

## 2019-2020 Slate of Nominees

Position: **Board of Directors**  
President-elect  
Name: James Rissler  
Congregation: Atlanta Mennonite  
Fellowship  
Occupation: Pastor



"I was honored to serve on CDC's Board of Directors from 2009-2016, and appreciate the opportunity to return as President-elect. I appreciate CDC's healthy, joyful commitment to following Christ, trusting our unity in God's Spirit while appreciating the diversity of our journeys and gifts. I look forward to exploring where God is leading us now. I am married to Christina (21 years this Thursday, June 20), who is a partner at Eversheds Sutherland. I have been pastor of Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship for almost 13 years, and also serve as president of Midtown International Parents, the PTO at the school our boys Andrew (14) and Peter (10) attend. Many years ago, I earned a PhD in philosophy from Notre Dame, and still have to occasionally remind myself that sermons are not lectures. :-)



Position: **Board of Directors** Secretary  
Name: Jamie Pitts  
Congregation: Hively Avenue  
Mennonite Church  
Occupation: Associate Professor of  
Anabaptist Studies; Director, Institute of  
Mennonite Studies; Editor, Anabaptist

Witness journal

Jamie Pitts, PhD, seeks to join the Spirit's work of bringing healing, justice, and joy in and through the church to all of creation. He does this in part through teaching and research on global Anabaptist-Mennonite theology and history, and participation in local congregational life and community organizing. His current research interests include theological method, pneumatology, baptism, gender and sexuality, and postcolonial mission. He is also the editor of Anabaptist Witness journal and the director of the Institute of Mennonite Studies at AMBS.



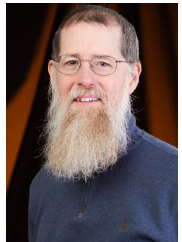
Position: **Board of Directors**  
Treasurer  
Name: \*\*Tim Lind  
Congregation: Florence Church of the  
Brethren-Mennonite  
Occupation: Retired



Position: **Ministerial Committee**  
Name: \*Kay Bontrager-Singer  
Congregation: Faith Mennonite Church  
Occupation: Pastor



Position: **Ministerial Committee**  
Name: \*Ray Person  
Congregation: First Mennonite Church  
Bluffton  
Occupation: Professor of Religion, Ohio  
Northern University



This will be my second term on the Ministerial Committee. My wife, Elizabeth, and I live on one of the historic Swiss Mennonite homesteads between Bluffton and Pandora, which we run with a cooperative of 17 other families for meat, eggs, and vegetables. My research interests include ecological hermeneutics, as demonstrated in my book, Deuteronomy and Environmental Amnesia (Earth Bible Commentary).



Position: **Missional Church Committee**  
Name: \*Kiva Nice-Webb  
Congregation: Chicago Community  
Mennonite Congregation  
Occupation: Chaplain



Position: **Missional Church Committee**  
Name: \*\*Mark Rupp  
Congregation: Columbus Mennonite  
Church  
Occupation: Pastor of Christian  
Formation





Position: **Camp Friedenswald Board**  
 Name: \*Jerry Nussbaum  
 Congregation: Columbus Mennonite Church  
 Occupation: Chaplain

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.



Position:  
**Camp Friedenswald Board**

Name: Alita Yoder Funk  
 Congregation: Silverwood Mennonite Church  
 Occupation: Nurse at Maple City Health Care Center in Goshen, Indiana



When I'm not working (I love what I do!), you'll most likely either find me in the kitchen cooking or baking, or doing something active. I love running and being outdoors, I love plants, and I love playing with our pup, Ginger. And, I'll never pass up an opportunity to share a quality meal with people I love.

Position:  
**Camp Friedenswald Board**  
 Name: Teresa Dutchersmith  
 Congregation: Faith Mennonite Church  
 Occupation: Hospice Chaplain



Teresa is active in worship, with children's/youth nurture, and in mutual care at Faith Mennonite. She is a former pastor of the congregation. Teresa is also a member of the Goshen Community Chorale.

Her hobbies include bicycling, sewing, walks in the woods with the family dog, baking, reading, and watching movies.

She is married to Kent. They have two daughters, Magdalena (Goshen College student) and Luisa (Bethany Christian Schools student).



Position: **Bluffton University Board of Trustees**  
 Name: Tim Stried  
 Congregation: Columbus Mennonite Church  
 Occupation: Communications and Media Relations



\* = incumbent

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