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Dear Christian Friends:

The Nominating Committee has concluded its assigned responsibilities as stated by the SNEC Constitution & Bylaws.

Enclosed please find three documents for your review and consideration in preparation for the Constituency Session meeting on September 11, 2022.

The first is the official report of the Nominating Committee as well as the resumes of Elder Robert Folkenberg and Mrs. Audrey Folkenberg.

The committee would like the delegates to have a clearer picture of these two individuals along with their experience and qualifications, as they are being nominated for service on a significant level and may not be as well known to the delegates as the other nominees who are from within the conference. Secondarily, the nominating committee made an official vote and recommendation to nominate the following to a full four-year term.

As stated in the SNEC Constitution & Bylaws, delegates may have an opportunity to express their viewpoints to the Nominating Committee. Therefore, those who wish to speak to the Committee may call or send an email to the Nominating Committee Chairman, Pierre Omeler, at the Atlantic Union Conference office; 978-368-8333 or pomeler@atlanticunion.org.

In His Service,

Cesar Perozo
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**Southern New England Conference
Nominating Committee Report
September 11, 2022**

Administration

Position	Nominee
President	Robert Folkenberg Jr.
Executive Secretary	Edgardo Herrera
Treasurer	Thomas W. Murray

Departmental Directors

Position	Nominee
Association Board Secretary	To Be Assigned
Adventist Book Center	Luz Rodriguez
Education Superintendent	Referred to Executive Committee
Ministerial/Evangelism Director	Kenroy Malcolm
Planned Giving/Stewardship	Audrey Ann Folkenberg
Youth/Family/NSO Director	Daniel Velez
Community Services Director	Frankie Vazquez-Nenadich

Executive Committee

Constitutionally Mandated by Position	Position
Robert Folkenberg Jr. (Nominee)	Conference President, Ex-Officio
Edgardo Herrera (Nominee)	Conference Secretary, Ex-Officio
Thomas W. Murray (Nominee)	Conference Treasurer, Ex-Officio
Edgardo Herrera (Nominee)	Chair, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Ex-Officio
Pierre Omeler	Union President, Ex-Officio

Nominee	Region	Congregation		Position
Mariyan Montague	Central Mass	College	English	Layperson
Yaliza Rodriguez	Central Mass	Clinton Spanish	Spanish	Teacher
Natalie Battle	Central Mass	Bethel Haitian	Haitian	Layperson
Charles Boamong	Central Mass	New England/Providence/Lakeview	Ghanaian	Pastor
Rose Dawkins	Central Mass	College	English	Layperson
Kleber Hernandez	Central Mass	Lancaster Brazilian	Portuguese	Pastor
Nathan Arbouet	Central Mass	Bethel Haitian	Haitian	Layperson
<i>Gilberto Caraballo Jr. (ALTERNATE)</i>	<i>Central Mass</i>	<i>Crosswalk Clinton</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Layperson</i>
Lionnys A. Infante St. Natus	CT/West MA	Bridgeport Spanish	Spanish	Layperson
Jean Parisien	CT/West MA	Hartford Bethel/Bethany/Shekinah/ Jerusalem/Nouvelle Jerusalem	Haitian	Pastor
Marjaine Drayson	CT/West MA	Warren	English	Teacher

Juan Matias-Muniz	CT/West MA	Meriden Spanish	Spanish	Layperson
Josue Casildo	CT/West MA	Danbury-Bethel	English	Layperson
J. Brian Gonzalez	Greater Boston	Amesbury/Haverhill/Lowell All Nations	English	Pastor
Zachary Neptune	Greater Boston	Dedham Temple	Haitian	Layperson
Robert Carruthers	Greater Boston	Stoneham Memorial	English	Layperson
Reitumetse Pulermo	Greater Boston	Boston Temple	English	Layperson
Bright Foo	Greater Boston	Greater Boston Chinese	Chinese	Layperson
<i>Attah Adjei-Boateng (ALTERNATE)</i>	<i>Greater Boston</i>	<i>Greater Boston Ghanaian</i>	<i>Ghanaian</i>	<i>Layperson</i>
Maria Almonte	RI/SE Mass	Providence Spanish	Spanish	Layperson
Charles Case, Jr.	RI/SE Mass	Cape Cod	English	Layperson
Adilson De Pina	RI/SE Mass	Pawtucket CV/Taunton CV/Arise CV	Cape Verdean	Pastor

