

Way Forward Commission

Class of 2018

1. Samuel L. Bonner	BMR	56–65	New Brunswick	NE	Commissioner/2016 Way Forward AC
2. Emily Marie Williams	WFR	25–	Grace	SUN	YAAD/2016 Way Forward AC
3. Raymond (Cliff) Lyda	WMT	56–65	St. Augustine	SA	OGA Review Committee
4. Eliana Maxim	HFT	46–55	Seattle	ANW	PMA Review Committee
5. Eileen W. Lindner	WFT	56–65	Palisades	NE	COGA Member
6. Josephene (Jo) Stewart	WFR	56–65	Charlotte	MAT	PMAB Member
7. Sara Dingman	WFT	36–45	Missouri River Valley	LAK	Mid Council Staff Person
8. Julie L. Cox	WFR	46–55	New Harmony	SA	At-large
9. Mathew Eardley	WMR	26–35	Boise	PAC	At-large
10. Mark Hostetter, Moderator	WMT	56–65	New York City	NE	At-large
11. Adan A. Mairena	HMT	36–45	Philadelphia	TRI	At-large
12. Patricia Rarumangkay	AFR	26–35	National Capital	MAT	At-large

Class	FR	MR	FT	MT	A	B	H	M	N	W	Multi	D	YA
2018	4	2	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	8	0	0	3
Total	4	2	3	3	1	1	2	0	0	8	0	0	3

Short Biographical Information—Members of the Way Forward Commission 2016

Samuel L. Bonner (Presbytery of New Brunswick) serves as a member of session and co-chair of the finance committee for Covenant Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey. He is also a member of the presbytery Task Force on Mass Incarceration. Sam is a commissioned national bank examiner with large organization risk analysis expertise.

Julie L. Cox (Presbytery of New Harmony) serves as associate executive presbyter and associate stated clerk. Her portfolio includes resourcing New Harmony’s camping, congregational development, education & nurture, mission, worship & spiritual formation ministries, committee on preparation for ministry, committee on ministry, and its program and administrative councils. Julie has served as clerk of session at First Presbyterian Church, Hartsville, South Carolina, and will be teaching children’s Sunday school this autumn.

Sara Dingman (Presbytery of Missouri River Valley) serves the eight presbyteries of the Synod of Lincoln Trails as their transitional synod executive. Prior to this Sara served as an interim executive presbyter in the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Ordained a teaching elder in 1998, Sara has served the 21st century church in a variety of congregations and contexts.

Mathew Eardley (Presbytery of Boise) serves on session and as chair of the mission committee at First Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho. He also serves on the committee on ministry and financial review committee for the Presbytery of Boise. Mathew fills his days working for Jitasa, a company that provides bookkeeping and accounting services to the nonprofit sector.

Mark Hostetter, Moderator (Presbytery of New York City) is the associate pastor for mission to the corporate world at The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, and for the past twenty years has also been CEO of a large money management firm. Mark is the current board chair of Auburn Theological Seminary and strategic planning chair of New York Theological Seminary, recent board chair of the Ghost Ranch Governing Board, strategic consultant to the Presbyterian Foundation, and has just been elected to the board of directors/trustees of Montreat Conference Center.

Eileen W. Lindner (Presbytery of the Palisades) is pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Tenafly and serves the presbytery as a member of the committee on ministry and as president of the board of trustees. She was editor of *The Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches 2000–2013*.

Raymond (Cliff) Lyda (Presbytery of St. Augustine) has recently retired as a teaching elder and has relocated from greater Chicago to Gainesville, Florida. While in the Presbytery of Chicago he served as moderator, and as a leader in renewal and restructuring efforts in the presbytery. Most recently he served as moderator of the Review Committee on the Office of the General Assembly.

Adan A. Mairena (Presbytery of Philadelphia) serves as the pastor of the West Kensington Ministry and the Yeadon Presbyterian Church. Adan is also a member of the PC(USA) Urban Ministry Team and was a director of the board for the Board of Pensions for the denomination. Adan serves on presbytery committees, local nonprofit boards, and collaborates with city government, law enforcement, and other agencies to address quality of life issues in Philadelphia.

Eliana Maxim (Presbytery of Seattle) has served as the associate executive presbyter for the Presbytery of Seattle for the past six years. Her primary focus areas include church redevelopment and revitalization, new and immigrant worshiping communities, and missional partnerships. Eliana serves on the PC(USA) Hispanic/Latino National Caucus as vice-moderator. She has previously served on the 220th General Assembly (2012)'s Committee on the Belhar Confession; the Committee on Church Wide Conversation on Race, Racism, Ethnicity, and Ethnocentrism; and the 221st General Assembly (2014)'s Review Committee for the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Patricia Rarumangkay (Presbytery of National Capital) is a ruling elder at Emmanuel Indonesian Presbyterian Church in Rockville, Maryland, where she has served as the mission committee coordinator and currently serves as co-coordinator of the education committee. She is part of her presbytery's immigrant ministry network (IMN), and she is passionate about helping to develop programs and initiatives that will further empower the young adult and new immigrant groups. Patricia currently works at an international financial institution based in Washington D.C.

Josephene (Jo) Stewart (Presbytery of Charlotte) is a member of Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, where she has served in numerous roles over the years, including chair of the global relations team. She just ended a four-year term on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board (PMAB) and was vice-chair for the last two years; as vice-chair, she also served as the PMAB representative for the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly. Jo is currently a member of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Inc., Board. She is retired from Towers Perrin (now Willis Towers Watson) where she was a principal and senior consultant.

Emily Marie Williams (Presbytery of Grace) is a junior intercultural communications major at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas. She has served on a plethora of committees and planning teams at her church, presbytery, and synod level. Emily hopes to one day go to seminary, be a journalist, or do public relations for a National Hockey League team.