

The Synod of the Trinity
Nominee for 2012 Vice Moderator and 2013 Moderator
Barbara Adams-Smelter (Elder, Philadelphia)
Nominated at October 2011 Synod meeting

Barbara Adams-Smelter is a native Philadelphian and lifelong Presbyterian. She was a member of Reeve Memorial Presbyterian Church for over 40 years until it closed in 2005.

She was ordained as an Elder at Reeve Memorial Presbyterian Church in 1985. Barbara served as Clerk of Session, van driver, organist and as a member of numerous committees. She was ordained as a Deacon in 1996. She was the first Elder from her church to be elected as a Commissioner to General Assembly. She was part of the General Assembly meeting that was held in Cincinnati.

Barbara served the Presbytery of Philadelphia on the Personnel Committee, the Committee on Representation, the Social Justice Resource Team and the Small Church Resource Team.

She served the Synod of the Trinity on the African American Leadership Retreat Planning team. She was also on the Committee on Representation and the Ecumenical Relations Committee. She was also a representative to the Pennsylvania Council of Churches.

Barbara was employed by Verizon (formerly Bell Atlantic and Bell of Pennsylvania) as a Marketing Specialist and Customer Advocate Manager.

She now belongs to Calvin Presbyterian Church where she serves as the organist. She is also the organist for Wynnefield Presbyterian Church.

Currently, she serves as one of six Racial Ethnic At-Large Commissioners for the Synod of the Trinity.

Currently, Barbara is a member of the General Assembly's Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns and she is their liaison to the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns.

She owns and operates a consignment shop specializing in collectibles.

She enjoys traveling, Pinochle, flea markets and duplicate bridge.