

## 2025 ACC Leadership Slate Bios



### **Todd Gusler, Executive Committee Assistant Moderator (3<sup>rd</sup> term)**

Todd Gusler has served as the pastor of Rossmere Mennonite Church in Lancaster, PA since 2014. Before that he served as a pastor in Indiana and as a house leader of a Service Adventure unit in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Todd has been serving on the ACC Executive Committee as the Assistant Moderator. He lives in the city of Lancaster with his wife Leah and their 3 children.

### **Anita Castle, Executive Committee Member-at-Large (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Anita resides in Harlem, New York City with her husband Peter. They are blessed to have three adult daughters and a grandson. Anita is the Pastor of Grace & Peace Mennonite church, which is a primarily virtual church that is based in New York City with members in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Upstate New York as well as the five boroughs of New York City.



### **Josh Carson, Executive Committee Member-at-Large (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Josh Carson is the Coordinator for Leadership Volunteers, Regions 1 & 4 for Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) since 2017, working with volunteers who serve with MDS for a month or longer, preparing them for, supporting them during, and debriefing them after their volunteer service. He previously served as a youth pastor, and has served as a board member of Chestnut Housing since 2022. He grew up in a Southern Baptist congregation & military family and is an enthusiastic adult convert to Anabaptism. Josh has degrees from Eastern University (BA in Youth Ministry & Biblical Studies) and Palmer Theological Seminary (MDiv), and is currently a student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, earning a Doctor of

Ministry in Leadership. Josh has been married to Lindsay Carson since 2015, they live in southwest Lancaster City with their daughter Harriet and their neighbor's feral cats, and are actively involved in James Street Mennonite Church.



### **Randy Keener, Executive Committee Member-at-Large (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Randy Keener is the Director of Chaplaincy Care and Education at Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. Previously, he was a pastor for 6 years at Witmer Heights Mennonite Church. He is ordained in the Atlantic Coast Conference and is a part of the Laurel Street Mennonite Church community.



His interests include Spirituality and healthcare, biking to work, being in the outdoors, and reading books about the Appalachian Trail and travel. He lives in Lancaster City with his wife Emily and son Aiden.



**Kate Andre, Ministerial Leadership Committee Chairperson (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

After studying Music and Drama as an undergrad at UNC-Chapel Hill and pursuing performance in NYC, Kate earned an MDiv and STM at Yale Divinity School. Since then, Kate has served as a college chaplain, high school theology teacher and campus minister, hospital chaplain, and retreat leader. She studied Mediation with the New York Peace Institution and MWI, completed her 200-hour Yoga Teacher Training at Kripalu, and is pursuing spiritual direction training at Boston College. Kate also coordinates the Jesuits' Contemplative Leaders in Action cohort in Boston and volunteers as Harvard's Mennonite Chaplain. However, Kate's primary ministerial role is pastor of the Mennonite Congregation of Boston. When not serving her congregation (or Zooming with fellow members of the ACC!), Kate enjoys game nights, impromptu dance parties, and long walks in nature with her husband and son.

**Michael Charles, Gift Discernment Committee Chairperson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

Michael Charles attends Rossmere Mennonite Church and lives in Lancaster with his wife and three children. He is employed as a Solar Energy Consultant and Grant Writer at Bright Eye Solar. At Rossmere, Michael has served as a Sunday School teacher and youth advisor. He enjoys spending time with family and friends and riding bicycles.



**Judy Zook, Gifts Discernment Committee (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Judy Zook along with her husband, Ron, are interim administrative copastors at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster. They live in Lancaster city and host a community of two to three young adults. Judy finds joy in supporting and encouraging others as they embrace opportunities that ignite their passion and use their gifts. She likes reading, traveling, creating with yarn, and playing with her four grandchildren.

**Elisa Parmer, Youth Committee Chairperson (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

Elisa Parmer is the Associate Pastor at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. While beginning her vocational work in July of 2022, Elisa has been an active member of ECSMC since 2015. Prior to her ministerial work, Elisa worked alongside people with intellectual impairments in direct service. She served the Keystone Institute as an education specialist providing values-based training. Her work in human services has been a powerful influence in her desire to ally herself with people who can often be overlooked in faith settings including youth and children, the queer community, and people who are differently abled. Elisa lives with her wife Hannah in Ephrata with their dog Rudy. She is currently working on her Masters of Divinity at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

