

Fall 2017 New ACC Minister Recognition

Janet M Breneman

Position & Location: Retired, June 15, 2014; pastored 10 years at Laurel Street Mennonite Church, Lancaster City

Date of Ordination/Installation: First Certificate of Ministry from LMC for work in Honduras, January 10, 1988; licensed in Honduras, March 1988; Began at Laurel Street: September 15, 2004; Ordination: January 20, 2008; recognized & affirmed by Lancaster Mennonite Conference July 16, 2008

Family: Married to R Wesley Newswanger May 6, 2011; Three children by way of this marriage, all married, & one granddaughter. Happy to be part of this family!



Education: BS in Home Economics Education & Sociology, Eastern Mennonite University, 1972; MDiv, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, 1986; DMin, Lancaster Theological Seminary, 2004; Dissertation title: "Guatemalan Mennonite women at prayer: Religious heritages and social circumstances shape the prayers of Ladina and Q'eqchi' women"

Hobbies: Reading, Memorizing Scripture, Growing plants, Stamp collecting, Zentangles & other creative artwork

Life Bible verse: Psalm 62.1-2;

A recent joy: Moving to a lovely cottage at Landis Homes

A challenge ahead: Finding my way in this new community in the midst of appreciating the beauty & comfort here while contemplating the suffering of most of the world; & finding a role where I can be of service to others here & elsewhere

D. Rohrer Eshleman (no photo)

Previous assignments: Medical doctor in Ethiopia under EMM (1950-1968), emergency medicine at St. Joseph Hospital in Lancaster PA (1969-1990), retired health advocate (1990-)

Family: 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren

Education: Bachelor of Theology (EMU, 1945), Bachelor of Science (Goshen College, 1945), Doctor of Medicine (Hahnemann Medical College, now Drexel University College of Medicine)

Hobbies: sailing, motor scooter, hiking

Life Bible Verse: "Be contented in all things"

A recent joy: A biography written by my daughter, "Son of the Wind"

A challenge ahead: continuing to provide emergency counseling to families who are confused about decision-making for end of life issues.

Darrel Hostetter

Position & Location: Chaplain for New Person Ministries, New Danville & Chaplain at Lancaster County Prison, Lancaster

Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordained in 1983

Family: Wife-Sherill, 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren

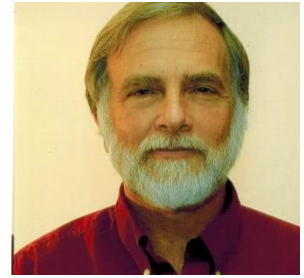
Education: BS in Math Education, MAR @ Eastern Mennonite University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Hobbies: Tennis, disc golf, biking, and hiking

Life Bible verse: Proverbs 3:5,6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths."

A recent joy: Meeting a recent alumnus of New Person Ministries who is continuing to grow in Jesus

A challenge ahead: Slowing down and experiencing a life of Sabbath.



Sherill Hostetter

Position & Location: Director of Clergy and Congregation Care, Samaritan Center, Lancaster

Date of Ordination/Installation: Sept. 2012

Family: 3 children and 6 grandchildren

Education: BS in Nursing; Masters in Church Leadership from Eastern Mennonite Seminary/Focus in Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care; Masters Certificate in Conflict Transformation from EMU

Hobbies: Reading and learning; spending time with my grandchildren; biking; tennis; zentangle art

Life Bible verse: Phil. 3:10

A recent joy: seeing younger women leaders' growth spiritually in spiritual direction

A challenge ahead: living the spiritual discipline of staying involved while letting go of control/outcomes in many realms of my life; integration of life while embracing paradox



Marilyn Kurtz

Position & Location: Retired pastor, Rossmere Menn. Church, Lancaster, PA; deaconess at New Danville Menn. Church, licensed, 1995.

Date of Ordination/Installation: Ordained, May 31, 2009

Family: Married to Merv; we have two grown sons who are married and living in Lanc. and Pittsburgh.

Education: Almost completed MACL at Eastern Menn Seminary, Lanc. extension

Hobbies: jogging, reading & writing, sewing & crocheting, collecting turtles

Life Bible verse: Heb 12:1, "...let us run with perseverance..."

A recent joy: completing a half-marathon (something I didn't think I could do!)

A challenge ahead: finding the best balance of staying active yet enjoying retirement - which is easier said than done!



