



2023 General Synod

Local Arrangements Committee



Rev. Merlyn Lawrence

Co-Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

Merlyn is the Senior Pastor at Immanuel United Church of Christ, Highland, Indiana. She was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa. She also serves as the IKC Communities of Practice Coordinator. She brings to her ministry a vast range of vocational and professional experience in the field of social work and experience both as a lay- person and ordained minister within the United Church of Christ. Her years of commitment to lay leadership in the UCC in all its settings resulted in the high honor to serve for two years (2005-2007) as the Moderator of the 26th General Synod/ also the UCC's 50th anniversary in Hartford, Connecticut, an experience forever etched in her heart and soul.