

Racism Truth and Reconciliation Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Membership: 14 members at-large

Key for demographic information

Mariana Pardo (D) (YA) HFR 26-35 Milwaukee LAK
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Mariana Pardo (person living with a disability) (Young Adult) Hispanic/Latina, Female, Ruling Elder, 26-35 years old, Milwaukee Presbytery, Synod of Lakes and Prairies

① Gender and Ordination designation:

FT—Female Teaching, Minister of the Word and Sacrament

FR—Female Ruling Elder

FL—Female Church Member

FD—Female Deacon

MT—Male Teaching Elder, Minister of the Word and Sacrament

MR—Male Ruling Elder

ML—Male Church Member

MD—Male Deacon

② Racial Ethnic designation:

A—Asian American

B—African American

H—Hispanic/Latina/Latino

M—Middle Eastern

N—Native American

O—Other

W—White

Combination of letter codes may be used when applicant indicates more than one racial/ethnic category (bi-racial or multi-racial) i.e. B/N = African American and Native American.

③ Person living with disability designation:

D—Disability (persons with self-identified disability)

④ Youth/Young Adult designation:

YA—Young Adult (35 years and younger when appointed)

⑤ Age Range:

25- (25 years old and younger); **26+** =26–35 years old; **36+** =36–45 years old; **46+** =46–55 years old; **56+** =56–65 years old; **66+** = 66–75 years old; and **75+** = over 75 years old

⑥ Presbytery

⑦ Synod:

ANW—Alaska Northwest; **BPR**—Borinquen en Puerto Rico | Puerto Rico; **COV**—Covenant; **LAK**—Lakes and Prairies; **LIN**—Lincoln Trails; **LW**—Living Waters; **MAM**—Mid-America; **MAT**—Mid-Atlantic; **NE**—Northeast; **PAC**—Pacific; **ROC**—Rocky Mountains; **SA**—South Atlantic; **SCH**—Southern California and Hawaii; **SUN**—Sun; **SW**—Southwest; **TRI**—Trinity

Class of 2022

1. Stanley Bhasker	AMT	56-65	Geneva	NE	At-large
2. Amy L. Busse	WFT	46-55	Indian Nations	SUN	At-large
3. Carlton David Johnson	BMR	46-55	Greater Atlanta	SA	At-large
4. Kathryn Jones Calone	WFT	36-45	Long Island	NE	At-large
5. Ryan James Landino (YA)	WMT	26-35	Great Rivers	LIN	At-large
6. Fran Lane Lawrence	WFT	56-65	Lake Michigan	COV	At-large
7. Hiram Perez-Cordes	O/HMR	36-45	Greater Atlanta	SA	At-large
8. Marta Pumroy	HFR	36-45	East Iowa	LAK	At-large
9. Miguel Rosa Morales (YA)	HML	25-	San Juan	BPR	At-large
10. Pamela Tajima Praeger	AFR	66-75	The Inland Northwest	ANW	At-large
11. Angela Ryo	AFT	36-45	Detroit	COV	At-large
12. Joseph F. Scrivner	BMT	46-55	Sheppards & Lapsley	LW	At-large
13. Byron Wade*	BMT	46-55	New Hope	MAT	At-large
14. Stella Webster	NFR	75+	Santa Fe	SW	At-large

Class	FR	ML/R	FT	MT	A	B	H	M	N	O/H	W	Multi	D	YA
2022	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	2
Total	3	3	4	4	3	3	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	2

*Moderator

Short Biographical Information

Stanley Bhasker (Geneva Presbytery) has been a pastor for 28 years and is currently serving a congregation in Bath, New York for the past five years. He is serving on the Committee on Ministry in Geneva Presbytery and has a long history of service on various committees and councils for the Synod of the Trinity and Redstone Presbytery. He has served at the national level of the church as moderator of the General Assembly Committee on Representation. Stanley represented the Presbyterian Church (USA) to the National Council of Churches of Christ USA, where he served on the Interfaith Relations Commission of the NCCC USA. He served as the moderator of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. convocation at Juniata College, PA. Stanley has been actively involved in mission work of the church and made mission trips to Mexico, Sudan, India and hurricane relief efforts in Texas.

Amy L. Busse (Indian Nations Presbytery) was born in Lansing, Michigan, but moved with her family to Nashville, Tennessee when she was a baby. She grew up in Nashville. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Communications and English Writing from Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, she did a brief stint working on Music Row in Nashville. A job in public relations took her to Richmond, Virginia. There she attended Union Theological Seminary, now Union Presbyterian Seminary. Ordained in 1985, Amy has served different churches for 23 years. She has served United Presbyterian Church in Shawnee, Oklahoma since 2011. She lives there with her two children, Phoebe, 19, and Zach, 17. She is engaged to Brent Stoker, and loves kick boxing, reading, and movies.

Kate Jones Calone (Presbytery of Long Island) directs the Open Door Exchange ministry at Setauket Presbyterian Church in New York, where she previously was assistant pastor. She is a former chair of the presbytery's nominating committee, currently serves on the committee on ministry, and is president of the local interfaith clergy association. Prior to attending seminary, Jones Calone practiced law in the area of criminal justice where she worked to address inequities for economically poor criminal defendants. Kate made the decision to enter seminary so that she "could make my faith the more explicit motivation for the commitment I felt to work for equity."

Carlton Johnson (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta) received his undergraduate degree from Emory University in English with a concentration in literature from the African diaspora. Following a 25-year career in Project, Operation and Client Services Management, Carlton returned to the academy to receive the Master of Divinity at Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary and, most recently, the Master of Theology (Homiletics) from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. His area of research is the impact of African American preaching on grief and mourning. Carlton currently serves as the Chief Operations Officer for Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. and a chaplain (resident 2nd year) at Grady Memorial Hospital. Carlton is an associate minister at the First Afrikan Presbyterian Church in Lithonia, GA. He a board member of the First African Presbyterian Church Community Development Corporation, the Presbyterian Pastoral Care Network and NEXT CHURCH (strategic planning). He is a regular contributor to the Presbyterian Outlook monthly magazine. Carlton and his wife Cara reside in Atlanta, GA.

Ryan Landino (Great Rivers Presbytery) is the Lead Presbyter for Transformation of Great Rivers Presbytery where he has previously served as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Geneseo, IL and also as Moderator of the presbytery. He has served for seven and a half years in immigrant churches in New Jersey: as Director of English Ministry with a Taiwanese-American community and as pastor to a Slovak ethnic church. Ryan was a commissioner to the 221st General Assembly in Detroit, and the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis where he served as vice moderator of the Bills and Overtures Assembly Committee. Video witnessing in his ministry, Ryan includes "Sixty Second Sermons," a model he adapted into creative explications of the Scripture that tend to use editing, staging, and humor. Although living in Illinois, Ryan and his wife, Danielle are lifelong Philadelphia sports fans!

Fran Lane-Lawrence (Presbytery of Lake Michigan) serves as Transitional Co-Leader/Stated Clerk for the presbytery. She also serves as on the Board of Trustees for Johnson C Smith Theological Seminary Fran has previously served as a member and moderator of the General Assembly Committee on Theological Education. In Wheeling, West Virginia, and now in Niles, Michigan, Fran works closely with the NAACP to be "a conspirator in fighting racism, "and feels called "to be a conspirator in working to dismantle institutional racism and oppression within the church." She is married to PCUSA Minister of the Word and Sacrament, David Lawrence, who serves at Auburn Presbyterian Church, Auburn, IN, and is the mother of five children.

Hiram A. Pérez-Cordero (Greater Atlanta Presbytery) is a ruling elder at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Hiram also has served as Ruling Elder at Ceiba Baja Presbyterian Church in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. Hiram has served in the Synod Boriquen's Council and in different committees in the Noroeste Presbytery (Puerto Rico). A middle school teacher, Hiram has been involved in youth conferences and activities more recently and frequently at Massanetta Springs Conference Center's Middle School Conference. He serves on the Greater Atlanta Presbytery's Committee on Representation and Bills & Overture. Hiram was a commissioner to the 223th General Assembly in St. Louis.

