

## 2020 Nominating Committee Report

The following individuals are recommended for service on the Alliance of Baptists Board of Directors and Endorsement Council:

To a two-year term as officers

- \* Michael-Ray Mathews (C)\*, Oakland, Calif. - President (2nd term 2020-2022)
- \* Malu Fairley-Collins (C), Charlotte, N.C. - Vice-President (1st term 2020-2022)
- \* Cathy Tamsberg (C), Raleigh, N.C. - Secretary (2nd term 2020-2022)
- \* Nancy Flippin (L)\*\* , Asheville, N.C. - Treasurer (2nd term 2020-2022)

To a three-year term on the board (Class of 2023)

- \* Andrew Gardner (L), Tallahassee, Fla.
- \* Sylvia Oberle (L), Winston-Salem, N.C.
- \* Mica Togami (C), San Diego, Calif.

To a second three-year term on the board (Class of 2023)

- \* Tammerie Day (C), Hillsborough, N.C.
- \* Rob Marus (L), Washington D.C.
- \* Christine Wiley (C), Fort Washington, Md.

To a two-year term on the board (Class of 2022)

- \* Aretha Flucker (C), Houston, Texas

To a one-year term on the board

- \* Anna Burkett (L), Baltimore, Md.
- \* Darrell Hamilton II (C), Boston, Ma.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Caruthers Fletcher  
Stephanie Hamilton  
Paul C. Hayes, chairperson  
Claire Helton  
J. Lee Hill  
Stan Wilson  
Paula Clayton Dempsey, staff liaison

\*(C) indicates clergy

\*\* (L) indicates laity

**Biographical notes on those being nominated:**



**Anna Burkett** finds the convergence of her callings to peacemaking and living in relationship with others in teaching middle school Spanish. She currently lives and works in the Baltimore, Maryland metro area. She has been involved in the BPFNA - Bautistas por la paz for many years and has developed a strong sense of connection to progressive Baptist communities. She is currently a member of Woodbrook Baptist Church in Towson, Md..



**Malu Fairley-Collins** is passionate about affirming the value, worth and opportunities for all persons as created in the image of God. She serves as the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Coordinator for Caromont Health in Gastonia, N.C. CPE is an intensive experiential adult education program that teaches the fundamentals of offering spiritual and emotional support as a chaplain in a hospital setting while also helping participants deepen their identity in ministry. Malu is a Board-Certified Chaplain and an ACPE Certified Educator. In her work at Caromont, Rev. Fairley-Collins is passionate about cultivating the integral role of spiritual care in caring for the whole person. She is happily married to Ezra Fairley-Collins, co-parents one vivacious teenage son, Lyndon, and has one fur-baby Miles.



**Aretha R. Flucker** has helped drive and market the initiatives of organizations in the faith-based and public sectors for many years. She embraces a transformational leadership approach for developing leaders, re-imagining organizational leadership structures, and guiding organizations in implementing their vision. As an ordained minister, Aretha is passionate about serving within communities of faith. She has established and led a range of spiritual and faith formation programs at churches in both urban and suburban settings. By merging years of experience from other fields with ministry, she has a unique model for ministry that is practical, transformative, and visionary. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership at Boston University.



**Andrew Gardner** has been a member of the Alliance of Baptists since 2013 when he served as summer staff at Metro Baptist Church in New York City through the Alliance's Summer Communities of Service. He is the author



**Darrell R. Hamilton**, a lifelong member of the Alliance of Baptists, is a pastor and author. He holds a PhD in Divinity from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Edmond, Oklahoma, and in 2012 received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Central Oklahoma. Darrell is impassioned by the way politics and faith merge together in the Christian theological traditions of



**Sylvia Oberle** was the Executive Director for the Forsyth County, N.C. Habitat for Humanity from 2006-2016. Prior to that, she was founding director of the Center for Community Safety at Winston-Salem State University. She is a nationally recognized leader in developing effective partnerships to strengthen and stabilize communities. She is a former city editor of the Winston-Salem Journal and was also senior vice president of Fyock & Associates, a communications consulting firm. She currently provides consulting services on community engagement and public affairs for educational, healthcare, non-profit organizations, and government agencies. Sylvia is a member of congregational partner Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.



**Mica Togami** serves as the Manager of Spiritual Care and Education and the Program Director for the CPE program at Sharp Memorial Hospital in San Diego, Calif. She was endorsed by the Alliance of Baptists in 2004 and has previously served on the endorsement council. Mica holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Education, from Baylor University and a Master of Divinity from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She has previously served as chaplain in Savannah, Georgia and Honolulu, Hawaii.