accomplish much more than one alone.



Treasurer



June Eakin - I have been serving others most of my life, even as a girl in Girl Scouts. A leader in college of Circle K (a service and social organization sponsored by Kiwanis), I worked alongside my future husband, Mark. I continued volunteering through church involvement in a variety of congregations, both Presbyterian and Methodist, in Florida, Virginia, Maryland, and Colorado. It was in the church community that I discerned the source of my desire to serve: the love and mercy of God. We have raised one child, soon to be married, and “hosted” ten high school exchange students who are international family. They served as another source of joy that Christ has led me to in caring for others. Professionally, I worked for IBM as a financial analyst and as a church administrative assistant. A deacon and ruling elder of the PCUSA, I’m presently a member of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, where I chair the Commission on Buildings and Grounds and the Environmental Stewardship Team. The call to serve NCP PW as the Treasurer is quite meaningful as we support the mission of Presbyterian Women with our hearts, hands, voices, and pocketbooks. At this moment in time, I seek to “serve the Lord with gladness”, Psalm 100:1.

Assistant Treasurer:

Debra Bacon – information not available

Spiritual Nurture Communicator:

2020



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Whitney Fautleroy is a North Carolina native. Now in her sixth year of ordained ministry, Whitney is grateful to have experienced ministry in many contexts. Whitney has served as Director of Youth Ministry at University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, a Designated Solo Pastor at Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC. In the Spring of 2017, she began serving as Associate Pastor of Youth and Young Adults at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Virginia



Mission Communicator:

Jan Summers, originally from Northwest Indiana, is a member of Darnestown Presbyterian Church and its session, chancel choir, and PW board. Jan is the mission coordinator for her PW group, sits on the church mission committee, and participates in the presbytery's Global Mission Network. She chairs the church's worship and music committee, and has at times been a substitute organist for the church—but prefers to sing alto in the choir. She is a member of the presbytery Session Records Review Committee and previously was a member of the Bills & Overtures Committee; she was a commissioner to General Assembly in 2012 in Pittsburgh. Jan has regularly helped plan PW programs and worked on women's retreats, with a special emphasis on mission.



Issues Communicator:



My name is **Tanangachi (Tana) Ngwira**. I am Malawian from Malawi, Central Africa. I have 4 children: 3 boys, 3 daughters-in-law and three grandchildren. I serve as an Elder and lead the Planning Commission at St Matthew's Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring. I serve as Racial Ethnic Dialogue-At-Large at the Mid-Atlantic Synod Coordinating Committee until June, 2020. I also serve as Issues Coordinator at the National Capital Presbytery Coordinating Team. I served as a workshop co-presenter at Synod Summer Gathering, and have been trained in the practice of racial/ethnic dialogue and hospitality with Sisters Stand & Walk Together. I believe that love is blind and God's love is the best example to learn from. It has no boundaries.

Resource Coordinator

JoEllen LaPrade - I was raised and baptized in a Baptist church in southern Wisconsin. Since leaving home after college, I have been a member of various churches; Presbyterian (in Texas), Evangelical Covenant, and Moravian (in Minnesota). I began attending Warner Memorial soon after moving to this area in 2012, and am blessed to have found a wonderful spiritual home there, where I am a member of the church choir, PW treasurer, and assistant to the church bookkeeper. I have a married daughter who moved to California with her family last year. I normally share my home with at least one cat, and while I happen to be catless at the moment, I'll be remedying that soon. For the last 30 years I've worked as a library paraprofessional, chiefly in academic libraries. I plan to retire this summer from my latest job, handling interlibrary loan services at American University's Washington College of Law in DC.



When the tasks of life seem overwhelming, I remember that "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." I believe that our God is an awesome God, who loves us all and who is ever encouraging us to develop to our full potential as his children. I believe that we learn best how to do this--how be God's hands and feet in the world--through the work (and play!) that we do in groups like PW.

