

General Synod Local Arrangements Committee, Volunteer Captains, and over 400 other Volunteers



General Synod Local Arrangements Committee, Volunteer Captains photo

Front row: Vicki Graff, Mary Gafner, Janele Baldwin, Tom Payden*, Debbie Payden*, Tim Perkins*, and Bonnie Andrews*

Second row: Franz Rigert, Cathy Wille, Cathy Benjamin, Jane Anderson, and Ruth Schmidt

Third row: Bob Gross, Mary Gross, Bob Ullman, Julie Ullman, Chris Keadle, Carol Eschner, Debbie Hoogersteiger, Diana Pine, Jacque Billings, Cindy Helt, John Helt, and Phil Schneider

Fourth row (far back on right): Rich Pine and Art Wille

Not pictured: Rebecca and Richard Ferguson, Dale Stohre, Beth Meyer, Lance Smith, Jacoba Koppert, Ellen Kvalheim and Bill and Ann Utke

*Tom, Debbie, Tim and Bonnie served as the “Local Arrangements Committee” and were responsible for everything relating to the Conference hosting General Synod. They set up this group of volunteer captains.

In addition, the Wisconsin Conference provided over 400 volunteers for General Synod from around the state. Below is a photo of the volunteers that were present at the volunteer recognition during the 8th plenary session at Synod. You can watch the video of the [volunteer recognition at this link](#), from 27:30 to 35:30. A full list of volunteers will be available soon!



Volunteers worked around 3,000 hours at General Synod 2019 itself, but there were other volunteers who helped behind the scenes. In fact, we think you will be surprised when we’ve completed tabulating all the ways that the Wisconsin Conference pulled together to make Synod happen...look for this in a future article in the Wisconsin Conference Life!

The Synod was also served by our diligent Youth Stewards. Egann, Abe, Trenton, Allen, Caitlin, Nalani, Nevaeh and Morgan worked on the floor of the General Synod, coping and running motions from the Parliamentarian to the platform; running errands for the Moderators, Parliamentarians, and designated staff; and most noticeable during plenary sessions: assisting Delegates at the microphones. Lance Smith and Jacoba Koppert worked with the Youth Stewards throughout Synod. Many thanks to all!



List of congregations the youth stewards hail from:

Emmanuel UCC, Dousman
First Congregational UCC, Fort Atkinson
First Congregational, La Crosse
Bethel-Bethany UCC, Milwaukee
Zwingli UCC, Monticello
Swiss UCC, New Glarus
Salem UCC, Plymouth
Hope UCC, Sturgeon Bay
St. Paul's UCC, Wausau

Jacoba Koppert, Pastor UCC, Neillsville
Lance Smith, Pastor, Zwingli Monticello

Also in the photo is John Dorhauer, President and General Minister of the UCC, Cleveland