

NOMINEES FOR CHPC OFFICES

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SUNDAY, OCT. 23, 9:55 AM CHPC'S ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



On October 23, the congregational meeting will be held between worship service: 9:55 – 10:35 AM. To do this, the traditional 9 AM service will end 10 minutes early (9:50 AM) and the start of the 10:30 AM second service will be delayed 10 minutes (10:40 AM). Anyone may attend but only Covenant Partners (members) using paper ballots may vote on a slate of nominees for CHPC offices.

THE CANDIDATES LISTED were recommended by the congregation and interviewed by the 2022 Congregational Nominating Committee, Ken Elu, Ann Klusmeier, Becky Alf and Gwyn Spindel, chaired by Session Elder Daniel Ott. After prayer and discernment, the CNC proposed the nominees to lead CHPC. Elders and Deacons serve 3-year terms, the Trustee a 5-year term, and CNC members 1-year terms.

PERSONS NOT LISTED IN THIS INSERT may be nominated "from the floor." Nominees must be a active Covenant Partners (member) of CHPC and commit, in advance, to the person nominating them that they are willing to serve if elected.

TRUSTEE ADMINISTRATOR — Becky Alf

(A FIVE-YEAR TERM)

I made CHPC my home in 1986, having searched for a church that delves into the Scripture. While secretly not wanting to become a "fanatic," I attended a Malcolm Smith mission weekend and was hooked. I wondered why the entire church was not at the Mission event. What was being taught, the Ephesians 4:12 * vision, was new to me and appealing. During the prayer time an Elder had shared about dendritic or tree-like cells in the body. I've



seen that come to pass. Leaders have been sent out to birth new ministries. This has enabled other lay leaders to step up.

My vision for the church is that this practical fulfillment of the new covenant would explode in our midst: the new wine of the Holy Spirit poured into earthen vessels so we serve as priests of our holy God and Savior.

** To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ*

ELDER— Jim Bodmer (A THREE-YEAR TERM)

I was raised in East Cleveland, Ohio in a Christian family, very active in the youth group at First Presbyterian Church through high school and college. After college

and active duty in the Navy, my wife Mary and I came to the community of College Hill in 1963. I am still in our first home. We joined CHPC in 1964. Our two daughters have attended CHPC as have a couple of our grandchildren.

I have always felt my calling was to serve in the community. I have served on about every board or committee at CHPC except as an Elder. I hope I can contribute in this position.



I view CHPC as a church, open and welcoming to anyone and everyone. I believe our mission of being *a diverse group of Jesus followers* is exactly what we are and what we should be. (CONTINUED)

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ELDER—Cathy Lowe

(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

Upon moving to Cincinnati, I planned to join a church and connect with Young Life Ministries nearby. College Hill Presbyterian was walking distance from my apartment behind Bacall's, so I visited. Cedric and I joined the church in 1993. We love Jesus and we love the people here. We have pray that our church will be a compelling picture of the unity that is possible among Sprit-filled people—they may be different in the world's eyes but equal at the foot of the cross. The verse I consider our family vision is Isaiah 8:18: *Here am I, and the children the Lord has given me. We are signs and symbols in Israel from the Lord Almighty who dwells on Mount Zion.* We are praying that individually and together, we point to God.



Life Ministries nearby. College Hill Presbyterian was walking distance from my apartment behind Bacall's, so I visited. Cedric and I joined the church in 1993. We love

rejoined CHPC in 1972 and have been here ever since. My journey has been to move from knowing *about* Jesus to knowing *Jesus*. CHPC has changed a lot but God hasn't changed. He isn't through with us yet. I don't know what God will do with and in me as a Session Elder, but I'm available to find out. An important scripture in my life is James 4:4, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble". God spoke to me very clearly through that verse at a particularly teachable time in my life.

ing, playing handbells, swimming, paddle boarding and playing with my grandkids—that's where I get most of my belly laughs. I hear God most often in his Word and outside in his world. God surprises me sometimes, and I continue to be amazed that the God who filled the sky with stars bends his ear to hear my little voice.

