

## 2024 ACC Leadership Slate Bios



### **Gina Burkhart, Executive Committee Moderator**

Gina is an ordained associate pastor at Landisville Mennonite Church where she has served for 15+ years in a variety of roles. She loves to be outdoors and thrives on having meaningful connections with others. She is enthused by reimagining church and asking questions and can't imagine a world without dessert or books. She and her husband Dan live in Manheim and have five amazing children and 3 grandcats.



### **Leslie Homer-Cattell, Executive Committee Member-at-Large**

After 30 years in health care administration and communications for Christian faith-based nonprofits, Leslie went to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary later in life and graduated in 2013. She now serves as administrative pastor at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. Leslie sees intentional conversations and relationship-building across divisions of all kinds as a challenging but vitally important spiritual discipline that she seeks to practice. She and her husband, Dave, are the parents of three adult children, and the grandparents of three. In her free time, Leslie enjoys story slams, mural arts, the theater, cooking, hiking, and kayaking.



### **Miriam (Mim) Cruz, Executive Committee Member-at-Large**

Miriam Cruz is a member of East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, where she serves on the Worship Commission, and previously served a two-year term on the Pastoral Team. She is retired from 20 years of chaplaincy at Mennonite Home Communities, where she served as Director of Pastoral Care. She values this time of retirement as a season to deepen relationships and explore opportunities. She is married to Jesus Cruz, and they are parents to 2 adult children, Daniel and Christina.



### **Rod Yoder, Executive Committee Treasurer**

Rodney Yoder is a graduate of Eastern Mennonite University with a degree in Business Administration. He has been employed at Fulton Bank in Lancaster for 30+ years, and is currently a Senior Vice President in the Credit Administration Department. Rod is married to Sheri Yoder, and attends East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church, where he serves as chair of the Stewardship Commission. When not at work, he enjoys tending the yard, playing tennis and riding bike.



**Jessica Buckwalter, Gift Discernment Member**

Jessica started her career as an elementary school teacher with a focus on early childhood education. After nine years of teaching, she left the formal classroom to spend her days nurturing her own children. Jessica and her husband have two daughters, ages 8 and 5, and attend Akron Mennonite Church.



**Jeremiah Denlinger, Gift Discernment Member**

Jeremiah Denlinger and his wife Kristine and their children attend Landisville Mennonite church. Jeremiah has previously taught and served in various other roles at Lancaster Mennonite School and other schools outside of the Lancaster area. Jeremiah is looking forward to serving alongside others in this role.