

## 2018-2019 Slate of Nominees

Position: **Board of Directors** Member-at-large  
Name: Rachel Stolpe  
Congregation: Milwaukee Mennonite Church  
Occupation: Post-partum caregiver



Rachel has been married to David for 18 years. They have two children: Sam, age 16 and Elizabeth, age 11. The Stolpes have been actively involved with Milwaukee Mennonite Church since its founding. Rachel currently serves on Church Life and Mission teams. She leads worship often and teaches Christian Ed for a quarter each year. She also has the informal job of making sure that her overly-analytical church family stops talking, gets out of their own heads, and actually gets things done.

When not taking care of babies and small children, Rachel can often be found crocheting her way through her kids' swim meets and music performances. On the rare occasions that she is not busy taking care of people, Rachel likes to relax on her balcony and read books that are full of rainbows and unicorns.

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Position: **Board of Directors** Member-at-large  
Name: Phil Martens  
Congregation: First Mennonite Church Urbana  
Occupation: Network Engineer



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Position: **Ministerial Committee**  
Name: \*\*Renee Kanagy  
Congregation: Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship  
Occupation: Pastor



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Position: **Ministerial Committee**  
Name: Michael Crosby  
Congregation: First Mennonite Church Urbana  
Occupation: Pastor



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Position: **Missional Church Committee**  
Name: Valerie Showalter  
Congregation: Shalom Mennonite Congregation  
Occupation: Pastor, Student



Valerie Showalter is a pastor at Shalom Mennonite Congregation in Harrisonburg, Virginia and an MDiv student at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. She and partner Justin Shenk were community hosts in a United Reformed Church through Mennonite Mission Network in London, England for three years. Valerie's

work in London and following has focused on community building and faith formation through facilitating theology roundtable discussions, craftivism (craft + activism), and countless cups of tea.

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Position: **Missional Church Committee**  
Name: Matthew Yoder  
Congregation: Grace Mennonite Church  
Occupation: Pastor



Pastor Matthew grew up in Harrisonburg, VA attending Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Matthew is an alum of Hesston College and Eastern Mennonite University. He holds an MDiv from Fuller Theological Seminary. Matthew is in his second year at Grace Mennonite Church and his eighth year of congregational ministry. He lives in Bluffton, Ohio with his wife and three young children. Matthew enjoys a wide variety of outdoor sports from leisurely strolls through meadow parks to technical rock climbing. Currently his most meaningful spiritual practice is solitude which he prefers to practice outside.

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Position: **Camp Friedenswald Board**  
Name: \*Anita Rediger  
Congregation: Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship  
Occupation: Retired Pastor/Agribusiness Partner



I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the ministry of Camp Friedenswald as it serves to nurture our spirits across all generations. It truly is a place to experience retreat and renewal and from which to "reconnect" more fully as followers of Jesus.

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Position: **Camp Friedenswald Board**  
Name: \*Todd Kirkton  
Congregation: Eighth Street Mennonite Church  
Occupation: Math Teacher



Position: **Camp Friedenswald Board**  
Name: \*Rick Buterbaugh  
Congregation: Evanston Mennonite Church  
Occupation: Salvation Army



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\* = incumbent

\*\*=appointed to complete a term following a resignation, first elected term