Elizabeth G. Nissley

Previous Assignments: James Street Mennonite Church – 11 years, Mount Joy Mennonite church – 8 years, missionary in Somalia – 9 years

Family: Husband Ken, 4 children, 9 grandchildren

Education: MDiv- Eastern Mennonite Seminary, MSN RN – University of Pennsylvania

Hobbies: Reading, traveling, friendships

Life Bible Verse: Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God” Micah 6:8

A recent joy: Clean bill of health from cardiologist

A challenge ahead: Resilience into changes that lie ahead



Mona Sauder

Date of Ordination: June 11, 2016

Family: Husband Jim; Daughter Marla and two sons, Ryan and Kenan, seven grandchildren

Education: BA in Education, MA in Elementary Counseling; M.Div from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Hobbies: Reading, baking, coffee with friends, reading

Life Bible verse: Micah 6:8

A recent joy: getting involved at Blossom Hill – trying to practice from Monday to Saturday what we are taught on Sunday

A challenge ahead: just became a court appointed special advocate and am feeling anxious about my first assigned child



Roger L. Steffy

Position & Location: Vice President for Programs, Tabor Community Services, Lancaster, PA (formerly pastored a total of 14 years, most recently at Slate Hill Mennonite Church, Camp Hill, PA, 1989-1999)

Date of Ordination/Installation: September 1989 (licensed from 1980-1989)

Family: Married to Carol Herr Steffy (43 years), 2 adult children and 2 grandchildren (ages 5 & 1) – we have legal custody and are raising our granddaughter who is almost 6 and just started kindergarten.

Education: Ministry diploma - Elim Bible Institute, Lima, NY, 1979; BS in Bible – EMU, 1983; MDiv – EMS, 1986; Spiritual Direction training – Oasis Ministries, 2000.

Hobbies: Hiking, birding, flowers and plants, reading, music

Life Bible verse: Hard to choose, but I'll pick Eph. 4:29 "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up ...so that your words may give grace to those who hear."

A recent joy: Zip-lining down a mountain ski slope

A challenge ahead: Restoring a healthier work-life balance



George B. Stoltzfus

Previous Assignments: Upon installation as General Secretary of the Mennonite Church (1996) it was felt by the General Board that I should carry a credential for this work. I was ordained in the Allegheny Conference, with those credentials then transferred to Indiana/Michigan Conference. I have held no other positions requiring ordination.

Family: Mae (Mast) and I have recently celebrated 52 years of marriage. We have two children (Deborah and Blair) and four grandchildren.

Hobbies: Biking, reading, finding and cracking black walnuts, gardening, hiking and woodworking.

Life Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

A recent joy: Participating as grandparents for one day in our granddaughter's Forest Kindergarten class in the mountains of northern New Mexico.

A Challenge Ahead: Maintaining physical and mental fitness in retirement



Sam Thomas

Previous assignments: Bishop of Landisville/Manor district of LMC; Lead Pastor at Landisville Mennonite Church; Chair of Bible Dept. at LMS; Discipleship Ministries Director at Eastern Mennonite Missions

Family: Wife: Marian Landis, Children: Janelle and Marlisa, G-kids: Macy, Pippa, Stella, Dog: Timmy

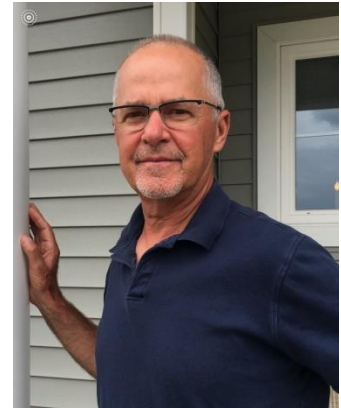
Education: Lancaster Mennonite H. S.; Eastern Mennonite College; Associated Biblical Seminary

Hobbies: Boating/fishing, Walks w/ spouse and dog, reading, travel

Life bible verse: Galatians 2:19b – 20

A recent joy: As a three-time cancer survivor, every day is a joy, even the difficult ones.

A challenge ahead: Aging gracefully in the midst of health challenges.



NanaSue Walker

Position & Location: Pastor of Lay Ministries and Young Adults - Neffsville Mennonite Church

Family: Kevin Walker (husband) Andrew (13) Aaron (8) Adam (5)

Education: Degree in Youth Ministries from Eastern University

Hobbies: Cooking, Reading, Playing Piano, Laughing with my boys

Life Bible verse: Jeremiah 29:11

A recent joy: In the same day all three of my boys told me they loved me at different times all on their own!!

A challenge ahead: Teenage boy in the house!!