Search Committee Member/ Alexandria Cluster Leader:

Elizabeth Martineau began attending Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, VA in 1988 and was married there to her husband, Bill, in 1990. They have two children, Michelle, now 27, and David, 24, who grew up at Westminster. Elizabeth has sung in the Westminster Choir for the last 32 years and served terms as Westminster Choir Vice-president and President. Elizabeth joined a Presbyterian Women Bible Study Circle years ago and has served as Chair of Hannah Circle for the last ten years. She served as Vice-moderator and Moderator for Westminster's women's circles from 2013 to 2015. She served as Co-Vice Moderator of Presbyterian Women, National Capital Area for the last three years. She represented Westminster at the 2015 and 2018 Churchwide Gatherings. She also served six years as a Deacon and three years as an Elder, Vice-Chair and Chair of the Local Mission Committee. Currently, she serves as a member of the Adult Formation Committee. She is an attorney





and retired from the U.S. Department of Transportation three years ago. For the last two years she has been volunteering at Just Neighbors Ministry providing legal services for low-income immigrants and refugees in Virginia.

Search Committee Moderator



Sue Burns began attending WMPC in the fall of 1991 and joined the church, along with husband Bill in 1992. Although raised and educated in the Catholic church, she has found her faith nurtured, renewed, and sustained as a Presbyterian. Her two boys, Christopher, now 32 and Alec, 29 grew up at Warner Memorial and benefited from all the programs in place throughout their time here. Sue and hubby Bill quickly found themselves placed into service by Rev. Graham Bardsley and just as quickly discovered a warm and welcoming church family that has supported them in countless ways ever since. Sue feels lucky to have been a choir member since 1992 and chair of Hospitality since the mid 90's. At the urging of Charity Singletary, who was very active in PW in past years, Sue joined e in Warner's Presbyterian Women and served two terms as Secretary and two terms as Moderator. She is currently a member of Warner's PW Coordinating Team and is completing her a second term as Search Committee moderator for National Capital Presbytery's PW

Coordinating Team. In 2018, she was installed as a Deacon and continues to enjoy that new role of service. She has been reporting to work for almost 27 years at the Biomedical Headquarters of the American Red Cross in downtown DC and continues to find great rewards in supporting an organization whose mission is service to others. Warner is the only Presbyterian Church home Sue has known and she looks forward to whatever lies ahead for such a wonderful congregation of folks who love the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Racial/Ethnic Communicator:



I am **Grace Ndjongo**, I come from Cameroon in West Africa. I was born into a Christian family so I grew up going to the Presbyterian church. Going to Sunday worship as a child, I joined the Christian Women Fellowship (CWF) as an adult, and was a chorister in my home congregation in Bastos Yaounde Cameroon. I was a nurse back in Cameroon I moved to the USA in 2007 and, was a member of Inverness Presbyterian church for one year. I later moved to Silver Spring MD and become a member of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church in 2014. I am an elder in my congregation, the current President of CWF PC USA at my church, and a member of the search committee in the synod of mid-Atlantic. I work with and support persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities both in DC and Virginia. I am married to Mr. FNU Ndjongo and a mother of three boys. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve. With the help of our Lord and your help I will do my best to serve in this position.



Communications Coordinator:



Judith Wenig has been a Ruling Elder in PCUSA since 1996, ordained in Darnestown PC. She served on the Session and Chaired the Christian Education Committee for several years. She is a past Moderator of the Darnestown Presbyterian Women for two terms, last 2017-2019. The Coordinating Team of PW/NCP has been a service of joy to her, serving in several positions: Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Search Committee Member and currently Communications Coordinator. For the Summer Synod Gathering she is Co Moderator for 2021. She also serves as the PW/NCP representative to National Capital Presbytery's Nominating Committee, previously on the Church Development Committee and the Parish Resource Committee. She has a PH, D. from Indiana University in Educational Psychology.

Historian

Marilyn Dorn has been active with PW for several years at Christ Presbyterian Church (Fairfax) and on the Presbytery and Synod Coordinating Teams. She is retired from the Federal Government and has one adult daughter and one son-in-law, plus two cats who are the lucky ones sharing the pandemic with her at home. She feels blessed to be able to continue volunteering at the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries food bank, in addition to gardening and quilting and zooming with friends and family.

