

Our Moderator and Vice-Moderator Elect for 2023

Elder Zandra Maffett, Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia



Elder Zandra Maffett has been a member of Valley Forge Presbyterian Church, King of Prussia, PA, since 1978. In that time she has served as a member of the Long -Term Vision Committee, as well as Chair of the Mission Committee. In addition to serving as a Sunday School teacher, she has participated on church mission trips to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance host sites in Pearlinton, MS and Towanda, PA. She grew up in Philadelphia as a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church where she was active in many youth activities and has fond memories of the Presbyterian Camp, Pennington Island. Elder Maffett has been active at the presbytery level, serving on the Committee on Nominations and on several administrative commissions. Her commitment to the national church has included serving as a General Assembly commissioner

and participating in international delegations to Zambia and Israel. Currently she serves as co-chair of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee and is a National Disaster Response Volunteer. In her community she is a Board Member of Theatre Horizon, a non- profit actors equity theatre in Norristown. And, she has volunteered in Mozambique and Haiti.

She is the proud mother of three adult sons; and enjoys reading, attending live ballet and theatre, international travel and collecting African American Art.

Elder Jim Ballengee, Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia



Elder Jim Ballengee grew up as a member of Ardmore Presbyterian Church and joined Arch Street Presbyterian Church in the first class of Elders in 2009 as the church began to grow again. He has served on Session for 8 years at Arch Street Presbyterian Church in addition to roles on Personnel, Nominating and Mission and Outreach. He is completing his sixth year on the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry – the last 2 ½ years as Moderator of the group.

Jim also serves on the Administrative Commission for New River Presbyterian Church and on the Community Advisory Council as well. He was a Commissioner to General Assembly at St. Louis in 2018.

In the city of Philadelphia, Jim is a Board member of The Christopher Ludwick Foundation, serves on the Board of Historic Rittenhouse Town and was one of the founding Board members of St. James School. He also was instrumental in the establishment of The Center of Public Purpose at William Penn Charter School – enabling students to go deeper into issues of education, food insecurity and poverty.

He is married to Elaine, has three grown daughters and two grandchildren. In any spare time remaining, he enjoys reading and hiking and is obsessed with crossing the Grand Canyon on foot.