

# USMB Gathering 2020 Recommendation And Nominations

The following Recommendation will be presented at the convention:

1. The USMB Leadership Board recommends the election and/or affirmation of the presented nominations.

## US Conference Leadership Board

Current members:

David Hardt	Bakersfield CA	Term expires: 2020	not eligible
Aaron Box	Eugene OR	Term expires: 2022	
Boris Borisov	Spokane WA	Term expires: 2020	eligible
Luke Haidle	Henderson NE	Term expires: 2020	eligible
Lud Hohm	Yale SD	Term expires: 2022	
Delilah Isaak	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2020	not eligible
Lianne Nikkel	Littleton CO	Term expires: 2020	not eligible
Larry Smith	Lenoir NC	Term expires: 2022	
Tharen Spahr	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2022	
Rick Eshbaugh	Sioux Falls SD	Ex-officio	
Dennis Fast (interim)	Reedley CA	Ex-officio	
Aaron Hernandez	La Grulla TX	Ex-officio	
Terry Hunt	Lenoir NC	Ex-officio	
Tim Sullivan	Wichita KS	Ex-officio	
Jon Wiebe	Hillsboro KS	Ex-officio	
Kyle Goings	Wichita KS	Ex-officio	
Xavier Piña	Hanford CA	Ex-officio	
Randy Friesen	Abbotsford BC	Ex-officio	
Brianne Shaw	Denver CO	Term expires: 2024	Bd Appointment

+ *Need to elect five members. Five nominees:*

Boris Borisov	Spokane WA	Term expires: 2024	incumbent
Luke Haidle	Henderson NE	Term expires: 2024	incumbent
Yvette Jones	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2024	
Asres Belaye	Olathe KS	Term expires: 2024	
David Thiessen	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2024	

+ *Also need to elect Executive. Three nominees:*

Chair:	Luke Haidle
Vice-Chair:	Boris Borisov
Secretary:	
Treasurer:	Tharen Spahr

## Board of Faith and Life

Current positions:

Tim Geddert	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2020
Jana Hildebrandt	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2022
David Loewen	Hillsboro KS	Term expires: 2020
Mike Petts	Owatonna MN	Term expires: 2022
Don Morris	Edmond OK	ex officio

Rick Eshbaugh	Sioux Falls SD	ex officio
Dennis Fast (interim)	Reedley CA	ex officio
Aaron Hernandez	La Grulla TX	ex officio
Terry Hunt	Lenoir NC	ex officio
Tim Sullivan	Wichita KS	ex officio

Note: Tim Geddert has been asked to continue serving on BFL as a consultant.

+ *Need to elect one member at this time. One nominee:*

David Loewen	Hillsboro KS	Term expires: 2024	incumbent
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**USMB Youth Leadership** (appointed – 4 year terms)

+ *Need to affirm members:*

Current Positions:

Kyle Goings, Chair	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2024
Russ Claassen, Youth Worker Network Director	Newton KS	Term expires: 2024
Wade French, FPU and PDC rep	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2024
Stephen Humber, Multiply rep	Denver CO	Term expires: 2024
Wendell Loewen, Faith Front rep	Hillsboro KS	Term expires: 2024
Ben Wheeler, Church Youth Director rep	Birch Bay WA	Term expires: 2024

**Multiply** (4 year terms) Note: Members will be elected/appointed at a later date. Current members will continue serving until new members are elected/appointed.

Current Positions:

Archie Eutsler	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2020
Jeff Gowling	Bakersfield CA	Term expires: 2022
Kimberlee Jost	Hillsboro KS	Term expires: 2020
Ruth Schale	Bakersfield CA	Board appointed
Brent Warkentin	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2022

**MB Foundation**

Current Positions:

Randy Hamm, Chair	Enid OK	Appointed
Mike Bernardoni, Vice Ch	Reedley CA	Term expires: 2022
Gavin Banik, Secretary	Hartford SD	Term expires: 2022
Mike Wall, Asst Sec	Omaha NE	Term expires: 2020
Aaron Erickson	Sandy UT	Term expires: 2020
Brent Goertzen	Hays KS	Term expires: 2022
Evasu Lemma	Olathe KS	Term expires: 2022
Ken Neufeld	Fresno CA	Appointed
Dan Ray	Fresno CA	Appointed
Lynn Schneider	Huron SD	Appointed
Tharen Spahr	Wichita KS	USMB Treasurer, elected, 2022

NOTE: The USMB Treasurer is an automatic member of the MBF Board of Directors.

