

NOMINEES FOR THE GEMN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The GEMN Board consists of 12 members who serve 3-year terms. The Board's executive committee serves as the nominating committee, and nominees are endorsed by the GEMN Board. Members are limited to two 3-year terms, though members can be nominated again after a 1-year. Below is the slate of nominees presented to the 2023 Annual Meeting:



GEMN Board nominees Ayda Patricia Martin, Walter Brownridge, Molly O'Brien and Helen Van Koevering

Ms. **Ayda Patricia Martin**, current president of the GEMN Board, is standing for reelection to a second 3-year term. A member of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Patricia has worked in its missionary teams coordination office and has contributed to the growth and strengthen of the mission of the church. With administrative experience in multinational companies, she is a member of the Iglesia San Andrés de Santo Domingo. She completed secondary studies at the San Andrés Episcopal College and studied business administration at La Universidad Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña in Santo Domingo.

The Rev. Canon **Walter Brownridge**, canon to the ordinary for cultural transformation in the Diocese of Vermont, is nominated for an initial 3-year term. Walter served as a DFMS missionary at St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town, South Africa, where he became a friend of Desmond Tutu. Since then he has served as dean of students at the School of Theology, Sewanee, and dean of the cathedral in Honolulu. He is a member of the Standing Commission on World Mission.

Ms. **Molly O'Brien**, current vice president of the GEMN Board, is standing for reelection to a second 3-year term. Molly completed the Mission Formation Program and is a member of the Global Commission of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, where she is a member of Christ Church, Ithan, and St. Martin's Church, Radnor. She has experience with Cristosol and was administrative coordinator at Virginia Seminary's Center for Anglican Communion Studies. Molly is an academic adviser at Eastern University's College of Business and Leadership.

The Rev. Canon Dr. **Helen Van Koevering** from the Diocese of Lexington was appointed by the Board after the 2022 Annual Meeting and now stands for election to the two years remaining in that initial term.

Helen brings 28 years of fulltime mission experience in southern Africa, 26 of them in Mozambique and two in Zimbabwe. She is rector of St. Raphael's Church in Lexington. She is the author of *Dancing Their Dreams: A Theological Reflection on the Lives of Anglican Women on the Lakeshore of the Diocese of Niassa, Mozambique*.

A late-breaking nominee for the slate! –

Canon **Judith Conley** is nominated for an initial 3-year term. Judy is a member of Trinity Cathedral in the Diocese of Arizona, where she has served as president of the Standing Committee. A current member of

the Standing Commission on World Mission, she has served as General Convention deputy, was a member of the Task Force for Church Structural Reform, and was national president of the Union of Black Episcopalians. A native New Yorker, she has been involved in many efforts of anti-racism, including designing programs for and consulting with churches and dioceses in and beyond the U.S. She has visited all 50 states and 6 of the 7 continents. She is a member of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, a devotional group based at Adelynrood in Massachusetts.

