

2021 Nominating Committee Report

The following individuals are nominated for service on the Alliance of Baptist Board of Directors, the Endorsing Council and CAIRN

To a second three-year term on the **Board of Directors** (Class of 2024)

*Jo Ann Alley (L) Monroe, La.

To a first three-year term on the **Board of Directors** (Class of 2024)

*Anna Burkett (L) Baltimore, Md.

*Lisa Dunson (C) Oxon Hill, Md.

*Darrell Hamilton (C) New York City

*Jody Joyner (L), Austin, Texas

*Mark Penn, (C) Fla.

To a second three-year term on the **Endorsing Council** (Class of 2024)

Russell Davis, Charlottesville, Va.

Liz Harris-Lamkin, Atlanta, Ga.

Clergy Affiliate Information Resource Network (CAIRN)

Eric Cain, Lumberton, N.C., chair (1-year-term)

Board liaison (1-year-term)

Mimi Walker, Atlanta, Ga. (2-year-term)

TBD (2-year-term)

Constance Arthur, Ga. (3-year-term)

Liz Harris Lamkin, Endorsing Council representative (3-year-term)

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ballard, Kershaw, S.C., chair

Lisa Dunson, Oxon Hill, Md.

J. Lee Hill, San Diego, Calif.

Lisset Rhodes, Tucker, Ga.

Stan Wilson, Black Mountain, N.C.

Carole Collins, Staff Liaison

Paula Clayton Dempsey, Staff Liaison

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*(C) indicates clergy

*(L) indicates laity

Biographical notes on those being nominated:



Jo Ann Alley is a general surgeon in a practice in Monroe, La., where she is an active member of congregational partner Northminster Church. A long-term supporter of the Alliance, she has traveled to visit ministry partners in Cuba and has filled a leadership role at Baptist Youth Camp, a weeklong summer camp program of a community of Alliance congregational partners.



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, MD metro area. She has been involved in the BPFNA-Bautista por la paz for many years and has developed a strong sense of connection to progressive Baptist communities. She is currently a member of the Woodbrook Baptist Church in Towson, MD.



Lisa Dunson serves as an Associate Minister at Covenant Baptist UCC in Washington, DC, where she has served in several leadership roles. Lisa received her Master of Divinity from The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. She has 25 years of experience in the travel industry and is currently employed as a Compliance Analyst with Airlines Reporting Corporation in Arlington, VA. Lisa believes that there is a designated seat at the table for all of God's children regardless of the isms, phobias and prejudices that so easily separate us.



Darrell R. Hamilton II is a graduate of Wake Forest School of Divinity where he attained his Master of Divinity degree in May 2017. Darrell is originally from Edmond, OK and in 2021 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 justice and liberations. Furthermore, Darrell believes that through the Christian values and ideals of diversity and inclusiveness, advocacy for the vulnerable and marginalized, the Christian tradition has within itself the means necessary to inspire our nation and world toward greater justice and love for all. He currently serves as pastor of formation and outreach at congregational partner First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Mass.



Jody Joyner is a hardware design engineer with the IBM Corporation in Austin, TX. He has a B.S and M.S. in electrical engineering from The University of Texas. He is an active member of University Baptist Church where he has served as a deacon, on the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Search Committee. He has a love of basketball and currently serves as the Board Chair of the 501c3 Austin Gay Basketball League.



Mark A Penn has a background in ministry and education with a degree from Moody Bible Institute in Pastoral Training and Christian Education, a Master of Education degree from Indiana University of PA and a Master of Divinity degree from the Virginia Union University Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. For 25 years he served as a counselor and administrator in the Fairfax, Virginia school system. Before his retirement, he was an active member of the Ravensworth Baptist Church, Annandale, VA, where he became aware of the Alliance, participated in the Justice in Palestine effort, chaired the Education Commission, preached and served in several other capacities. Mark has moved to Florida in his retirement with a goal of doing ministry in the area of justice and equality.



Russell Haden Davis serves as Professor and the Rev. Robert B. Lantz Chair of the Department of Patient Counseling in the College of Health Professions at Virginia Commonwealth University and as Director of Pastoral Care, VCU Health in Richmond, Virginia. He holds a BA from the University of Virginia (Psychology), and an MDiv, STM, and PhD from the Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York (Psychiatry and Religion). He is certified as an ACPE Certified Educator by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. He is the author of *Freud's Concept of Passivity* (International Universities Press) and has published articles and chapters in the area of psychiatry and religion, religion and health, and in Kierkegaard studies.



Liz Harris-Lamkin is a retired healthcare chaplain that served Piedmont Atlanta Hospital from 1998 to 2020. Liz served as an Air National Guard chaplain for 22 years, serving at Joint Base Andrews, MD and later as Wing Chaplain at Robins AFB, GA. Before retiring in 2017, Liz deployed four times in her career. Liz is a member of The Northside Drive Baptist Church in Atlanta. The Alliance of Baptists has been her associational home for Baptist life and endorsement for many years.