

**Nominating Committee Report  
Presbytery of Boston  
Assembly Meeting  
March 18, 2021**

**MOTION:** That the nominees be elected as a slate. If there is a nomination from the floor, that position will be removed from the slate and the election will be by ballot.

The Nominating Committee presents the following nominees:

- Tanya Adams (RE-Clinton): Synod Mission & Ministries Commissioner, 2022
- Virginia Coakley (TE): Deacon, 2023
- Trina Portillo (TE-Burlington): Vice Moderator, 2021
- Tom Reid (TE-Validated Ministry): Committee on Representation, 2023

**OTHER NOTES:**

The Nominating Committee is still seeking: Presbytery Deacon, Class of 2022 (partial-term); YAAD Synod Commissioner, Class of 2022; Committee on Representation, one vacancy for Class of 2023. Please contact Sarah Hathaway, chair of nominating committee, at [sarah.hathaway811@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.hathaway811@gmail.com) or (858) 336-3041 if you're interested in learning more about these vacancies for yourself or for someone who you think would serve well in any of these positions.

**BIOS:**

**Tanya Adams (RE-Clinton): Synod Mission & Ministries Commissioner, 2022**

I have been attending Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Massachusetts since approximately 2006, became a member in 2008, and currently serve on the Board of Deacons as its Secretary. I served as a mentor to the Confirmation class which graduated June 2020. Other projects that I have been involved with at the Presbyterian Church in Clinton are: outreach team and collaborating with Diaper Pantry which serves local communities including Clinton; began the Prayer Shawl ministry in 2008, which gives prayer shawls to those who are ill, going through traumatic experiences, have a new addition to family, recent graduates (high school and college) and anyone who may need a hug and reminder that he/she is loved and prayed for; unofficial ministry of arts and crafts which includes assisting with decorations for Pentecost, Christmas, Children's Sunday, and other occasions as needed; served on 125th Anniversary Planning Committee for the Presbyterian Church in Clinton in 2018. As point of contact for Presbyterian Women in Presbytery of Boston, I am working to re-engage the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Boston by creating a PW email list to inform and update regarding PW activities and events. I also submit information and reminders to the Presbytery of Boston newsletter. In July 2020, I was nominated and accepted as Secretary of the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast. I am a member of Sisters Stand and Walk Together class. I was recently Ordained as a Ruling Elder (Feb 7, 2021) at Presbyterian Church in Clinton and am newly representing Presbytery of Boston on the Mission and Ministries Commission in the Synod of the Northeast. I am looking forward to serving on this Commission.

**Virginia Coakley (TE): Deacon, 2023**

Rev. Virginia “Ginny” Coakley is an Ordained Teaching Elder in the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) and a member at large of the Presbytery of Boston. She was ordained by the POB in 2015 in Worcester, MA where she served as an Associate Chaplain/Director of Protestant and ALANA Ministries at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, for nine years. She left campus ministry to serve as a Transitional Pastor at the First United Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, MA. After completing her year-long contract, she relocated to rural upstate New York where she served as an Installed Solo Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Dryden. She is very glad to be back in Massachusetts, she is currently working in an area not for profit, supporting women and men living with AIDS or who are HIV+ to ensure they are living as successful lives as possible.

Virginia has been involved in ministry in various capacities for many years. In addition to serving as Pastor and Campus Minister, her service includes Coordinator of Missions and Evangelism, Coordinator of Prison Ministry, Youth Minister and Pastoral Counselor at parishes in Dorchester, Roxbury and Cambridge, MA. Her passions are preaching, teaching, and missions. She has participated in service and missions’ trips to El Salvador, Brazil, and St. Kitts, West Indies. She is also interested in cultivating good leaders in the church and beyond and participated in an 8-day Global Transformational Leadership Summit in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

Virginia is a graduate of Boston University School of Theology class of 2006; she holds a Master of Divinity Degree. Her undergraduate degree is from Lesley University; she holds a Bachelor of Science in Human Service, Specializing in Counseling Psychology. She currently resides in Brighton, MA.

**Trina Portillo (TE-Burlington): Vice-Moderator, 2021**

Rev. Trina Portillo is the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Burlington, where she was installed in February of 2018. She has also served the Presbytery on the Committee for Congregational Support and Development and Presbytery Council, as well as the Board for the Young Adult Volunteer Program. She has recently begun a DMin program through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in the Risking Faithfully cohort. Trina attended Presbyterian-affiliated institutions of higher education, The College of Wooster in Ohio, and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. She has served on the staff of large churches, at Second Pres Indianapolis and Fourth Pres Chicago, and on small churches, as the temporary supply pastor of Lakeside Presbyterian in Rochester, NY. Trina lives in Framingham with her husband and daughter. She enjoys a variety of arts and cultural opportunities. When not engaged in ministry or family activities, Trina enjoys singing in a community choir, taking walks in nature, watching movies, and trying new kinds of cuisine.

**Tom Reid (TE-Validated Ministry): Committee on Representation, 2023**

Rev. Tom Reid is the associate director of the Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership of Hebrew College in Newton Centre, MA. Ordained to validated ministry at the end of January 2021, Tom continues to be involved with Church of the Covenant in the Back Bay where his husband, David is a member. Before changing careers to ordained ministry, Tom spent

over ten years working in a variety of fields including: clean energy in Boston, environmental and green building consulting in Boston and Dubai, and business education in Madrid, Spain.

Originally from Kansas, Tom holds a BA with honors from the University of Kansas in Environmental Studies, Latin American Studies, and Spanish, an MA in Contemporary European Politics, Policy, and Society funded by a Fulbright grant to the European Union, and an MDiv from Boston University School of Theology with a certificate in Religion and Conflict Transformation.

*Respectfully submitted by Sarah Hathaway, Nominating Committee Chair*