

CANDIDATE PROFILES

MA Executive Committee & CoMS Ballot
MWC Ministerial Association Annual Meeting
April 24, 2021



Ministerial Association (MA) Executive Committee



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

*Jon Black**, Countryside Covenant Church, McPherson, KS
Position: Chair

Jon Black has served as the Lead Pastor of Countryside Covenant Church, McPherson, KS, since 2006. He has celebrated 31 years of marriage to his wife, Lynn. They have raised three children and are enjoying the empty nest. Together, they have served on three different church staffs for most of their married life. For exercise and recreation, Jon enjoys taking walks with Lynn and playing tennis with men from the community on a couple of mornings each week. Jon has served the Midwest Conference and the Covenant denomination on various boards. Jon served for three terms on the Executive Board for the Midwest Conference. Most recently, he completed his first term as the Chair of the Midwest Conference Ministerium.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Julie Chamberlain, Decorah Covenant Church, Decorah, IA
Position: Vice Chair

Julie Chamberlain serves as Pastor of Worship and Connections at Decorah Covenant Church, in Decorah, IA, where she lives with her husband and two sons. She loves to equip and encourage people as they pursue the fullness of Christ's calling on their lives through deeper dependence on the Holy Spirit. You can usually find her at the coffee shop, in the bleachers, or out in the woods.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Scott Parr, Christ Community Covenant Church, Arvada, CO
Position: Secretary

Scott Parr is Pastor of Family and Mission at Christ Community Covenant Church in Arvada, CO, where he has served for 7 years. He spent 16 years in youth ministry before moving into an emphasis in family ministry and missions. He graduated from Fuller Seminary with an MDiv in 2013, was ordained to Word and Sacrament in the ECC in 2019, and has an honorary degree in Engineering Weird Ministry Projects (just kidding...but he should). He and his wife, Becki, have three sons, ages 11, 9, and 5.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2022)†

Heather Perkins, The Journey, Wichita, KS
Position: Treasurer

Heather Perkins serves bi-vocationally as the Associate Pastor at The Journey in Wichita, KS. She attended North Park Seminary and was ordained in 2018. She is also employed by the Community Engagement Institute at Wichita State University where she serves as the Director of Operations and Finance. She and her husband, Glen, have an adult son and a cat with an attitude.

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Committee on Ministerial Standing (CoMS)



FOUR-YEAR TERM (2025)

Mary Rowlands, Chaplain, Heartland Hospice, Overland Park, KS

Mary Rowlands is a native of Kansas City and has had the great joy of serving as a chaplain with Heartland Hospice for the last 10+ years. She has found it a most amazing ministry where she gets to see the Lord at work in the lives of patients and their loved ones in a most tender season of life. Before moving to hospice, she served 11 ½ years as the Pastor of Congregational Care with Hillcrest Covenant in Prairie Village, KS, and is currently a member of Community Covenant in Lenexa, KS. Mary received her MDiv in 2002 from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City and was ordained to Word and Sacrament in the ECC in 2009. In 2012, she completed the Spiritual Direction certificate at North Park and absolutely loves being able to companion people as they seek to deepen their own journey of faith with Jesus. Mary's sister and best friend, Janet, serves with Pioneers International and is presently in Chiang Mai, Thailand. They have usually been able to get together for Christmas each year; however, right now, they're just hugely grateful to live in the age of FaceTime and looking forward to getting together again in person as soon as they can.



FIVE-YEAR TERM (2026)

James Choi, Chaplain, Covenant Living of Colorado, Westminster, CO

James Choi, a native of Seoul, Korea, is an ordained minister and has been endorsed by the ECC since 1993. James has served as chaplain at Covenant Living of Colorado since 2018. He served as the pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Bowie, MD (2013-2018) and a hospice chaplain in the MD/VA area (2011–2018). Prior to serving in hospice, James retired from the US Army after serving as a Chaplain for over twenty years. He also taught as an adjunct professor at the Washington University in Virginia (WUV), Annandale, VA. James received his bachelor's degree in Korea and earned his MDiv (1992) and MA in Christian Education (1994) from North Park Theological Seminary. He also completed coursework for the Doctor of Ministry program at Denver Seminary. James served as an elected member of the Board of the Ordered Ministry for the ECC and completed his five-year term in 2017. He also served as a CoMS member for the East Coast Conference in 2016 and 2017. James and his wife of thirty-seven years, Cynthia, have three grownup children, Sam, Andrew, Danielle, a daughter-in-law, Lexi, and two grandchildren, Myles and Sophia.

*incumbent

†appointed to term in 2020 in absence of Annual Ministry Celebration