

Members of the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI)

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Rev. Kerri N. Allen, MRTI chair, Advocacy Committee on Women's Concerns rep, is a Reformed and womanist theologian, PhD student, and hospital chaplain. In 2010, Kerri moved to Chicagoland to serve as a Lilly Pastoral Resident at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. Prior to responding to a call in ministry, Kerri had a first career in politics, serving as a political appointee at multiple levels of government, including serving as a legislative assistant in the United

States Senate with an expertise in healthcare policy. Now, as a student in theology and ethics at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Kerri uses her diverse experiences to focus on disparities in quality of healthcare for Black women in the United States. Originally from St. Paul, MN when Kerri is not buried in a book or writing a paper, she enjoys hiking, travel, watching sports, cooking or spending time with one of her many nieces or nephews.



Rev. Dr. Lindley Grant DeGarmo, MRTI vice-chair, Board of Pensions rep, serves as Interim Pastor of Union Church of Pocantico Hills, a non-denominational congregation in Tarrytown, NY. An Honorably Retired minister member of Hudson River Presbytery and Synod of the Northeast, he served prior to his retirement as Pastor and Head of Staff for Towson Presbyterian Church, in the Presbytery of Baltimore and Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

Before entering the ministry, Dr. DeGarmo was Director of the Global Independent Power Group at Salomon Brothers. He also worked for Exxon Corporation and its affiliates in corporate finance and strategic planning functions. His first congregational assignment was as Interim Associate Pastor for First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, Presbytery of New York City, Synod of the Northeast.

Dr. DeGarmo earned a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Princeton University; a Master of Public Affairs from Princeton's School of Public and International Affairs; a Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary, New York City; and a Doctor of Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Sarah Finlayson, have a daughter, Ellie, who is pursuing joint law and public health degrees from Georgetown University (JD) and Johns Hopkins University (MPH).



Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy rep, is an ordained teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, where he directs the Master of Theology degree program. He is the founding editor of *@ this point: theological reflections on church and culture*, the seminary's online journal, and the author of *Confessing Christ in the 21st Century* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2005), *Believing Aloud: Reflections on Being Religious in the Public Sphere* (Cascade, 2010), *Christian Pacifism for the Environmental Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2019), and a forthcoming book, *Modernity, the Environment, and the Just War Tradition*. His current work explores

connections between violence and climate change at the beginning of the Anthropocene.



Rev. Fairfax F. Fair, Board of Pensions rep, is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, Texas. She has been an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament for over thirty years and has served congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky, and Michigan, as well as Texas. She is a graduate of Union Presbyterian Seminary (M. Div.) and Columbia Theological Seminary (D.Min.). Dr. Fair served as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA and on the Board of Trustees for Union Presbyterian Seminary. Other previous service includes Moderator of the Presbytery of New Covenant, commissioner to the General Assembly, board member for The Presbyterian Outlook, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Texas

Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, SafeHouse (domestic abuse and assault shelter), and on the State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Review Board.

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, member-at-Large, is Professor of Theology, Chair of the Department of Theology, and Director of the Peace Studies program at Bellarmine University. Her research interests include economic ethics, social gospel theology, feminist theology, and recovering the work of neglected women theologians. Her most recent book, *The Problem of Wealth: A Christian Response to a Culture of Affluence* (Orbis, 2017), was awarded first place by the Catholic Press Association for the best book related to Catholic Social Teaching. She will be undertaking a new book project in 2019 entitled *Seeking More than Dutiful Love: God's Healing in the Context of Families Affected by Mental Illness*. She is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has served on several advocacy committees for her denomination, including ACWC and the Resolution Team drafting the Social Creed for the Twenty-first Century. Among other awards and academic honors, she is the recipient of the Louisville Institute's Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, a Fulbright Scholar, and a Wilson Wyatt Fellow. She makes her home in Louisville with Lee, her husband and Emme (12), their daughter, and Bacsy (4), the family dog. Lee's and Elizabeth's son, Garrison (18) is a first-year student at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gina Meester, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board rep, is a Ruling Elder in the PC(USA). She is originally from Nebraska, but currently lives in Louisville, Kentucky. She will graduate in May 2021 from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Gina has previously served on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board and the Advocacy Committee on Women's Concerns, in addition to being an alum of the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. Gina enjoys board games, cooking, reading, and playing with her two cats, Neville and Lupin.



Rev. Sandra Moon, member-at-large, was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio to first generation Korean-American parents. She earned a B.A. in political science and religious studies from Vanderbilt University, an M.Div from Louisville Seminary, and a J.D. from the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law. Sandra is the Director of Admissions at Louisville Seminary. As a bi-vocational pastor, Sandra also maintains a solo law practice where she focuses on family law, estate planning, and business transactions. Sandra is an alum of the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program, and she currently serves on the YAV Alum Leadership Council. She also serves as a

supply pastor for congregations in Mid-Kentucky Presbytery and Ohio Valley Presbytery. Sandra enjoys cooking, traveling, hiking, and music. Her partner, Chris, is a public defender, and they live in Louisville with their two dogs.