Association Board

Constitutionally Mandated by Position		Position	
Robert Folkenberg Jr. (Nominee)		Conference President	
To Be Assigned		Association Secretary	
Edgardo Herrera (Nominee)		Conference Secretary	
Thomas W. Murray (Nominee)		Conference Treasurer	
Nominee	Region	Congregation	Position
Gina Plata-Nino	Central Mass	Fitchburg	English Layperson
Carlos Pimentel	Central Mass	Lancaster Brazilian	Portuguese Layperson
Hector Valdes	Central Mass	Leominster Spanish	Spanish Layperson
Roger Oetman Sr.	Central Mass	College Church	English Layperson
Vagner Bonfim Neves	Central Mass	Worcester Portuguese	Portuguese Layperson
Jean-Carl Chatelain	Greater Boston	Peniel Haitian	Haitian Layperson
Sam Shum	Greater Boston	Greater Boston Chinese	Chinese Pastor
Jesus Arocho	Greater Boston	Boston Spanish	Spanish Layperson
Randie A. Almonte	RI/SE Mass	Providence Spanish	Spanish Layperson
Steven Sikora	CT/West MA	Danbury-Bethel	English Layperson
Dawnette A. Wallace	RI/SE Mass	Lincoln	English Layperson

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Constitutionally Mandated by Position		Position	
Edgardo Herrera (Nominee)		Chair, Conference Secretary, Ex-Officio	
Ted Huskins		Union Secretary, Ex-Officio	
Nominee	Region	Congregation	Position
Dulcie Lawrence	Central Mass	Fitchburg	English Layperson
Jethro Jean Baptiste	Central Mass	Village	English Layperson
Ralph Gifford III	Central Mass	College	English Layperson
Johanna Viteri	Central Mass	Gardner Spanish	Spanish Layperson
Fariola B. Jahollari	Central Mass	Worcester Portuguese	Portuguese Layperson
James Hakes	CT/West MA	Quinebaug / Worcester	English Pastor
Juan Ricardo Soler Nunez	CT/West MA	Holyoke Spanish	Spanish Layperson
Deslyn Dawkins	RI/SE Mass	Harmony	English Layperson
<i>Luis Gregorio (ALTERNATE)</i>	<i>Central Mass</i>		<i>Layperson</i>



Robert Folkenberg, Jr.

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PROFESSIONAL PARADIGM

Known for integrity, transparency, spirituality, and a strong track record of creating momentum for growth that springs from a multi-generational, multi-ethnic ministry.

EDUCATION

1987 - **Southern Adventist University**

B.A. Religion; Secondary Education Certification
Business Minor; Biblical Languages Minor

1989 - **Andrews University**

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

2001 - **Andrews University**

Doctor of Ministry in Church Growth and Evangelism

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2013 - Present - President - Chinese Union Mission

- Provide leadership for the 485,000 members across China who worship in over 4,200 churches.
- Worked to address factionalism by creating platforms for dialogue among various leaders across our territory and helping to turn the focus on our end-time mission.
- Coordinated Union-wide evangelism and Kingdom Growth focus which doubled previous years' baptisms
- Led in strong church-planting focus in which over 300 churches have been planted over the past 8 years.
- Developed a now AAA-accredited seminary for training church leaders in China called Chinese Adventist Seminary. It now has over 550 students.
- Oversaw a Media Team, with 9 studios developing missional content for distribution via our Chinese Hope TV as well as many other internet and social media platforms.
- Chaired the following Boards:
 - o Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals
 - o Hong Kong Adventist College
 - o Hong Kong Adventist Academy
 - o Chinese Adventist Seminary
 - o ADRA China

- Led the process of building the new 25-floor hospital building in Tsuen Wan, increasing our capacity from 140 to over 450. Total project cost was about USD300 million.

2009 - 2012 – President - Upper Columbia Conference

2005 - 2009 - Carolina Conference Associate Director, ShareHim Ministry

2002 - 2005 - President - Taiwan Conference

1999 - 2002 - Chinese Union Mission - Field Secretary for Global Mission

1996 - 1999 - East Asia Association/ Field Secretary

1990 - 1996 - Florida Conference of Seventh-day Adventist

- Associate Pastor - Port Charlotte Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Pastor - Tallahassee/Crawfordville Seventh-day Adventist Churches
- Senior Pastor - Orlando Central Seventh-day Adventist Church

INTERESTS/OTHER:

Married to Audrey Folkenberg – Chinese Union Adventist Missions Director

- Children: Rob (Pastor in the BC Conference), Randy (Pastor in the Oregon Conference), Katie (Social Worker MSW – Loma Linda Medical Center)
- Fluent in Spanish and Mandarin Chinese
- Grew up in Guatemala, mother tongue is Spanish
- Enjoys travel, reading and history
- Author of two books:
 - *Health for the Harvest: an implementation guide for Natural Church Development principles for the local church.* (North American Division Institute of Evangelism Press)
 - *Getting Back to the Heart of Adventism.* (Pacific Press Publishing Association)



Audrey Ann Folkenberg

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Objective: To glorify God, serving and equipping others, by living the words of Isaiah 6:8

Church Experience:

CHINESE UNION MISSION: (January 2013 – July 2022)

Adventist Mission Department Director: (February 2019 – July 2022)

- In cooperation with mother churches across China:

- Identify unreached and unentered cities/districts/counties/areas of China currently unreached or unentered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- Recruit and identify appropriately educated and trained church-planting teams.
- Oversee church-planting teams through training, resources and financial support.
- Develop systems to identify strengths, weaknesses, methods of recording, communicating, etc.
- Review and record and respond to church-planter's quarterly reports.
- Have overseen scores of church plants across our territory.

