

Executive Director

Sr. Ruth Lautt, O.P., Esq.

Sr. Ruth Lautt, O.P., Esq. is the co-founder and Executive Director of Christians for Fair Witness on the Middle East.

Sr. Ruth is a professed member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, NY. Sr. Ruth received a law degree from NYU School of Law and was previously associated with the law firms of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and Parcher & Hayes in New York. Prior to co-founding Fair Witness she was a litigation partner in the Law Firm of Vollmer & Tanck, P.C. in Jericho, New York.

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Peter F. Vallone served as Speaker and Majority Leader of the New York City Council from 1986 through 2001 and represented the 22nd District in Astoria, Queens since 1974. In 2002 he rejoined the law firm of Vallone & Vallone, founded by his father, the late Judge Charles J. Vallone, after whom the new Civil Courthouse in Queens was named. Peter Vallone is also a member of the Governmental Consulting firm of Constantinople & Vallone, and serves on the Mayor's Election Modernization Task Force. He received his law degree from Fordham Law School and has served as professor of Politics and principles of Government at Fordham University. Peter Vallone is a leading Roman Catholic layman in New York State.

Mr. G. Morris Gurley, Esq., Vice-President

Mr. Gurley received a law degree from Harvard Law School. He was previously a Vice President of Trusts and Estates and the Head of Trust Administration at the Chemical Bank. He was also the Chairman of the Annie Laurie Aitken Charitable Distribution Committee, the Co-founder of the National Center for Victims of Crime and the Co-founder of the Brain Trauma Foundation. Mr. Gurley is an active lay member of the Methodist Church and serves as the Vice-President on the Board of Directors of the New York City Council of Churches. He also serves on the Commission of Religious Leaders of the City of New York.

John R. Regier, Esq., Secretary /Treasurer

John R. Regier is a member of the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., practicing as a public finance attorney in the firm's Boston office. He is the chairman of the United Methodist Foundation of New England, a director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, and a trustee of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation. He serves as treasurer and a trustee of Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts. John received his law degree from Yale Law School.

Executive Committee

Rev. Dr. Bruce Chilton

Rev. Chilton is an ordained Episcopal Priest. He is the Director of the Institute of Advanced Theology and the Bernard Iddings Bell Professor of Religion at Bard College in Annandale-On-Hudson, New York. He is the chair of the Episcopal-Jewish relations Committee in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Throughout his career Rev. Chilton has been active in the pastoral ministry of the Anglican Church; he is currently rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Barrytown, New York.

Rev. Dr. Paul B. Clayton

The Rev. Dr. Paul B. Clayton, Jr., was ordained in the Episcopal Church after his seminary training at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City. After serving churches in Texas, he returned to New York where he served at General Seminary as Fellow, then instructor in Church history, and assistant chaplain in charge of all services in the seminary chapel, while doing graduate work in church history. He received his Ph. D. in Patristic Christology at Union Theological Seminary. His dissertation published by Oxford University Press as *The Christology of Theodoret of Cyrus: Late Antiochene Christology from the Council of Ephesus (431) to the Council of Chalcedon (451)*. After serving as vicar of what is now St. Nicholas on Hudson, New Hamburg, NY, and as an assistant at Zion Church in Wappingers Falls, NY, he was elected rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Poughkeepsie, NY. Rev. Clayton served there until retiring from full time parish ministry in 2005. During that period he also served in various capacities as a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, among them the Lutheran Episcopal Dialogue New York (1972-2013), and also as chair of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission of the Diocese of New York from 1986 to 2013. He continues to serve in retirement as a supply priest in various parishes of this diocese, and as assistant priest at St. Paul's and Trinity Parish in Tivoli, NY, where his wife, the Rev'd Sharon H. C. Clayton has been the vicar for the past nine years.

Rev. David L. Harvin

Rev. David L. Harvin is a retired Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, having served for 38 years. In addition to serving local churches, he served in special appointments with Stop Hunger Now, Inc. and the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Harvin is now heading the Imagine No Malaria Campaign for \$1 million in the NC Conference. He has a strong background with the international community as well a strong commitment to social justice.

