



## Board of Administration Nominee

# Larry Roberts

**Region:** South (Bishop Keith)

**Conference:** Southeast Region Conference

**Elder or Lay person:** Lay person

**Job Title and Employer:**

President – KMTR Television

**Church:** Cornerstone Free Methodist, St. Peterburg, FL

**Local Church Ministry:**

I teach Sunday School and chair the Finance Committee of the BOA

**Conference and/or General Church Ministry:**

I'm currently vice-chair of the Southeast Region Annual Conference BOA. From 1995-2012 I served on the national BOA, the final nine years as chair. I resigned from the national BOA in the fall of 2012 to serve as the FMC-USA's first-ever Chief Operating Officer. I did that for five years and perhaps met you during that time at one of our E-2 or E-3 Bishops' events, where I spoke about "keeping you out of jail" ... the legal issues of running a church. My videos for church treasurers on that topic are still on the FMC-USA web-site ... <https://legal.fmcusa.org/resources/abcs-of-church-finance> . I retired from the COO role 12/31/19.

**Community Ministry:**

I currently serve on the Board of Trustees of Seattle Pacific University and Central Christian College of Kansas, both Free Methodist schools. Also on the

board of directors of Heritage Ministries (founded by Free Methodists in 1886, owning 14 senior living communities), Chicago's Olive Branch Mission (founded by Free Methodists in 1868), and for 21 years on the board of the Free Methodist Foundation, currently as chair of the Loan Committee. I previously served as chair of The Immigration Alliance – five denominations' source of free legal advice for immigrants.

**Additional Qualifications:**

My "tent-making" for over 50 years has been as a broadcaster. My wife, Sheryl and I still own three NBC television stations in Oregon. But my life belongs to Jesus. All I have is His. And I've been blessed to get to serve Him through the Free Methodist Church since 1971. I also got to pastor two Free Methodist Churches while at the same time owning radio or TV stations. In Pueblo, Colorado the church grew from 15 to 70 during that year (1983-'84) and over 30 people gave their lives to Jesus. And in Boise, Idaho (2011-'12) the church grew from 267 (first month) to 405 (last month). Most importantly, over 100 people accepted Jesus, more than 50 were baptized, and over 30 adults became members. You're right. I'm old. But God is not finished with me yet, and I want more than anything else to serve Him wherever He directs.