

**Report of Representation and Nominations**  
**Nominees for General Assembly Commissioners**  
**Presbytery of Baltimore**

**Teaching Elders:**

**REV. HAROLD BENNETT**

Harold (Hal) Bennett is the pastor at Grove Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen, MD. He is a retired member of the U.S. Army Reserves. He is also retired from the federal government where he was previously employed by the Central Intelligence Agency as a Senior Security Intelligence Officer.

Hal currently serves on Baltimore Presbytery COM, chairing the Credentials Committee, and as a member of the Small Church Committee, is active in the Susquehanna Parish Ministry Group and participates in the Faithful Antiracism Leadership Cohort.

Previously Rev. Bennett served in many areas of the Western North Carolina Presbytery while he was the pastor at the Dulatown Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, NC. He served as a GA commissioner from WNC Presbytery.

He is married to Etta B. Holloway of Bowie, MD and he has three children (Traci West, H.J. Lee Bennett III, and Camron Bennett. He has three grandchildren: Shane, Syera, and Savoy, and one great-grandson!

**REV. TANYA WADE:**

Rev. Tanya Wade is currently the pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church. In 1991, she was the first African-American woman ordained in Baltimore Presbytery. Over the years, Tanya has served in multiple locations in Baltimore: Cherry Hill Community Presbyterian (ministerial intern); Maryland/Delaware Synod of the ELCA (mission developer/associate pastor); St. John United Methodist Presbyterian (Christian education director); interim pastor at both New Imani New Church Development and Knox Presbyterian Church.

Tanya was the Moderator of the Synod of the MidAtlantic in 2013.

She is married to Anthony P. Wade. Together, they are the proud parents of four precious children, Rachelle, Krystal, AJ, and Kimberly. And are the grateful grandparents of four, Janae, Emilio, Aleena, and Riley.

**Ruling Elders:**

**LYNN M. CARLSON**

Lynn M. Carlson, a member of Highland Presbyterian Church, is a life-long Presbyterian. After college she Berwyn Presbyterian Church, Greenbelt, MD, where she was ordained Ruling Elder.

After careers as a high school teacher, education specialist with the Department of Veteran Affairs, and a professional clown, she is now retired and serving in the Presbytery of Baltimore as a member of the

Nominating Committee and the Commission on Ministry, where she is active on the Pastor-Parish Relations Team. She previously served on the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

She is married to the Rev. John V. Carlson, a retired Presbyterian pastor. They have three children, John Carlson, Allison Yutesler, and the Rev. Amy Carlson. They have six grandchildren.

### **CHARESE JORDAN MOORE**

Charese Jordan Moore is a Ruling Elder at Knox Presbyterian Church, and chairs Knox's Ministry of Mission and Community Engagement. In addition to her service on Session at Knox, Charese currently represents Knox as a Commissioner to the Presbytery of Baltimore, co-chairs the POB's Dismantling Racism Team, serves on the Steering Committee of the In the Loop Ministry Group, and is a board member of the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PCUSA). She will soon represent the Presbytery Mission Agency on the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations.

Her life's mission is organizing people of faith to act on the values of their faith traditions. Her commitment to this personal mission was deepened when she joined Interfaith Worker Justice in 2004 as director of the Faithful Citizenship Project, a voter registration and mobilization initiative. With IWJ she started a New Orleans chapter after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Charese has served as chief-of-staff for a Chicago, director of business development in the health care industry, and worked as a private consultant in the areas of political campaign management, public and community relations, marketing, fundraising, special events, and strategic planning.

She is married to Robert B. Moore, who wooed her to leave Chicago and come to Baltimore!

### **Other nominees for election to commissions:**

- SLD: TE Jenn McCollough, Ark and Dove, class of 2025
- Personnel Committee: RE Volanda Peace (Knox) Class of 2025
- Thriving Congregations: RE Lynne Agress (Second Presbyterian) Class of 2024