Rev. Dr. Scott S. Ickert

The Rev. Dr. Scott S. Ickert has been Senior Pastor of Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, Arlington, VA since 1995. He is a founding member of the Washington, D.C. based Lutheran-Episcopal Coordinating Committee, and is the Lutheran co-moderator of a local Lutheran-Jewish Dialogue. He serves as the ELCA observer-participant to the USA Catholic-Reformed Dialogue, and was a member of the

USA Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, Round #10. Rev. Ickert earned his M.Div at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg and his Ph.D. at Catholic University of America. From 1990 to 1995 he was the Lutheran (LWF) Tutor at Mansfield College, University of Oxford, and part time fellow at Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire, UK, where he taught Church History and Theology.

Rev. James Loughran, S.A.

Rev. James Loughran, SA is a Roman Catholic priest. He is a member, and the Vicar General, of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. Father Loughran has also served as the Director of the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute and the editor of GELL's monthly journal, Ecumenical Trends. since 2002.

From 1994 to 2002, Fr. Loughran served as Director of the Commission on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of New York.

Father Loughran sits on the dialogue between the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Council of Synagogues in the USA. He has been a member of the Faith & Order Commission of the National Council of Churches and is presently working with the NCC's "theological table." He is a member of the North American Academy of Ecumenists, The Conference of Centers of Jewish-Christian Relations, the Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (CADEIO)

Rev. Msgr. Dennis L. Mikulanis

Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis currently serves as the parish priest of San Rafael Parish in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego, California and also serves as Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego.

Msgr. Mikulanis graduated with Honors from the University of San Diego with a degree in both Philosophy and History. He attended the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome ("The Angelicum") where he received Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Theology. Monsignor also received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Angelicum, specializing in Ecumenism. He has co-authored two books and written several articles which have been printed in theological journals.

Rev. Dr. James R. Noland

Rev. Dr. James R. Noland is an ordained Elder in the Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church. He currently serves as the Senior Pastor at Reveille United Methodist Church in Richmond VA. Rev. Noland received his Masters in Theology at the Perkins School of Theology and his Doctorate in Ministry at the Wesley Theological Seminary. He has extensive teaching experience and is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor of United Methodist Studies at the Union Theological Seminary & Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond VA.

Rev. Thomas A. Prinz

The Reverend Thomas A. Prinz, is pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesburg, Virginia. He is also chair of the Metropolitan Washington DC Synod (ELCA) Office for Ecumenical Affairs. Pastor Prinz was previously Assistant Director of the Office for Ecumenical Affairs in the former Lutheran Church in America and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Theological Consortium. Currently Pastor Prinz is an active member and former officer in the Lutheran Ecumenical Representative Network; the North American Academy of Ecumenists; the National Ecumenical Officers Association; and the National Workshop on Christian Unity. He is a founding member of the Virginia State Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic-United Methodist Committee (LARCUM). Additionally, Pastor Prinz has served as a delegate to the General Assembly of the NCCCUSA for the ELCA and has been a member of the Standing Committees on Local and Regional Ecumenism, Christian-Jewish and Christian-Muslim relations.

Rev. Dr. Darlis J. Swan

Pastor Swan is a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She received her Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Pastor Swan joined the staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America when it was formed in 1987. She served in the Department for Ecumenical Affairs as Associate Director for over a decade. She also served on the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. On the global level, Pastor Swan served as the ELCA Liaison Ecumenical Officer to the Lutheran World Federation. She was the President of the North American Academy of Ecumenists from 1999 to 2001. In 2002, Pastor Swan received the Distinguished Alumna Award for her service in specialized ministry from Gettysburg Seminary. Having served as Pastor of Lakeside Lutheran Church in Harrisburg, PA from 2004 to 2006, as Assisting Pastor of Zion Lutheran in Hummelstown, PA from 2007 to 2009, and as Interim Senior Pastor of Zion from 2009 until 2010. Pastor Swan is currently serving as Interim Pastor of Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cleona, PA and the Ecumenical Representative for the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA and serves as Chair of the Synod's Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Committee.