



Board of Administration Nominee

Pastor Julie Gray

Region: West (Bishop Matt)

Conference: The River Conference

Elder or Lay person: Elder

Job Title and Employer:

Phoenix Life Church & The River Conference

Church: Phoenix Life Church

Local Church Ministry:

Pastor Julie leads the most diverse church in The River Conference. Located in Phoenix, Arizona, Phoenix Life Church has a congregation that includes people from many countries and tribes: Central African, Japanese, Hispanic, Indian, Navajo, and Anglo.

Conference and/or General Church Ministry:

Pastor Gray currently serves on TRC's MAC and Nominating Committee. She is also the Arizona District Leader, representing the Supt. to the pastors and churches at the state level. She serves on the Wesleyan Holiness Connection Steering Committee, appointed by the Board of Bishops to represent the FMC. Previously, Pastor Julie served in the PNW Conference on the Nominating Committee (Chair), and in the Wabash Conferences as Growth Group Leader, and reserve delegate to General Conference, and denominationally, as the FMC representative on the Board of the Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy, where she served as president from 2018-2020.

Community Ministry:

Pastor Gray is part of the Acoma Block Watch and hosts the regular meetings at Phoenix Life. She also participates in gatherings of local pastors, and is part of the prayer canopy that coordinates churches around the state to cover the city and state of Arizona in prayer 24/7.

Additional Qualifications:

Pastor Julie Gray is a Free Methodist lifer. Her knowledge, experience, and connections have proven to be invaluable to TRC. Working in diverse settings has equipped her to understand complex contexts and advocate for people on the margins. Love compels her to come up with creative solutions for complicated issues. Her heart for people and the Lord is evident, and her strong administrative gifts help the Bride of Christ shine. In 33 years of multi-ethnic ministry, Pastor Julie served as: Worship Pastor, Ministry Pastor (coordinated leadership and partnership of all ministries, including budgets, leadership, policy compliance), Executive Pastor, and Lead Pastor. She is passionate about leading the Church to fulfill its life-transforming mission in the world, representing the integrity, beauty, and power of Christ.