Cluster Coordinator/ Cluster Leader: Washington DC Cluster Leader



Margaret Walker Washnitzer was born in a Presbyterian hospital to Presbyterian elder parents who were teaching in a Presbyterian mission school in GA. Two months after I was born, my parents moved to NC to teach in public schools. There they joined Haymount Presbyterian Church where I worked in the Sunday School, played the piano, sang in the choir and became a deacon at 16. I believe I learned about true service at that point. So, I have been Presbyterian all my life. However, I took a rebellion break from all religion for about 30 years, married and divorced. But, the Holy Spirit caught up with me as I returned, joined Fifteenth Street PC and following in my parents' tradition, became an elder. Having worked on all local and state levels of government in the Midwest carrying responsibility for Federal/state programs in the social services arena, I decided to work toward and receive a doctorate in social science administration. I am now retired, participating on several anti-racism task groups, helping my family and living with my life long partner, Althea. But, prior to retirement, I served on the Session of Fifteenth Street PC, Moderator of NCP/PW, and am now serving on the Nominating Committee for NCP and as NCP Representative to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. I love God, people, music and strive daily to be the feet and hands of Christ in devotion and service. It's been my fondest dream to continue serving as long as I am able.



Cluster Leader: Prince George's County & Southern Maryland Cluster Leader

My name is **Bonnie Bergstrom** and I have been active for twenty years with Presbyterian Women. I am currently cluster leader and moderator of Berwyn PW. Attending the summer gatherings at Massenetta and the tri-annual gatherings have always been great spiritual programs. Berwyn is my family church and is where I was raised.

Cluster Leader: Southeast Montgomery County Cluster Lead:

Glenera "Peggy" Sisson is currently serving as Clerk of Session/Ruling Elder at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, Worship Associate, is on the Presbytery's Mission Coordination Committee working with hunger issues and is Assistant Co-Moderator of the Mid-Atlantic Synod Summer Gathering Planning Team. Peggy's past positions at Berwyn PC include serving as Financial Secretary, Mission Chair, Moderator of Berwyn Presbyterian Women, Deacon, Sunday School Teacher (Adult & Children) among other positions. At the Presbytery level, Peggy has served as Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the National Capital Presbytery and as a member of Presbytery Council.

Professionally, Peggy has worked in the Supply and Contracting fields for 34 years combined military and civilian employment. 24 years as a Storekeeper in the US Coast Guard, station in the states with one year stationed in the middle east. Peggy currently works as a civilian at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Peggy is a lifelong learner, obtaining an AA in Business Administration, BS in Management Studies/Accounting, and most recently an MBA. Peggy's passion lies in the Mission field, helping others and food justice issues.



Cluster Leader: Southern Fairfax County Cluster Leader



Serena Mercer - I have been a lifelong Presbyterian. I was born in NY and moved to NJ when I was 10. I graduated from Trenton State College with a BS degree in Elementary Education 1962 and taught in Paramus and Edgewater NJ. We moved to Fairfax VA in 1978 because of my husband's work. In 1979 we joined Fairfax Presbyterian Church by transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Hackensack, NJ, and have been enriched in many ways by the participation in the life of this church. I have worked with the children's Sunday school, Junior High Youth Fellowship, served as a Deacon and Elder, and Moderator and Secretary of PW. I was honored to receive a PW Life Membership. I have also participated in mission of the church and have served as FPC's representative to FISH for many years. PW has been a very special group to me. I have been privileged to share fellowship, bible study, and faith stories with these special women who have enriched my spiritual journey. I have also served a term in NCP/PW as a co-cluster leader. I am honored to serve again. My husband and I have raised 2 wonderful daughters who are teachers. They and

their husband have blessed us with 5 wonderful grandsons and 1 great granddaughter. After serving as a manager of a medical practice for 20 years, I retired in 2000. In my "leisure time", I enjoy, reading, gardening, piano, and time with my family and friends.

Cluster Leader: Northern Fairfax County Cluster Leader



I am **Sandra Mori**, a life-long Presbyterian from Ohio, and since 1974 from Virginia. I am a Ruling Elder and choir and hand bell choir member. I became active in PW at the Presbytery level in 1990, and was vice-moderator in the early 2000's. I have attended gatherings at Massanetta and Louisville. I have a son and a daughter who each have a son and a daughter-eighth grade to college freshman. I retired in 2010 from Virginia Hospital Center where I was a physical therapist. I stay busy with musical endeavors, church activities, reading and keeping in touch with family and friends.