

MEET THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

During the summer meeting on June 2nd, the Presbytery of New York City elected eleven people to serve as the search committee for the next installed Presbytery Leader. Below are the photos and brief bios of the members of the search committee.

The Search Committee began its service on Saturday, July 11th, when Rev. Dr. SanDawna Gaulman Ashley conducted a full-day training and orientation for members. I ask you to pray for these wonderful servants as they begin this important journey in the life and ministry of the Presbytery of New York City.

Elder Warren McNeill, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of New York City



Elder Kent Charugundla is a Ruling Elder and a member of the Session at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. He serves as Chair of the Personnel Committee of the NYC Presbytery. He is active in several other organizations, serving as both an advisor and a board member.



Elder Nickie Christin (*Recording Secretary*) is a Ruling Elder and Trustee at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. She currently serves as co-moderator of the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.



Elder Jack Griem is a Ruling Elder at First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. He currently serves on the Presbytery's Board of Trustees and chairs its Legal Committee.



Elder Kay Lee is currently serving as the Session Clerk at Harkness Presbyterian Church in Oakland Gardens.



Elder Charmaine Massiah, CRE, serves as the Executive Lay Pastor at Bedford Central Presbyterian Church. She is a member of CMN and former PNYC Justice Advocate.



Rev. Dr. Samuel Adams Park serves as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Flushing in Queens. He has served as the Presbytery's Moderator in 2018 and on various Presbytery commissions and committees. He is committed to serving the presbytery by helping identify an Executive Presbyter who is well

suites to lead the presbytery through its ongoing revisioning process, in alignment with the vision of the Synod and the direction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



Rev. Althelia H. Pond loves the Lord and has a deep passion for worship, preaching, and service. Rev. Pond is the first African American female pastor of Mt. Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church in Harlem, New York. She has served the denomination faithfully in various leadership roles. Most recently, she serves as a commissioner to the 227th General Assembly. Rev. Pond enjoys doing puzzles of all types, music, swimming, poetry, dancing, and painting.



Rev. Dr. Daniel Rivera was ordained in New York City Presbytery in 1998. He is currently serving as Temporary Supply Pastor at First Spanish Presbyterian Church. He served as the Presbytery's Moderator in 2025.



Elder Sobhy Girgis Sadak serves as a CRE at Middle East and North Africa Evangelical Church, NYC (MENA), and currently he is the Moderator of the National Middle Eastern Presbyterian Caucus. (NMPC). He also represents NMEPC on the PCUSA Racial Equity Advocacy Committee (REAC)



Rev. Chris Shelton (*Chair*) is the pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church (BPC). He served as Moderator of PNYC in 2019. As a hymn writer, his first collection of 50 hymns, *Sing No Empty Alleluias*, was published by GIA in 2021. His hymns have been included in *Voices Together* (*the hymnal of the Mennonite Church in the US and Canada*); in the recent hymnary supplement of the Church of Scotland, *God Welcomes All*; and in publications of The Hymn Society. Before BPC, Chris served as Associate General Presbyter in the Presbytery of Hudson River.



Rev. Eric Toodles was called to ordained ministry in January 2022 to become the Interim Pastor for the Presbyterian Church of St Albans. Rev. Toodles was the Interim Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of St Albans for almost three years. Rev Toodles now serves Hollis Presbyterian Church as its Pulpit Supply Pastor two Sundays a month. Rev Toodles has served the Presbytery of New York City for a few years. Rev Toodles is currently serving the Presbytery as the Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations.