

Ohio WMU/Women's Missions & Ministry 2020-21 Leadership Team

President – Jean DiFilippo



Jean has served as President of Ohio WMU/Women's Missions & Ministry for two years, and has served alongside her husband, Jim, in ministry for thirty-four years. They have two adult children and three beautiful grandchildren. Jean also works with a campus ministry at Ohio University. She has a heart for missions and women's ministry, both local and international, and believes the Great Commission is not a choice but a lifestyle. Her favorite scripture passage is Proverbs 3:5&6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths."

Vice President – Charly Callahan (Shall become President, should the President be unable to complete her term.)



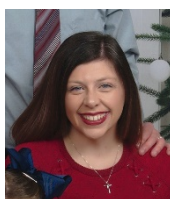
Charly has served as Vice President of Ohio WMU/Women's Missions & Ministry for two years. She is a wife, mother, and teacher. She has been happily married to her husband Michael for 14 years and together they have 4 wonderful boys. She has been in the ministry her whole life which has shaped her to want to lead a life of service to others. Charly is the director Classical Conversation (a homeschooling co-op) as well as a church planter wife. Charly's faith story will bring great perspective on how to grow closer to Christ through tribulation as she has overcome 3 brain surgeries, fostering, adopting, and the ups and downs of ministry from working in the nursery to helping to plant churches.

Recording Secretary – Tabitha Sligh McKeeth



Tabitha was raised in Mission Friends, GA's and Acteens and has a deep commitment to missions. She spent her college years involved in campus ministries. After graduation she served as a US/C 2 missionary working with collegiate missions at Boise State University. While there she met her husband, Luke. They both attended Southern Seminary. Now, he is the pastor of Union City First Baptist Church and they are working together to serve their community.

Adult Women's Consultant – Beth Mackens



Beth is a wife, mother, teacher, and all-around multitasker. She has been married to her husband, Michael Mackens, for fifteen years. They have four awesome daughters, including their adopted daughter, Jasmine, who is deaf. Beth has been teaching high school American Sign Language and Business courses for twelve years and loves working with teenagers. Beth became a Christian at the age of 18 and when her husband Michael said he was going to seminary she didn't understand why it was important that he was going to visit dead people (seminary and cemetery are not the same thing...).

Spanish Speaking Consultant – Marisol Fernandez



Aurora Marisol Fernandez was born in the Dominican Republic. She and her husband, Pastor Hector Valentin Fernandez, are planters of Red de Vida Church in Columbus. They have four beautiful children; Aury, Keilly, Hector junior and Gabriel. In 2006, she founded the non-profit organization, De Oruga a Mariposa, (From Caterpillar to Butterfly) a foundation that is dedicated to working with women in an integral way, spirit, soul and body. As part of the foundation's program, she has worked very closely with pregnant teenagers. Marisol is an International speaker, certified life coach from APEC university, certified family counselor, IMAFA (Dominican Republic). She is a Disciple Trainer and certified elementary school teacher, UTE (Dominican Republic). Currently, she dedicates part of her free time to helping the Hispanic/Latino community of Columbus, trying to create a communication bridge between the community and the local government.

Girls in Action Consultant – Ginny Howell



Ginny has served as the GA Consultant for SCBO for two years. She has a love for children and it shows in her service at her home church (First Baptist Church of Fairborn). Ginny trains up girls in learning, praying, giving and participating in missions. Her love has been challenged by unusual obstacles, yet she is flexible in finding ways to connect with “her” girls and was even recognized by the National WMU for her service during COVID-19. Ginny seeks to find ways to help GA programs around the state and would like to revitalize missions education across Ohio. Ginny “knows the plans God has for her, plans to prosper and not harm, plans for hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11 paraphrase)

Royal Ambassadors Consultant – Sam Kelley



Sam has served as the Disaster Relief Coordinator for Ohio Southern Baptists since September 2000. He also serves as Administrative Assistant in the Missions Support and Mobilization Resource Team, serving the following ministries: Men’s Ministries, Royal Ambassadors, Buckeye Baptist Builders, Chaplaincy, and Refugee Resettlement. Sam and his wife Sherry will celebrate 52 years of marriage this year (2020). They have 4 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandson and 1 great-granddaughter. Sam is retired from the State of Ohio and the U. S. Air Force, having served during the Vietnam War and the War on Terrorism. Born and raised a Buckeye in southern Ohio, central Ohio has been his home since 1966 and he has served in the same Southern Baptist Church since 1972, holding positions from custodian to Chairman of the Deacons. His wife, children, and grandchildren have served with him for over 30 years on building projects and several local missions with his home church.

Mission Friends (Preschool) Consultant – Teresa Bailey



Teresa is the Woman’s Missionary Union leader of the Northwest Ohio Baptist Association which is a part of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. She leads women to be on mission for God in every aspect of their lives. Teresa works with churches in Northwest Ohio to pray, give and go when living out their faith in Jesus. Teresa is a member of First Baptist Church, Perrysburg, Ohio and leads the Wednesday night Awana Sparks Club, which disciples and teaches children K-2 the word of God. Teresa is involved in multigenerational caregiving and has worked with various ethnic cultures in volunteer ministry positions. She continues to support the Southside Life Station, an inner-city mission, where she worked for numerous years as a ministry leader. Teresa lives with her husband of 37 years, Ken, has two grown children and four grandchildren. Her life verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, acknowledge Him in all ways and He will direct your paths.”

Christian Job Corps Consultant – V.J. Sanchez



V.J. has served with Christian Women’s/Christian Men’s Job Corps, a ministry of WMU, for more than twenty years. She currently serves as the Women’s Director at Metro Columbus Christian Job Corps, the Consultant for State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Christian Job Corps and is a National Trainer for Christian Women’s/Christian Men’s Job Corps.

Appalachian Backpack Ministry Consultant – Barbara DeLorme



Barbara was one of the campers that attended the first camp for Ohio GA’s, RA’s, and YWA’s at Seneca Lake in 1954. While there, at the age of 10, she felt God calling her to be a Missionary. That call was not fulfilled until 63 years later, when she was called to mission work with Appalachia. In 2017 Barbara accepted the call to become the SCBO WMU Coordinator for the Appalachian Christmas Backpacks. She and her husband Phillip have been married since 1960. They have 5 children, 11 Grandchildren, 6 Great-Grandchildren and another Great-Grandchild due in February 2021. They were called to full time ministry in 1969. He is now Director of Missions for the West Central Association. Barbara lives by the biblical principle that “You are never too young for God to Call you to be a missionary and never too old for God to fulfill that calling”. I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13