+ *Need to affirm 2 members. Two nominees:*

Aaron Erickson	Sandy UT	Term expires: 2024	incumbent
Mike Wall	Omaha NE	Term expires: 2024	incumbent

**Historical Commission** (4 year terms)

Current positions:

Don Isaac, chair	Hillsboro KS	Term expires: 2020
Julia Reimer	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2020
Valerie Rempel	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2022

+ *Need to affirm two members. Two nominees:*

Don Isaac	Hillsboro KS	Term expires: 2024	incumbent
Maricela B Chavez	Orange Cove CA	Term expires: 2024	

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS:** Affirmed by USMB Leadership Board (4 year terms unless noted)

**Multiply Board:** Don Morris

**International Committee of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB):** Ed Boschman (Treasurer) 2022

**Mennonite World Conference:**

Bill Braun	Clovis CA	Term expires: 2021
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+ *Need to affirm one representative:*

Lynette Madrigal-Granados	Clovis CA	Term expires: 2021
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Delegate to GYS 2021 Youth Ministry Summit

**Mennonite Central Committee:** (Appointed – 4 year terms)

MCC-USA Board:

Jill Schellenberg	Philadelphia PA	Term expires: 2020
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Kevin Malamma	Bakersfield CA	Term expires: 2024	Board appointment
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*Newly appointed representative:*

Nancy Boothe	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2024
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**Mennonite Disaster Service:** (Appointed – 6 year terms)

Bill Mast	Edmond OK	Term expires: 2020
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*Newly appointed representative:*

Judy Lopez	Bakersfield CA	Term expires: 2024
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**Mennonite Health Services:**

Valerie Rempel	Fresno CA	Term expires: 2022
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**Everence Board of Directors:** (Appointed by Everence - 3 year terms)

*Newly appointed representative:*

Sylvia Penner	Wichita KS	Term expires: 2023
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**National Association of Evangelicals:**

Winnie Bartel	Fairview OK	(by virtue of appointment)
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# New Nominee Bios

## Leadership Board:

Asres Belaye was born in Ethiopia. She is married and has four children and five grandchildren. Asres has worked in banking for over 36 years. She and her husband are members of Ethiopian Christian Fellowship Church in Olathe, Kan., where she has served as chairperson of the deacon committee, church treasurer and on the elder committee. She also served on the pastor search committee. Currently she is chairperson for women's ministry.

Yvette Jones has over twenty-five years of experience in Public Relations, organizational advancement and fund development. She served as CEO/Director of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Susquehanna Valley, Lancaster, PA and has experience as an administrator, collaborator, Board development personal trainer, negotiator, speaker for United Way, Urban League and other social service and relief agencies. In addition, Yvette has twenty years of experience as sole proprietor of multiple small businesses. Her experience in non-profit administration, cause marketing, public speaking and fund development has enriched her communications skills. She is self-motivated to complete what needs to be done in the areas of event planning, program development and motivating others to reach their full potential with the skills they have been entrusted with to improve the lives of others through modeling servant leadership. She is currently First Lady of Fresno Pacific University.

David Thiessen is Executive Pastor of Mountain View Community Church in Fresno, CA. His primary responsibilities include helping to develop church vision and direction, School of Ministry, preaching, administration and conflict management. David and his wife, Connie, have three children. David is a graduate of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary and University of British Columbia.

Appointed:

Brianne Shaw is Associate Pastor of Assimilation and Young Adults at Lighthouse Church, Denver, Colo. She and her husband, Josh, planted Lighthouse in 2015. They have two young boys. Brianne graduated from Tabor College and is a gifted musician and worship leader. She is passionate about leading people to Jesus.

## Historical Commission:

Maricela B. Chavez is an associate marriage and family therapist and is a member of Iglesia El Buen Pastor (MB) in Orange Cove, Calif.

## Representatives:

### Everence Board of Directors:

Sylvia Penner, from Wichita, Kan., is a member of First MB Church. Sylvia and her husband, Craig, are both Tabor graduates and have three children. Sylvia is an attorney for the Fleeson Gooing Coulson & Kitch law firm in Wichita.

### Mennonite Central Committee:

#### MCC USA Board:

Kevin Malamma, from Bakersfield, Calif., is a member of Heritage Bible Church. He is chair of the West Coast MCC board and former Chair of the MCC West Coast Relief Sale and Auction. He and his wife, Rosalyn, have three children and six grandchildren.

Nancy (Kroeker) Boothe, from Wichita, Kan., is a member of First MB Wichita along with her husband, Reg. She recently went on an MCC border tour near the Tucson and the Douglas/Agua Prieta border. She was also recently involved in First MB Wichita's youth group in preparing MCC immigration kits.

### **Mennonite Disaster Service Board of Delegates:**

Judy Lopez of Bakersfield, Calif., loves the work of MDS. She replaces Bill Mast, who has completed his 12-year term as a Delegate. She currently serves as Vice-Chair of the MDS Board of Directors, and a Member-At-Large position on the Board of Delegates. She is a member of Laurelglen Bible Church, Bakersfield, and is also the Pacific District Conference Representative on the MDS California Unit Board. She stated she would be honored to represent USMB on the MDS Board of Delegates.