

**EXPLANATION, BIO, and BALLOT
Ballot for Conference Board
November 11-12, 2011**

Explanation:

In July 2010, Franconia Conference delegates affirmed Miriam Book to serve as Assistant Conference Moderator and Vice Chair of the Conference Board. Because of the impending completion of her role as Pastor of Salford Mennonite Church and uncertainty where God might call her next, she agreed to serve only a one-year term. In the Spring of 2011, Miriam and her husband accepted the call to serve as intentional interim pastors for a congregation in Nebraska. She, then, did not complete her role as affirmed by the delegates.

Over the intervening months, in accordance to the bylaws, there have been conversations with several persons to fill the uncompleted term of Miriam. Several have expressed interested but felt unable to serve at this time due to various life circumstances. There is strong commitment to a woman serving in this role, with a preference being for it to be a woman credentialed for pastoral ministry.

This being the case, the Conference Board presents the name of Marta Castillo to serve a one-year interim term in the role of Assistant Conference Moderator and Vice Chair of the Conference Board. Marta also began as a member of the Conference Board in September 2010. She also serves on the Credentialing Committee of the Conference Board Ministerial Committee.

Marta is seen as a person who could serve well in this role longer-term, however, the Conference Board is sensitive to the fact that Marta and Executive Minister Ertell Whigham serve together as co-pastors of Nueva Vida/Norristown New Life. There is a commitment to identifying another person who could serve in this role longer term with plans to bring that name to the delegates for action at Conference Assembly 2011.

Marta (Beidler) Castillo lives in Norristown, Pa, where she is serves as an associate pastor at Nueva Vida Norristown New Life congregation. Marta grew up in both Vietnam and Indonesia, the daughter of Franconia Conference-rooted mission workers. Marta lives in a bilingual Spanish/English household with her husband, Julio and children, Andres and Daniel. With broad mission experiences internationally and in a US urban location, Marta is committed to prayer, intercultural work, and active engagement with diverse groups to share the Good News of reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

Please indicate your readiness to affirm Marta Castillo for a one-year interim term:

Proposed for term beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012:

				Proposed Person	Position
<input type="checkbox"/>	I affirm	<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not affirm	Marta Castillo	Conference Board Assistant Moderator, Conference Board Vice Chair

Comments:

(Signature of Delegate)

(Printed Name of Delegate)