

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, we place the following slate into nomination to serve as Officers of POAMN and Members of the Executive Committee:

### Conference Co-Chair – Adrienne Knight



Adrienne is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, MD, where she serves as the lead for the Worship and Media Ministry. She is the former Moderator for the Baltimore Presbytery, and was recently installed as the Moderator for the Presbytery Women of Baltimore. In her “spare time” she likes to play in dirt. Covid-19 has given her time to create a flower garden. She is also a member of the Green Team at the church and the church neighborhood.

### Member at Large – Linda Rauenbuehler

My husband, Ted and I live in Henderson, Nevada where we moved following his retirement from the military in 1997. We just celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and share our home with our two special cats, Wendy and Xena. In our spare time, we love to travel. I have been to all 50 states and 16 foreign countries. We have gotten hooked on Roads Scholar trips as we like the education that they provide. I also love to cross-stitch and read. I am a semi-retired public and school librarian. Four years ago, I began working weekends and Monday nights as a reference librarian at Boulder City Library which I thoroughly enjoy.

The summer of 2014 is when I first found POAMN while I was exploring around on the internet. I had just retired from the school district. Upon retirement, I knew that I wanted to work with senior citizens. At that time, I was finishing up my last few months of serving as the Moderator of the Deacons, which I had been doing for 4 years. I discussed with my pastor a need that I saw, which was to give our senior citizens some extra attention in addition to that which they received from their Deacons. My special concern was keeping our shut-ins connected to the church. A few months later, I was added to our church staff in a volunteer position of Director of Senior Adult Ministries. Two years ago, that volunteer position turned into a part-time, paid position of Director of Congregational Care at Green Valley Presbyterian Church in Henderson, Nevada. I am so blessed to have two part-time jobs which make me feel that I am doing just what God needs me to be doing right now.

In 2017, I was given the opportunity to serve as Membership Chair for POAMN and I am happy to continue for another 3-year term. Through POAMN, I have been able to connect with a wonderful network of people, around the country, who also have a special interest in older adult ministry.

## **POAMN LIAISON TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

The person to fill this position will be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. The Liaison will serve for a two-year term and may be reconfirmed to serve two (2) additional consecutive terms.

### **GA Liaison - Rev. Douglas E. Kurtz**

In 1998, Doug became President and CEO of United Adult Ministries (UAM), which is an older adult ministry of the Presbytery of New York City, the Presbytery of Long Island, the Regional Synod of New York and the Reformed Church in America. Doug leads an organization which serves the needs of older adults throughout the five boroughs of New York City and Long Island. UAM currently serves more than 3,000 clients with services from housing to personal emergency response services. Located in Flushing, NY, Flushing House was built in 1974. It is the UAM's flagship organization, home to over 300 older adults. Prior to joining UAM in 1998, Doug served as an Administrator of several nursing homes and has overseen executive directors of Continuing Care Retirement Communities as well as the directors of 18 HUD housing communities. Before moving into Health Care Administration, Doug served as an Ordained Minister of Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Western New York, Western Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England. As a Pastor, he led his congregations and colleagues in programs geared directly to meeting the needs of the community in which he served. Rev. Kurtz continues to serve as Stated Supply Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Fords, New Jersey, a position he has treasured since 1998! Doug has served in several positions on the Executive Committee of Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network, including Past President. Doug received a Bachelor's Degree from Grove City College in Western Pennsylvania, a Master's from Gordon Conwell in Massachusetts, and has taken Doctoral level courses in Non-Profit Administration from McCormick in Chicago. He holds Nursing Home Administrator's licenses in both New Jersey and New York. Doug's philosophy of leadership shines through in his response to the question: What makes Flushing House so special? He replied, "Our employees consider their work here as a calling, not just a job. It's the employees' philosophy which helps make the Flushing House tagline a reality, "Celebrate living every day".