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New Board members elected at annual meeting

[WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD] The Hagerstown Area Religious Council (HARC) elected new members to its Board of Directors during its annual membership meeting on January 10, 2023.

Elected to the Board for 2023 were:



President: Rev. Christopher Serufusa of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
Pastor Chris has been with the United Methodist Church of the Baltimore/Washington Conference for 27 years. He moved to Washington County four years ago with his wife, Elizabeth, and two sons, Mukisa, 17; and Mugabi, 15. Pastor Chris joined the HARC Board in July 2021 and was just elected to a one-year term as its president. "I appreciate [HARC's] mission of caring and helping the needy. My prayer is to be a bridge," he said. "I want to close the gap of racism that separates people. We are one people in the Lord."



Vice president: Rabbi Mark Perman of Congregation B'nai Abraham
Rabbi Mark Perman and his wife, Elizabeth, arrived in Hagerstown in January 2022 so he could become the spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Abraham. Previously, Rabbi Mark had served as rabbi/cantor at B'er Chayim Congregation in Cumberland, and has worked as a hospital, hospice, and prison chaplain. Rabbi Mark graduated from Hebrew Union College-JIR in New York with ordination as a cantor in 1997. He hosts a weekly podcast and radio show called "The Interfaith Roundtable."



Secretary: Kelly Z. Conrad, HARC PR & Marketing Volunteer; Writer, Novelist
Kelly began her 20-year career in the communications field as graphic artist, design editor, and copy editor at the former Herald-Mail Company, followed by positions as managing editor of several corporate in-house magazines. Now retired, Kelly uses her writing, editing, and communications skills as a volunteer for HARC. Kelly is also an award-winning novelist, with two published novels — *Shaman* and its sequel, *The Passage* — and an anthology of personal essays titled *7 p.m. (and other essays)*. She lives in Hagerstown with her husband, Marcus.



At-large Board member: Rev. Les McIntosh, Sr., of Impact Ministries
Pastor Mac is Lead Pastor of Impact Ministries in Hagerstown. A native of Youngstown, Ohio, he is an anointed prolific Bible preacher and teacher. He's served as a deacon, elder, dean of Christian education, Sunday school teacher, men's leader, evangelist, choir member and musician. Pastor Mac has a strong passion for ministry and a heart to serve leaders. He is also a successful business entrepreneur who founded and ran Les Energy LLC for 12 years until following God's call to focus fully on ministry. He and his wife, Danita, have five children and one grandchild.

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