Sam Muse, Presbyterian Foundation rep, is a Certified Public Accountant and a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ providing fiduciary investment consulting and wealth management services to successful families across the Midwest. He is a Partner at Fi3 Financial Advisors in Indianapolis.

Sam is a Ruling Elder and past chair of the Finance and Stewardship committees at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. He is a member of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley's board of directors and is the past Finance Committee chair and member of the Pyoca Camp, Conference, and Retreat's Advisory Council. Sam is a graduate of Purdue University (B.S.) and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society.



Rev. Dr. Gregory Simpson, member-at-large, is a recent Master of Divinity, and Master of Sacred Theology graduate of Union Theological Seminary as well as a PhD from the University of the West Indies in organic chemistry. He is the Pastor of Naurashaun Presbyterian Church in Pearl River, NY and serves as the Treasurer of the Presbytery of Hudson River. Along with his pastoral responsibilities, Rev. Simpson served on the Ulster County 2040 strategic planning committee and is the co-founder of the Hudson Valley

Environmental Justice Coalition, an informal coalition of 30 not-for-profit and faith organizations charged with lifting up voices of people of color working at the intersection of environmental and climate justice advocacy. He lives in upstate New York with wife Suzanne, and their two cats, Calvin and Luther.

Rev. Brenton Thompson, Presbyterian Mission Agency Board rep, lives in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania with his wife, Sudie, who is also a pastor, along with their two children. He is a 2003 Graduate of the University of North Texas and a 2009 Graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary. He serves as Pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Limerick, Pennsylvania in the Presbytery of Philadelphia, Synod of the Trinity. Brenton is a lifelong Presbyterian who grew up in churches in the Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth area. He identified a call to ministry during his years as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Belfast, Northern Ireland and Mukachevo, Ukraine. Brenton has also been active in the PC(USA) as a Theological Seminary Advisory Delegate to the 218th General Assembly (2008) as well as a Commissioner to the 221st General Assembly (2014). He serves on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB), class of 2022 and chairs the "Nurture the Body" committee. At the presbytery level he serves on the Commission on the Preparation for Ministry and Membership.

Rev. Holly Haile Thompson, DD, Racial Equity Advocacy Committee rep, is a blood member of the Shinnecock Nation, Long Island, NY, studied at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, IA, was graduated in 1985, ordained by the Presbytery of Western Colorado in 1986 becoming the first Native American Woman to become Minister of Word and Sacrament/Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Holly taught PCUSA Polity at Cook College and Theological School in Arizona, served congregations in Colorado and in New York State, and is a member of several churchwide committees including the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC), the Native American Consulting Committee (NACC), and the Doctrine of Discovery Speakers Bureau, all of the PCUSA. Currently, Holly volunteers with the United Methodist Church's northeast Native American Ministries Committee - supporting the UMC ongoing 'Act of Repentance'. Although Holly was Honorably Retired in 2011, she most recently concluded her service with 1st Presbyterian Church Potsdam, NY as Transitional/Supply Pastor to explore what an "Anti-Racist Church" might look like. She works with the Poor Peoples' Campaigns of Northern New York and of Long Island. Holly is married to Kahetakeron Harry Thompson of Akwesasne, and together they share 7 children, 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. *"May our paths lead us to a time when we shall live together in Peace on Good Mother Earth."*

Rev. Richard H. White, Presbyterian Foundation/ New Covenant Trust Company rep, Before retirement as a hospital chaplain in June 2013, Richard was the Director of Religious Ministries at the Princeton HealthCare System in Princeton, NJ [now Penn Medicine Princeton]. Prior to this appointment, he served both the University Medical Center at Princeton and Princeton House Behavioral Health as a Senior Chaplain. Richard was ordained a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in November 2003. His MDiv is from Princeton Theological Seminary where he also earned a ThM in the seminary's Department of Practical Theology, focusing on pastoral care. Prior to entering seminary, Richard worked for 25 years in commercial banking with First Maryland Bancorp [now M&T Bank], Baltimore. At the time of his retirement from this first career, he was an Executive Vice President of the holding company and President and CEO of First Omni Bank, one of the system's three subsidiary banks. In addition to serving with the Mission Responsibility through Investment Committee, Richard is Chairman of the New Covenant Trust Company (a federally chartered trust bank wholly owned by the Presbyterian Foundation). He is also a trustee of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program where he serves as the chair of the Marketing Committee.