

Meet the NPUC Nominated Leaders for 2026-2030

New leaders for the North Pacific Union Conference are nominated and elected every five years.

The North American Division executive leadership team chairs the process for the combined NPUC executive committee and nominating committee, which includes two added representatives from each conference.

Prayer and spiritual reflection were intentionally woven throughout the nominating process, beginning with an organizing Zoom meeting in April, continuing with an in-person meeting in May and concluding with a follow-up Zoom meeting in June.

The NPUC nominating committee is recommending the following individuals to serve as officers of the North Pacific Union Conference for the 2026–2030 quinquennium:

- President: **Doug Bing**, Washington Conference president.
- Vice president for administration / Secretary: **Erik VanDenburgh**, Hawaii Conference president.
- Vice president for finance / Treasurer: **Jeff Fogelquist**, renominated.
- Vice president for education: **Keith Hallam**, renominated.
- Vice president for Hispanic ministries: **Peter Simpson**, renominated.
- Vice president for regional ministries: **EuGene Lewis**, renominated.

Department directors, associate directors and assistant directors will be appointed during the first NPUC executive committee meeting of the 2026–2030 term, when the committee convenes in September 2026.

The following biographies introduce the nominees for the NPUC executive leadership team.



Doug Bing, president nominee

Bing is regarded as a relational, consensus-building leader committed to prayerful leadership, church growth, outreach and mentoring young adults.

Bing began his pastoral ministry in Omaha, Nebraska, as a youth and young adult pastor. He went on to pastor an academy campus church and a large metro church in Kansas. His tenure in conference leadership for Washington Conference began in 2001 when he was invited to serve as ministerial director. In 2002, he was elected vice president for administration in 2002 and then elected president of Washington Conference in 2016.

He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University, along with bachelor's degrees in theology and accounting from Union College. While attending Union College, he spent a year in Indonesia as a student missionary.

Bing is supported in ministry by his wife, Wilma, whose ministry experience includes educational leadership, pastoral ministry and women's ministries. Their family includes three married adult children and three grandchildren.



Erik VanDenburgh, vice president for administration nominee

VanDenburgh is recognized for energetic leadership, creative vision and a strong commitment to developing young leaders in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Raised in Walla Walla, Washington, he developed an early passion for aviation that later led him to serve as a missionary pilot and mechanic in Venezuela.

In 2004, he joined Arizona Conference as Literature Ministries director and associate youth director before becoming youth director in 2006.

In 2014, he accepted a call to serve as Hawaii Conference youth director and, in 2022, was appointed president of Hawaii Conference. He is married to Jana and they have three sons.



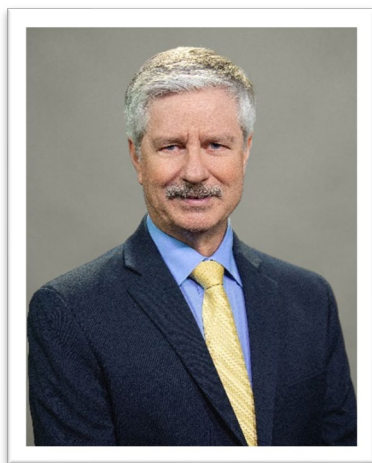
Jeff Fogelquist, vice president for finance / chief finance officer nominee

Fogelquist was appointed vice president for finance / chief finance officer in 2025 and is renominated in 2026 to continue in this role. He brings experience in financial leadership, software implementation, and financial training for church and conference treasury teams across the North American Division.

Raised in a pastor's family in the Pacific Northwest, Fogelquist developed an early appreciation for ministry, stewardship and mission. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with emphases in accounting and finance from Union College and later completed a Master of Business Administrator from Andrews University.

He began his career at Washington Conference as a two-year business intern and staff accountant before serving for five years as associate treasurer and property manager. Fogelquist then joined the North American Division team, where he spent 10 years helping implement the Adventist Accounting Software International, Church Treasury System and School Treasury System throughout the division.

Fogelquist and his wife, Shari, have three young children.



Keith Hallam, vice president for education nominee

Hallam was elected vice president for education in 2022 and is renominated in 2026 to continue in this role. He has provided steady leadership for Adventist education across the North Pacific Union Conference.

Hallam's experience includes teaching at Wisconsin Academy and serving as principal of Enterprise Academy and Auburn Adventist Academy. He also served Potomac Conference as vice president for education before joining

Southern Union Conference as associate director of secondary education and later director of education.

Hallam earned a bachelor's degree in education from Walla Walla University and a master's degree in education from Andrews University. He and his wife, Kandyce, have three adult children and five grandchildren.



Peter Simpson, vice president for Hispanic Ministries nominee

Simpson joined the North Pacific Union Conference in 2024 as vice president for Hispanic ministries and ministerial director and is renominated in 2026 to continue in this role. He has provided leadership for Hispanic Ministries through evangelism caravans that have resulted in hundreds of baptisms and renewed momentum for local church outreach and growth.

Prior to joining NPUC, Simpson served Ohio Conference for 10 years as multilingual ministries coordinator and director of church planting and evangelism. His 35 years of ministry experience included service as a district pastor, seminary professor, department leader and conference president in multiple countries throughout Central America.

Early in his ministry, Simpson served seven years as a district pastor to 26 congregations among indigenous communities in remote areas of Nicaragua, where his ministry resulted in thousands of baptisms.

He credits his passion for mission and his clear vision for evangelism to his Cuban missionary parents who served God in Managua, Nicaragua. The whole family considers themselves to be missionaries.

Simpson holds degrees in theology, missiology and pastoral ministry. He and his wife, Carolina, share a passion for mission and ministry. Their two adult sons serve in ministry and media leadership roles.



EuGene Lewis, vice president for Regional Ministries nominee

Lewis accepted an invitation to serve as vice president for regional ministries in January 2025 and is renominated in 2026 to continue in this role. He brings extensive pastoral and administrative experience, along with deep roots in ministry throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Lewis previously served in both Upper Columbia Conference and Washington Conference, where he built a long record of

ministry leadership and service particularly at Emerald City Community Church in Seattle.

He earned a Master of Arts in pastoral ministry from Andrews University and a bachelor's degree in theology with a minor in history from Oakwood University. He also earned an associate degree in political science from Los Angeles Southwest College, completed leadership and supervisory training through the U.S. Air Force, and holds certification in moral reconnection therapy from the Washington State Department of Corrections.

He is supported in ministry by his wife, Johnnette M. Lewis; his sons, Eugene J. Lewis and Alexander B. Lewis; and his grandson, Brandon G. Lewis.