

## 2019 ACC Leadership Slate Bios



### **Cindy Petersheim, Moderator**

Cindy Petersheim retired in 2015 from Messiah College after 15 of her 28 professional years in development fundraising. Her career included training and expertise in charitable estate planning, major gifts, annual fund, and donor relations. Additionally, she worked as Director of Development at LMS. She lives in Morgantown with her husband (Bob), where he serves as pastor of Conestoga Mennonite Church. Past and present Board involvements include Home International (Indian orphanages), Bridge of Hope – National, Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church first co-youth Minister and UDS. Bob and Cindy have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. Her hobbies include traveling with friends, book club participation; Guardian for children and seniors without family support; and best of all keeping up with grandchildren.



### **Lynn Brubaker, Exec. Committee Secretary**

Lynn Brubaker attends Frazer Mennonite Church where he serves as moderator of the congregation and as a member of the Worship Team. In the recent past he has also participated on the Ministry Team as Lay Minister for Peace, Justice and Evangelism. He is a retired public school teacher, having worked for over thirty years as a mathematics teacher and department head in a number of high schools in the School District of Philadelphia. In the more distant past he was an intern teaching supervisor in the Temple Graduate School of Education. He is currently treasurer and member of the Executive Committee of Camphill Village Kimberton Hills, a residential community for special needs adults, where he also volunteers. He has worked in education and development in Tanzania, Sudan and Kenya. Lynn and his wife, Debra Hutchinson, live in Kimberton and have two daughters and two grandsons.



### **John Bomberger, Treasurer**

John Bomberger is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in business administration and also a graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary with a master's degree in church leadership. He spent several years in Central America with EMM and MCC in a variety of financial related assignments. He served as CEO of Choice Books LLC for twenty-four years before retiring in 2016 and moving from Harrisonburg VA to Millersville PA in 2017. John currently volunteers as a SCORE mentor and serves on several non-profit boards in the area. John and his wife Linda are members of Neffsville Mennonite Church. They are proud parents of two adult children and one grandchild.



### **Todd Gusler, Executive Committee Member-at-Large**

Todd Gusler has served as the pastor of Rossmere Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA since 2014. He has been involved in ministry of some kind for almost 15 years - first serving as a youth pastor in Indiana and then as a house leader of the Service Adventure unit in Raleigh, North Carolina. Todd is also a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He is married to Leah and together they have 3 children. They reside in the city of Lancaster.



### **Jannat Veras, Executive Committee Member-at-Large**

Jannat Veras was born in the Dominican Republic and moved to the U.S. at the age of 17, where she lived in New York City for two years before transitioning to Lancaster. She says that she received The Lord Jesus at the age of 19 years old. Jannat is married to Francisco Veras and has 4 children which keep them very busy. In the past Jannat has served on the Everence FCU and Assets boards. She is currently on the ACC Executive Committee, as well as the Lancaster Health Services board. Jannat and her family attend Laurel Street Mennonite Church where she enjoys helping with the Sunday School classes. Jannat's hobbies are spending time with her husband, and children, watching

movies with them, playing table games, and traveling whenever they can. She is excited and honored to continue the work of the ACC Executive Committee.



### **J. Richard Thomas, Ministerial Leadership Comm. Chair**

Richard is the Minister of Administration at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, board chair of the Mennonite Education Agency of MC USA and is the board chair of the Early Learning Center of the New Holland Mennonite Church. He also serves on the board of The City School and the United Way of Lancaster County. He served as Moderator of ACC and of MC USA, as a member of the General Council of Mennonite World Conference. Richard

is retired from a career in education, mostly at Lancaster Mennonite School. He and his wife Joyce are parents and grandparents and are members of Ridgeview Mennonite Church.



### **Ron Adams, Peace & Justice Committee Chairperson**

After several years in Madison, Wisconsin, Ron and Marilou returned to Lancaster County in 2018. They live in Elizabethtown. They have two adult children and a daughter-in-law, all of whom are fine human beings and sources of parental pride. Ron has been a pastor for 21 years, serving congregations in Atlantic Coast Conference, Lancaster Conference and Central District Conference. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from

Lancaster Theological Seminary. In his spare time, Ron reads and goes to used bookstores looking for more books to read.



### **Karyn Nancarvis, Youth Committee Chairperson**

Karyn is a member of Akron Mennonite Church and actively serves on the Board of the Shalom Project in Lancaster city. She is currently employed at Landis Homes Retirement Community in the Pastoral Services Department serving alongside the Chaplain team. Karyn is in her last year earning her Masters of Divinity degree at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Lancaster branch campus. Recently, she's on an adventure visiting and experiencing worship at several ACC churches. By the time she graduates in May, she will have toured ALL 31 churches in the conference and earned 3 course credits for reading and writing about this journey on her blog: <https://guesswhoscomingtochurch.blogspot.com>. A city girl at heart, she was born in New York City and raised in Northern New Jersey. She earned an Associate's Degree in Business from Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington Delaware. Previously, Karyn was employed as Director of Children and Youth Ministries at AMC. An avid runner, is she is currently training for her second marathon. The highlight of her days are spending time with her family. Karyn and her husband Tim, have five children and live in Lititz.



### **Lyndell Thiessen, Gift Discernment Committee Chairperson**

Lyndell lives in Akron with her husband Bruce and her two cats. She is a member of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church where she has been involved with worship and youth group leading. Lyndell volunteers her time at Booksavers (part of Ephrata ReUzit) where she lists textbooks on-line to raise money for MCC. She has lived in Germany (3 yrs) and Brazil (6 yrs) and enjoys speaking multiple foreign languages. She also enjoys playing piano, hosting people in her home, playing cards, and traveling. In the winter months, she enjoys being a judge for ACC quizzing.



### **Angela Dietzel, Gift Discernment Committee**

Angela is an active member of Laurel Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster where she provides leadership to congregational worship. Professionally, she is a teacher at the New Danville Campus of Lancaster Mennonite School. Prior to teaching she worked with Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mennonite World Conference's 2015 PA Assembly, and Kairos School of Spiritual Formation. Angela is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University and Lancaster Mennonite School. In addition to teaching and church ministry, she enjoys baking, hospitality, and being an aunt.



### **Marlin Hershey, Gift Discernment Committee**

Recently retired from 18 years in Development and Foundation work with Everence Foundation and most recently MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates). Continues to find part-time post retirement work as Executive Director with Lancaster County Ag Council and other consulting opportunities. Marlin serves on the Board of Tel Hai Retirement Community. Marlin and wife Barb live near Lititz and have attended East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church for over 27 years. They enjoy traveling, times with friends and enjoyment of retirement life (whatever retirement is). They have two adult children married living near Lancaster and two grandsons all who attend ACC churches.