Development Department Director: (January 2013 – July 2022)

- (Set up and developed this department.)
- Tell the story, via whatever appropriate means, of what God is doing and the challenges in China.
- Invite people to pray for Kingdom growth in our territory, sharing specific needs so that prayers are informed.
- Guiding individuals and entities impressed by the Holy Spirit in provide financial support.
- Facilitate giving opportunities for those who wish to provide monetary support.
- Ensure gifts are used 100% according to donor wishes, in consideration of the needs of Kingdom growth in China.
- Set up a comprehensive donor management system.

Prayer Ministries Department Director: (January 2013 – February 2019)

- (Set up and developed this department.)
- Focused on growing and affirming a culture of prayer in our office and in our churches across China.
- Built a network of individuals and churches committed to pray for the gospel work in China.
- Conducted Prayer Ministry seminars across our territory.
- Organized office weeks of prayer.
- Translated and disbursed resources on prayer.
- Coordinated territory-wide yearly 10 Days of Prayer programs.

Special Needs Department Director: (January 2016 – February 2019)

- (Set up and developed this department)
- Strived to keep before our leaders and members and church-planting teams the Biblical model of identifying and meeting the felt needs of others.
- Translated and provided material regarding the importance of and serving those in need.
- Developed office policies encouraging and promoting our union team to serve community felt-needs.
- Regularly led office staff in serving in a community food distribution program – giving our workers and leaders the opportunity to enjoy and model Christian service.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE – Bible Worker Supervisor: (2011 – 2012) Spokane, Washington

- Supervised and encouraged Bible Workers working in local churches across the conference
- Worked as a support staff in the Personal Ministry Department

Upper Columbia Conference (UCC): (2009 – 2011) Spokane, Washington

- Supported UCC ministerial spouses through general emails, personal emails and visits.
- Coordinated opportunities for community growth amongst UCC ministerial spouses through retreats, meals, etc.
- Encouraged the prayer-life and involvement of ministerial spouses while inviting them to join me in prayer for concerns shared by UCC leadership.
- Presented seminars on family life and/or parenting and/or prayer.
- Accompanied my husband, the UCC president, in visiting churches and pastoral couples around the UCC territory.
- Oversaw the UCC Spouses-in-Ministry program.

Pastor's Spouse: (1990 – Present) Seventh-day Adventist Church

- Assisting my husband in church functions such as visitation, training members, hospitality events, and Bible studies.
- Partnering with my husband in mission service to the Chinese people for over 17 years.
- Supporting my husband's ministry as well as heeding God's calling for our family by focusing on raising our three children – my greatest main mission field. (All children are grown and married now.)

Health-care Leadership Experience:

Administrative Supervisor: (2010 – 2012) Valley Hospital and Medical Center, Spokane WA

- Ensured and coordinated appropriate nursing support staffing and other needs.
- Planned, organized, and directed Valley Hospital efforts to monitor and ensure patient satisfaction through services provided.
- Identified and resolved patient and family member concerns and problems regarding services and staff.
- Represented Valley Hospital to patients, families, and visitors. Helped maintain cooperative working relationships between departments in order to provide the best of care as well as insure good employee morale.

Ministry Coordinator: (2007–2010) ShareHim, a Ministry of the Carolina Conference of SDA

- Interfaced with North American Division of Seventh-day Adventist Conference leaders in order to provide ShareHim evangelistic materials and services.
- Educated and provided Pastors and members vital resources for lay-involvement in Gospel proclamation.
- Provided website support for Seventh-day Adventist leaders and members.
- Participated in and preached multiple evangelistic meetings around the world.
- Co-hosted ShareHim TV Newsmagazine which aired weekly on 3ABN and Hope Channels.
- Organized ShareHim Lay Evangelism Festivals.
- Edited and produced ShareHim's newsletter: *Evangeliving*.

Patient Care Provider: (1992 – 2007) Various Institutions

- While primarily a stay-at-home Mom, maintained RN license by working in hospitals in Orlando, Hong Kong and Chattanooga.

Education:

- Fuller Theological Seminary - Currently enrolled in Master of Arts in Theology program
- Andrews University - Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) with focus on Administration
- North American Division Evangelism Institute - Bible Worker Certification
- Southern Adventist University - Bachelor of Science in Nursing