

York First Church of the Brethren
Current/Suggested Names for Leadership and Ministry Team members for the
November 2, 2025 Congregational Forum

Please write in the names of church members and friends you believe would serve well in leadership at York First Church of the Brethren. The names that are listed are current Ministry Team members who have been called to that team in the past with no specific terms; terms will be established for them for the coming year. The new members called at the November Congregational Forum will be eligible to serve 3 two-year terms beginning in 2026.

***Annual Conference Delegate** – (Adult) Serves a 1-year term; Must be a church member in good standing - **Annual Conference 2026 location: Fort Wayne, IN**

Suggested candidates:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

***Leadership Team Chair/Assistant Moderator** - Must be a church member in good standing

Current: Greg Klinedinst (not eligible for re-election next year)

Suggested candidates:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Child Development Center (CDC) Ministry Team – Oversees the mission of the CDC as an outreach of the church in a Christian setting; partners with the congregation, staff and families to provide a safe and nurturing environment where children are provided a foundation for lifelong learning and emotional intelligence.

Current members: Pam Baldwin, Brittney Beckwith, Dianne Hollinger, Deb Klinedinst, Rebecca Soyke, Barry Stehr

Suggested members: Needs 3 additional team members

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Deacon Ministry Team – Cares for the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of the congregation; assists with church ordinances – communion, anointing, Love Feast, etc.

Current members: John and Mary Esther Anderson, Diane and John Gible, Deb and Greg Klinedinst, Sarah Markey, Eric Miller and Ruoxia Li, Lyn and Ralph Miller, Melanie and Jeff Miller, Marty Reigle, Kevin Wingard, Kim Witkovsky

Suggested members: Needs 3 additional team members (individual or a couple):

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Education Ministry Team – Provides opportunities and resources for study (classes/small groups) that will encourage all ages to grow in faith and understanding of the Bible and Jesus

Current members: Michele Gibbel, Diane Gible (not eligible for re-election next year), Jill McCracken, Michelle Sauder

Suggested members: Needs 1 additional team member

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Gifts Discernment Team – Oversees the gifts discernment process within the congregation; serves as a consultative group to the church leadership in calling out persons for leadership

Current members: Loretta Bachman, Nancy Jones, Kim Witkovsky, Cheryl Weyant

Suggested members: Needs 1 additional team member

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Witness Ministry Team – Direct the congregation to witness to the world through sharing the Good News, ecumenical relations, missions, justice and social action and ministry to those in need (i.e. Food Pantry, Soup Kitchen, district and denominational ministries and outreach)

Current members: John and Mary Esther Anderson, Sandi Bower, Patricia Carey, Diane Gible, Kathy Kovacs, Glenn and Anna Miller, Cheryl Weyant

Suggested members: Needs 2 additional team members

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Worship Ministry Team – In collaboration with the pastor, implements meaningful and creative worship experiences utilizing a variety of worship forms to enable all to grow in faith

Current members: Diane Gible, John Gible, Jessica Jasitt, Ben Rosenzweig, Kim Witkovsky (Joel Gibbel, Becca Miller and Rebecca Wolf are ex-officio members)

Suggested members: Needs 2 additional team members

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*Only those serving as church officers (including the Leadership Team Chair) and the Annual Conference Delegate are required to be members of the congregation. Other roles as team members do not require church membership to serve.

We appreciate your prayerful discernment of these suggested candidates for the open leadership roles. If you are unable to complete this form during the August 10 Congregation Forum, please take it with you and return it to the church office (or email your suggestions to Karen Bowman) no later than the end of the day Wednesday, August 13. If you are interested in serving, please feel free to nominate yourself to a particular team or role. Thank you!