

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas 2026 Investment Forum

Speaker Information



Rev. J. Wayne Clark

President and Chief Executive Officer, The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas

Rev. J. Wayne Clark is President and CEO of the Methodist Foundation for Arkansas. Before joining the Foundation in 2019, he worked more than 20 years at Hendrix College serving a majority of that time as Chaplain. He also served as Dean of Students and Associate Vice President of Development. Wayne was ordained as a United Methodist minister in 1986 and received his degrees from Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He has pastored churches in Dallas, Magnolia, Pine Bluff, and the United Kingdom. Wayne and his wife, Rynnett, have two grown daughters, Nichola and Natalie.



Johara Farhadieh

Chief Investment Officer, Wespath; Chief Executive Officer, Wespath Institutional Investments

Johara joined Wespath in October 2023. She is responsible for managing the entire Wespath investment operation comprised of Investment Management, Sustainable Investment Strategies and Institutional Investment Services. This includes serving as CIO of each of Wespath's subsidiaries, with responsibility for executing their respective investment programs as directed by their investment policies. She previously served as deputy chief investment officer. Prior to this role, Johara served as the executive director and chief investment officer of the Illinois State Board of Investment (ISBI), where she oversaw the investment management of retirement benefits for more than 170,000 participants. She previously served as a portfolio manager and portfolio officer at ISBI. Before joining ISBI, Johara worked at Hilco Appraisal Services and the Central States Health & Welfare & Pension Fund. Johara has received several honors, including being named as a Pensions & Investments' 2025 Influential Woman in Institutional Investing, Notable Executive of Color in Finance by Crain's Chicago Business in 2022 and a 2021 Pensions & Investments Excellence & Innovation Leadership Award winner. Johara received a bachelor's in Finance and an MBA from DePaul University.



Andrew Hendren

General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Wespath

Andy is the general secretary and chief executive officer of Wespath. Reporting directly to Wespath's board of directors, Andy leads Wespath's enterprise efforts and fiduciary functions. Andy joined Wespath in 2004 and has served in multiple positions. Prior to assuming the general secretary/CEO role in 2022, he was Wespath's general counsel/chief legal and governance officer, as well as corporate secretary. Previous Wespath roles included associate general counsel and assistant general counsel.

Andy serves on the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary board of trustees and Tree House Humane Society board of directors. He also serves on the Steering Committee of the Church Alliance and on the board of directors of the Church Benefits Association. He served in leadership roles in the Church Alliance from 2014 through 2020. Additionally, Andy is a member of the United Nations-convened Net Zero Asset Owner Alliance Steering Group.

Prior to joining Wespath, Andy worked as an associate at Sidley Austin LLP and as a judicial clerk at the Missouri Supreme Court. He has a J.D. from the University of California at Berkeley School of Law, an M.S. in Economics from Iowa State University, and a B.A. in Economics from Truman State University.



Frank Holsteen

Managing Director, Investment Management, Wespath

Frank joined Wespath in March 2012. As the managing director of Investment Management, Frank provides strategic investment support and risk management for Wespath and its subsidiaries' investment programs, as well as administrative and operational oversight. He leads a team of investment professionals responsible for sourcing, monitoring and reporting on all fixed income, equity and alternative investments, as well as the internally managed Positive Social Purpose Lending Program. Prior to this role, Frank was the director of Public Equities and Fixed Income at Wespath, where he oversaw the strategic direction and staff of the equities and fixed income investment programs. His previous experience includes serving as managing director at Barrington Strategic Wealth Management Group and working as a fixed income portfolio manager and trader at Chicago Asset Management Company. Frank received a bachelor's degree in Economics from Lake Forest College.



Karen Manczko

Director, Institutional Relationships

Karen joined Wespath in April 2013. Karen is primarily responsible for developing and managing relationships with institutional clients for Wespath and its subsidiaries. Specifically, she helps guide clients with asset allocation analysis, investment policy statement development and in incorporating sustainable investing guidelines into an overall investment program. Karen also frequently presents on investment-related topics at United Methodist-affiliated conferences and events. She most recently served as an Associate Investment Program Manager for Northern Trust Global Advisors, where she was responsible for developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating custom investment programs for institutional and ultra-high net worth clients. Prior to that, she was a Senior Investment Performance Analyst within Northern Trust's Investment Risk and Analytical Services department. She received a B.S. degree in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her MBA from the Gies College of Business at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.