

## Election Of Chair for the Order of Elders

*¶ 308 charges the Board of Ordained Ministry with the task of nominating a chairperson for the Order of Elders, the chair is to be elected by the membership of the Order. ¶ 309 states that members of the Order are those who have been elected into full membership in the annual conference.*

### Nominees:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Clergy Status</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Smith, Paula	FE	Gordon Memorial, Nashville, TN (Red River)
Uroza, Carlos	FE	Executive Director, Wesley College Foundation



## **Rev. Dr. Paula Smith**

*Elder in Full Connection*

Rev. Dr. Paula B. Smith is an ordained elder, retreat leader, speaker/coach/facilitator with John Maxwell Team, physical therapist, and founder of Steal Away Women's Ministry. She is currently serving as the first female pastor of Gordon Memorial United Methodist Church in Nashville, TN. Paula's scholarly insights, ministry in multicultural settings, work experience as a physical therapist affords a unique integration of wholistic and holy living for everyday life. She is a dynamic, sought after transformational preacher, retreat leader, and speaker. Currently, Paula serves on the BOM, COSROW, and Health and Wellness Committee. In April 2022, Paula was certified as an On-Boarding Facilitator. Paula acknowledges one of the greatest joys of life is sharing her journey with her husband, Bobby and their adult daughter Brianna. The family has coordinated several local and national mission trips and service projects.





**Rev. Carlos Uroza**  
*Elder in Full Connection*

Rev. Carlos Uroza not only has the heart for community, but he also has the extraordinary gift of being able to connect people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Carlos is an innovative thinker who enjoys gathering people around the table, especially in the Woodbine Community where he has been serving for the past decade. Carlos has the unique ability to combine creativity with practicality to provide inspiration for others. After arriving in the USA from Mexico, Carlos earned his GED, B. S. in Culinary Management from the Art Institute and Masters of Divinity from Vanderbilt. He and his wife, Dr. Sarah Uroza, have a seven-year-old son Luke and a dog named Tamale (Molly).