Marta Pumroy (East Iowa Presbytery) serves as a ruling elder at First Presbyterian Church in Marion, Iowa where she chairs the evangelism and membership committee. As a college student, Marta served as the assistant director for multicultural live and as an Iowa International Fellow. She has served on visioning committees and has experience as a youth leader including a variety of HS mission trips. As a middle school World Language/Spanish Teacher, Marta enjoys opening children's minds to the world and teaching them with the love and patience of Jesus. Marta is a listener to whom people tell their stories. Marta served as a commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis.

Pam Tajima Praeger (Presbytery of the Inland Northwest) is a ruling elder at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Spokane, WA and has served as chairperson of its Personnel and Administration Ministry as well as group leader in the Future Church initiative. She is ending her terms as a member and former chairperson of the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest's Commission on Ministry. She is retired from facilitating teaching and learning for preschoolers through college students. In her career at a community college, Pam worked with first generation college students and their families, families in poverty, refugees, and immigrants. She has a "gift for listening, processing, and reaching resolution with diverse groups in varied situations."

Miguel A. Rosa-Morales (San Juan Presbytery) is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico. He has served as Junior Assistant to the World Communion of Reformed Churches and Program assistant for the Office of the General Assembly. Miguel has served as youth Moderator for the Boriquén Synod and San Juan Presbytery. Miguel brings to the work of this special committee a multicultural background coupled with experience in church polity. "As a person of color I am able to understand the struggles and pain of an oppressive system as a member of the people who struggle against it."

Angela Ryo (Detroit Presbytery) is Associate Pastor for Christian Formation at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Prior to the Kirk, she was a Lilly Resident Minister at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor for two years. Angela serves on the presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. As a former high school teacher, Angela is passionate about creating safe spaces where people can engage in difficult conversations.

Joe Scrivner (Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley) currently serves two historic African American institutions in Tuscaloosa: he's the Vice President for Student Affairs at Stillman College and the Pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and a guest preacher and teacher for many congregations. Previously, he taught for eleven years at Samford University in Birmingham. He has published short essays on biblical interpretation. Before becoming a professor, he taught social studies and coached basketball in public and private schools. He won a Middle School District Championship during his illustrious three-year career as a basketball coach. Joe is newly wed to the lovely Krysten Carter Holloway. He's also a father of three, a bonus dad of two, and a grandfather of three. His hobbies include TV and movie dramas, sports, Chess, Spades, and music, especially the Blues and R&B.

Byron Wade (New Hope Presbytery) is the Moderator of the Special Committee. Byron is the Teaching Elder (Pastor) of Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC. A native of Los Angeles, he has earned degrees from the University of Redlands (B.A.), Presbyterian School of Christian Education (M.A.C.E.), Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary (M. Div.), and McCormick Theological Seminary (D. Min.). In addition to serving as Vice-Moderator of the 218th General Assembly (2008), Byron has extensive experiences in serving the PC(USA) including The Pentecost Project Team of New Hope Presbytery, Co-Chairperson of the General Assembly Mid Council Commission II, the National Racial Ethnic Ministries Task Force, and the Planning Team for the PC(USA) Churchwide Conference on Race, Ethnicity, Racism, and Ethnocentricity. He enjoys sports (especially football and track and field), reading, and travelling.

Stella Webster (Santa Fe Presbytery) is a retired nurse executive. Presently she is serving as deacon of First Presbyterian Church, Farmington, New Mexico and is involved in prison ministry. In the past, she has worked with groups of Presbyterian Women Churchwide Coordinating Team, Inc., Native American Ministry and all levels of PCUSA including service on various committees of Santa Fe Presbytery and the Synod of the Southwest. She is also actively volunteering in the community with the Farmington Indian Center, the Mayor's Minority Issues Round Table and transitional housing programs. Stella has served on the Big Tent Planning Committee and the Women of Color Consultation Committee at the churchwide level.