

# Metropolitan Community Churches

## 2019 Moderator Nominating Committee

### Candidate Resume

#### Reverend Elder Cecilia Eggleston

##### Church Experience

- Nov 2007 – May 2016: Pastor, Northern Lights MCC (formerly MCC Newcastle), Newcastle upon Tyne, England.  
Led congregation through strategic planning process, culminating in new vision and new name for the church. Developed ministry teams and mentored team leaders. Developed and completed five year plan. Church income increased from £15,596 in March 2007 to £50,107 in March 2016
- Oct 2006 – June 2007: Interim Pastor, MCC Newcastle (part time)  
Re-structured church ministry teams, started vision casting process for new pastor. Developed idea of moving from family size to programme sized church
- Nov 2002 – Sept 2006: Regional Elder, Metropolitan Community Churches  
Serving our congregations in Western Europe and Africa. International travel. Providing training for local leaders and congregations. Set up Young Pastors mentoring scheme
- Jan 1998 – Nov 2002: European District Co-ordinator, Metropolitan Community Churches  
First lay person to hold the position. International ministry and travel. Gained funding to change post from part time to full time. Served on General Council. Led several congregations through the MCC Strategic Growth Initiative. Planning and chairing international multilingual conferences
- Co-founded and Pastoral Leader Living Springs MCC, Bath, England (1989).
- Member of working group to establish Samaritan College in Europe. Chair of Samaritan College in Europe Trustees.
- Chair of Board of Ordained Ministry.
- Link worker, Church Development Team, European District (supporting church plants).
- Facilitator, European District Working Group on Lay Ministry.
- Member, European District Strategic Plan Working Party.
- Member of General Council
- Member of Board of Elders
- Member, Bylaws Advisory Team.
- Member, UFMCC Judiciary Pool. Supervising Clergy.
- Member, Church Planting Team.
- Member and report writer, UFMCC Structure Review Team (2010)
- Member, OFLD Working Group on European Clergy Protocol (2018)
- Member, European REVM Faculty (2018)

##### Secular Experience

- June 2017 – present: Supporter Relationship Manager, Send a Cow – international development charity, budget of £7 million  
Managing Supporter Team – responding to supporters' needs, comments and complaints. Processing donations and database input. Working with Church Development Manager to engage churches to support the charity. Helped to design and lead Prayer event for supporters.
- May 2016 – May 2017 – “Gap Year” travelling and 3 months volunteering in Swaziland
- April 1997 – Dec. 1999: Local Agenda 21 Team, Partnership Co-ordinator and Corporate Change Facilitator, Bath and North East Somerset Council



Working with voluntary sector, business community, environmentalists and others to create a common vision and strategic plan for sustainable development in the local area.

Facilitating 'Working Together' workshops for employees across the entire council to create new corporate culture.

- **July 1995 – March 1997 Voluntary Sector Partnership Project Co-ordinator, Voluntary Sector Partnership Project**  
Communication and liaison person between the voluntary sector and the newly developing local government structure. Organised major conference. Prepared reports for local government. Vice chair of new voluntary body.
- **Jan 1992 – July 1995: Bath Community Bus, Co-ordinator and Community Development Worker, Bath Community Bus**  
Fundraising for project salaries and running costs. Raised £30,000 for new vehicle. Community development work in areas of social and geographic isolation
- **Sept 1990 - July 1991: Aimee's Guesthouse, Manager**
- **Sept 1985 – Sept 1990: Science Teacher, Clarendon School, Trowbridge, Wiltshire Education Authority** Acting Head of Year (Pastoral Post)

#### Education and Training

- Oct 2013 – June 2015 Graduate Diploma in Theology and Religion, Durham University  
Awarded Merit and a First for dissertation.
- Oct 2008 – June 2009 'Training in Spiritual Direction' course, Ushaw College and St. Antony's Priory
- May 2008 'Creating a Life That Matters' Certified Trainer training
- March 2001 – Oct 2004 Studies for ordination in UFMCC. Certificate of Theology level with The Open Theological College and Samaritan College in Europe
- July 2003 'Leadership Institute for Bishops and Executives', Alban Institute
- April 2001 'Making Peace with Conflict in the Church', Mennonite Bridge Builders
- January 2001 Robert H. Schuller Institute for Successful Church Leadership and UFMCC Strategic Growth Initiative Seminar
- July 1998 Enabling Environmental Stakeholder Dialogue – six day course on consensus building, The Environment Council
- Sept 1984 - July 1985 Post Graduate Certificate in Education, Geology/Biology, University of Bath
- Oct 1981- July 1984 B.Sc. Combined Honours Degree, Geology and Industrial Management 2:2, University of Liverpool

#### Awards and Recognition

- Included in "Inspirational Women of the North East" photography exhibition, Newcastle University
- Elder's Award for Ecumenical work

#### Publications and Presentations

- **Pastor's Posting – weekly blog up to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
<http://www.northernlightsmcc.org.uk/church-blog/archives/05-2016>

Languages: English, German, French

#### Social Media Presence

- **Speaking at General Conference 2016** – Tribute to Reverend Elder Nancy Wilson  
<https://vimeo.com/176209823> (starting at 28:20)
- **Interview with Journalism students** (25 minutes in length) - 'Interview with Reverend Eggleston'  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCscKlJOJX4>
- **Twitter:** @RevEgg
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/Cecilia.Eggleston.50