

Elder Appointee Rev. Dr. Candace R. Shultis

What are my hopes for serving as an Elder in MCC?

Hi Everyone. My name is Candace and I presently serve as the Senior Pastor of King of Peace MCC in St. Petersburg FL USA. I have been a part of MCC since 1979. I was licensed as clergy in 1983 when I transferred my credentials from the United Methodist Church. I first met MCC in Washington DC when I was still in seminary. For 24 years I served on the staff of MCC Washington until I was called to St. Petersburg in 2008.

Denominationally I have served on the Mid-Atlantic District Committee and as an Assistant District Coordinator. I have served on numerous District Clergy Review Committees and on the former Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee. I have also served on the Governing Board and am now Chair of the Commission on the Statement of Faith. I was honored to be asked to apply to be an Elder and am humbled to accept the appointment.

My hope, as we expand the Council of Elders, is that we will bring the best of who we are to the responsibilities of the office. I believe that we will work together in this time of transition from Rev. Nancy as our second Moderator to whoever God is already preparing to be MCC's next Moderator. I believe this is a time of hope and possibilities and I believe that the Council of Elders can be a team which supports all of MCC in this transition but especially the one who is called and elected in 2016.

My hope is also that we will work together with the Senior Leadership Team to strengthen our existing churches and assist in expanding our outreach around the world. I believe these are exciting times to Be MCC especially as we see new growth in places like Brazil, Eastern Europe and Asia. Our local churches are the places where people touch and experience MCC and MCC's healing power in their lives. But we also need to expand our outreach to those who are in places where there is no brick and mortar church so that people can be connected to us, grow with us and challenge us to see beyond our local communities.

I hope that we can live into the challenge to follow the call of Jesus and the prophets to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

Finally, I hope that you will continue to pray for us as we seek to serve MCC. Thank you.