



Velma Garcia Transcript:

Hello Saints, my name is Velma Garcia, I'm the Co-Chair of the Moderator's Nominating Committee. I reside in Austin, Texas USA.

I wanted to serve on the Moderator's Nominating Committee because I love challenges and this is a new great challenge before us. But I trust that God has already equipped us for this task. I bring my prior experience, and administrative skills in service to this committee.

I am so excited about this process, so pumped because I believe the most important part of this committee's job is to find the right, bold, open-minded people to lead MCC.

MCC will celebrate its 50th anniversary at General Conference in Orlando next year. I want to be there to witness The Golden Jubilee of MCC, and we will bring you the right people who can lead MCC boldly and bravely into the future, and your Pastors and Lay Delegates will get to choose the one.

I know that God will work the impossible through us, so that God's glory is lifted up. Only through our loyalty to God could we ever hope to be free and independent of all things. Let us be refreshed, renewed, re-energized, and resurrected, through the mighty power of our Universal God who leads us! Be Peace! Be MCC!

Stan Kimer Transcript:

Hello everyone, I am Stan Kimer, and I am both humbled and honored to be serving on the Moderator Nominating committee along with Gavin, Velma, Brendan and Kellie. As a long time lay leader within MCC, I have a deep love for our fellowship and feel that I can with highest integrity and prayerfulness help identify the best leaders to move us forward into being a thriving movement and denomination that can have a unique impact on the global faith world.

I became involved in MCC in my local church here in the US back in 1991 and then served MCC in various capacities, including as MCC's Chair on the Commission of the Laity, the Moderator's Leadership Mentoring Retreat Faculty, and our last restructuring taskforce. I am now a member remotely of Neema MCC in Mtito-Andei Kenya where I am currently sponsoring non-profit community ministry.

Outside of MCC, I retired after a 31-year career at IBM seven years ago and formed my own diversity and career development consultancy. I feel my analytical skills along with my history in MCC will assist me in carrying out this task with highest integrity and effectiveness.

Please pray for us and with us I know we are going through challenging times in MCC as a global family, which makes our task even that much more critical. Please be engaged in this process with us, and pray that our God will lead us into delivering candidates with that very unique mix of abilities, talents and temperament, along with God's calling and anointing, to lead our global movement.

Thank you!

Rev Brendan Y. Boone Transcript:

I'm Rev. Brendan Boone, Senior Pastor of FirstCoast Metropolitan Community Church in St. Augustine, Florida, USA and Vice-Chair of the 2019 Moderator Nominating Committee.

The question was asked of me, "why would I apply for the Moderator Nominating Committee?" And I must be quite honest with you, it came from a nudging of the Holy Spirit. The questions that kept circling in my mind were this: "If not you, who? If not now, when?" It was those two questions that compelled me to put my name in the hat for consideration.

And I'm glad I did! We have team of individuals that are strong, that are gifted, that are devoted, dedicated and brilliant! I am SO glad to be a part of this team with them!

Understanding the work that is before us and the task we have been charged with really does place us in a very critical time in the history and in the life of our movement. But we also realize that God is not done with us yet! And so, we enter this work understanding that we must get this right. And we will do our best as individuals and as a team to do just that.

So, we solicit your prayers. We solicit your input. We solicit your presence, we solicit your trust, we solicit your faith in God, that God has called us in this moment, in this time and God is not done with any of us yet. Because we are going to do this work. And we know that God is going to lead us every step of the way.

Thank you for opportunity to serve. Thank you for an opportunity to be a part of a movement that has changed my life and the lives of countless through the years. Thank you for BEING MCC!

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Kellie Taylor-White Transcript:

Good afternoon. My name is Kellie Taylor-White and I am a part of the Moderator Nominating Committee of MCC. And I wanted to take a moment just to introduce myself and give you a little information about me.

I applied for the Moderator Nominating Committee because I wanted to be a part of the process. A process that many have slandered and spoken ill of, but a process that I believe in. A process that I believe works, that is genuine, and I wanted to be a part of ensuring that the process was as transparent, open, truthful and faithful as possible.

What I am enjoying about the process itself is that we as a committee are working together in a loving and faithful manner. We are truly a body of believers working for the good of the denomination. I love that.

And I am passionate about what MCC stands for. What it truly means to BE MCC! And bringing that into this process.

As a general rule, I love my local churches (because I belong to multiple) and I work passionately for them and I want to bring that same passion to this process.

I hope you will afford us the effort, the prayers and all the love you can as a body of believers.

Thank you

Rev Gavin Ward Transcript:

Hello from Sydney, Australia. My name's Rev Gavin Ward and I am honoured to be the co-chair of the Moderator's Nominating Committee.

I decided to run for the MNC because I believe passionately in the vision and mission of MCC, and I wanted to step up and help the denomination at this time.

I first came to MCC in 2001. In 2008 I was ordained, and I thank God every day for MCC. I've met wonderful people here and around the world through MCC, who have been so welcoming.

I think that is what sets MCC apart. We welcome people, no matter who they are. Through our doors and around the communion table, you are welcome. And I want that welcome to continue for another 50 years.

Let me assure you that the group of people you have seen today who make up the MNC are hardworking, passionate, funny and love MCC.

So let me assure you that:

- We will work hard
- We will hold ourselves to the highest professional standards
- We will be open and transparent
- We will always strive to do our best

And we will do all these things for you, the Saints of MCC, and above all for God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, through whom anything is possible.

Thank you and God Bless.