

## OUTGOING MEMBERS



### **Treasurer: Jody Sanders: Living Waters**

*Jody Sanders is a lay member of the Board from Countryside Community UCC - Omaha, serving her second term as Treasurer. A lifelong resident of Fremont, Jody is a licensed CPA working in local government. Her husband, Randy, graduated from the ELM VIII class and is now Pastor at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ – Yutan.*



### **Sue Allyn: Living Waters Member At Large**

*Susan Allyn has been the secretary at First Congregational UCC- Norfolk, for the past 12 years. She also works as adjunct instructor for Northeast Community College. She teaches Sunday School and leads Disciple Bible study.*



### **Larry Jirsak: Living Waters Member At Large**

*Graduate of ELM IV. Currently serving Scribner UCC.*

# 2017/2018

## **Board of Directors**

## **Nebraska Conference**

## **United Church of Christ**



### **Chair Candidate: Sue Shear: Heartland**

*Member of Plymouth Congregational UCC - Crete; Currently serving on Tri-Conference United Church of Christ Ministries Executive Board; serving on Kaleo On The River Board of Directors and member of KOTR Fundraising Committee. Married, Byrl Shear, 3 children. 2 grandsons.*



### **Vice-Chair Candidate: Rev. Fay Ann Blaylock: Heartland**

*Fay Ann Blaylock is the pastor of two congregations in the far southeastern corner of Nebraska. One congregation is a Christian Church (DOC) and the other is Zion United Church of Christ. Fay Ann is married to the love of her life, Kenny, and together they have raised two beautiful daughters, both of whom are married and have gifted the world with grandchildren. Fay Ann has served the church in a variety of ways all the way from local boards to the national setting.*



**Secretary: Beth Peterson:  
Heartland**

*Beth is a long time lay member and former employee of First-Plymouth Congregational UCC - Lincoln. She has served on several Boards at First-Plymouth.*



**Treasurer Candidate: Joan  
Michelsen: Heartland**

*Joan Michelsen is a lay member of the Board from First-Plymouth Congregational UCC - Lincoln. She has served on several First-Plymouth committees and Boards, is a member of the choir, Abendmusik Choir and Plymouth Ringers. Actually, Joan grew up in the church, and her dad is a retired UCC minister living in Estes Park. Joan is certified in treasury and manages treasury operations at an insurance and financial services company in Lincoln. She and her husband, Jon, met at Doane University and have three married daughters.*



**Conference Minister: Rev.  
Roddy Dunkerson: Heartland**

*The Rev. Roddy C. Dunkerson is Conference Minister of the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ. As Conference Minister Roddy travels across Nebraska supporting and encouraging the work of the churches of the Conference.*

*Before beginning to serve as a Conference Minister, Roddy served congregations in Nebraska and Ohio. In Nebraska, he served in the far west at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Lyman and in the south central part of the state at the Federated Church (a dual aligned congregation of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ) in Sutton. In Ohio, Roddy served near Toledo at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Oak Harbor.*

*Preparing for ministry, Roddy studied Psychology at the University of Arizona in Tucson where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree. His Master of Divinity (the basic degree for ministry in several denominations) was obtained at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado.*

*Before studying for his undergraduate degree, Roddy spent six years in the United States Navy serving at Okinawa, Japan and London, England. His Navy training took place in San Diego and San Francisco, California and St. Antonio, Texas.*

*Roddy was born and raised in Bisbee, Arizona.*



**Member At Large Candidate:  
Rev. Fay Ann Blaylock: Heartland**

*Fay Ann Blaylock is the pastor of two congregations in the far southeastern corner of Nebraska. One congregation is a Christian Church (DOC) and the other is Zion United Church of Christ. Sometimes it gets interesting when she forgets which church (and denomination) she is in! Fay Ann is married to the love of her life, Kenny, and together they have raised two beautiful daughters, both of whom are married and have gifted the world with grandchildren. Fay Ann has served the church in a variety of ways all the way from local boards to the national setting. Being a UCC person (her capillaries are comma shaped) is simply a constant dance of joy.*



**Member At Large Candidate:  
Rev. Lisa Hadler: Prairie**

*Lisa Hadler celebrated the 30th anniversary of her ordination in September of 2016. She has served congregations in Illinois, Iowa, Montana, and is now the pastor of First Congregational UCC in Ogallala and UCC, Congregational in Brule. Lisa shares her home with her two cats, Leo and Dixon; and her dog, Mercy. She enjoys hiking and spending time at the beaches of Lake McConaughy. She is interested in Nonviolent Atonement Theory and Mimetic Theory.*



**Rev. Jeannie Bates: Living Waters**

*Jeannie is Counselor of West Elementary School, Glenwood Community Schools District, Glenwood, Iowa and is President of CrossOver Prison Ministries, Inc. Omaha.*



**Dennis Ditloff: Prairie**

*Dennis is a BOD Member At Large. He is a lifelong member of The Arborville Congregational Church near Polk, Nebraska where he presently serves as Treasurer. He is married to his wife of 36 years, Shari. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Dennis farms and ranches with his sons, and is also employed as a Right-of-Way Agent for Nebraska Public Power District out of Columbus Nebraska.*



**Rev. Ken Evitts: Living Waters**

*Ken Evitts, Senior Pastor of Northwest Hills Church UCC – Omaha, arrived in 2007 after 19 years of pastoral ministry in MA. UCC*



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*Ordained since 1988, Ken is a Certified Christian Leadership Coach (through Coach Approach Ministries) and is utilizing that training working with pastors and churches to help each discover their gifts and God's design for their ministry. He is husband to Theri, father of three adult children (with spouses), and has seven grandchildren.*



**Rev. Barry Rempp: Prairie**

*Retired from his full-time ministry at First Congregational UCC – Hastings in June 2015. Barry is spending his retirement in various leisure pursuits, such as photography, reading, travel, and home repair.*

*Barry is a life-long member of the United Church of Christ. He grew up in Yankton, SD. As a pastor he has served churches in Naper, NE, Fairfax, SD and Scotland, SD. He also served as a United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE) Pastor at Peru State College while concurrently serving the Peru Community Church (an interdenominational congregation relating most closely to the Christian Church, DoC), in Peru, NE. Barry is married to Kass Rempp, who teaches at Hastings College. They have one daughter, Grace, who is graduating from Hastings College.*



**Member At Large Candidate:  
Rev. Helen "Penny" Greer:  
Heartland**

*Penny's current ministry is serving as the Board Chair for Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light, a faith voice dealing with climate change. She has served a number of churches as an Intentional Interim. However, the other half of her life is spent as a part of a research team studying extreme precipitation as she studies meteorology and climate at UNL. She is committed to communicating about our complex changing climate and that it's changes are urgent.*



**Member At Large Candidate:  
Barry Hemmerling: Heartland**

*Barry, BOD Member At Large, is a lay member from Vine Congregational UCC - Lincoln and is an attorney by profession. He has served on the Board several times, and is the Outgoing Chair of the Board this year.*