DEACON - Michael Fox

(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

Hello, CHPC. My name is Michael Fox and I am delighted to be nominated

to serve as a Deacon for a second term.

My wife Wendi and I have been attending CHPC for over 25 years and have had



the privilege of getting to know many in the CHPC community through the numerous ministries and fellowship opportunities that CHPC offers. We have been blessed with four wonderful children that were loved on over the years by the wonderful staff of children and youth ministries. I became a CHPC covenant member in 2015 and look forward to serving and worshipping our Lord and Savior as a Deacon.

ELDER—Barry Stare

(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

I first joined CHPC in 1958 with the other 8th graders but had never "heard" the Gospel. In 1969, my fiancée Sharlyn (Sam) and I came to Jerry Kirk to get married. Jerry said, "I'm not in the business of marrying people. I'm building Christian homes. Interested?" We got Jesus too!



P&G sent us to Tennessee. We

DEACON - Pam Dollard

(A ONE-YEAR TERM)

I was born in Texas, although my residence there was brief. More importantly, I was reborn as I prayed in my bedroom in southern California during my sophomore year of high school. God used my older brother Doug and Young Life to stake his claim on my life. I have followed Jesus (oh, so imperfectly) in the years since then.



My spiritual journey has passed through Episcopalian, Baptist, and various flavors of Presbyterian churches, in and out of fellowship groups and Bible studies, prayer groups, women's groups, *Lectio Divina* groups, as well as training in listening, healing prayer, spiritual direction, and gardening.

I am currently dabbling in tutor-

DEACON—Mike Funez

(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

My wife Cherie and I have been attending CHPC for seven years. In that time I have served as a greeter and an usher. I now feel the Spirit is leading me to be more

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to use my gifts to help build God's Kingdom through this congregation.

Before my arrival at CHPC, I was active with several ministries at a church in Hartwell, including lay preaching. God used my love



for music to help me lead worship through my guitar and voice. I was involved with my wife's drama ministry. We visited area churches presenting biblical plays, which brought life to the Word of God in a new way.

My heart has always been with the Hispanic people, and I helped establish the *Llirio del Vallie* ministry and congregation—an apostolic worship center for the Hispanic community in Hartwell and the surrounding areas.

I am excited about being engaged in the many opportunities offered here at CHPC and look forward to serving faithfully in any capacity that the Lord leads me.

DEACON—Samhar Gutierrez
(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

I grew up as a Catholic and Ethiopian Orthodox. But as I got older I wasn't learning enough about Christ and the Bible. I decided to try different churches. After many tries I



finally went to a nondenominational national church, and my faith grew more and more. When I moved to Ohio, the first church I found was on Hamilton Ave. I noticed CHPC, but I never made a decision to go in until I met one of the members. His name is Bill Custer. He introduced me to the church and I never left since then. I'm proud to be a member of CHPC.

DEACON—John Hancock
(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

I started attending CHPC early in 2021 and quickly found community here through Young Adults, and the various faces

I've met along the way while serving coffee on Sundays. I am a Cincinnati native, machinist by trade, with a hint of coffee snob. I am a habitual gym goer, and sci-fi fan in my spare time. My faith has taken me plenty of different seasons in growth and learning. In every way I've known that God is with me every time. My faith walk can be summed up in the verse Matthew 6:33*. What I hope to bring to CHPC as a deacon is a set of fresh eyes, mind, and spirit. Lastly, I prefer my steak medium rare!



*Matt. 31-33: So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you

need them. *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

DEACON—Paul Moncelle
(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

I have heard God's call (mostly whispers, plus the rare 2x4) to serve His people in various ways over the years, and I feel it a privilege to potentially to do that now through the Deacon's role at CHPC.



I have been coming here for ~12 years, drawn to this group of believers aspiring to be like Jesus in an imperfect world. I'm blessed to be married for 25 years to Karena, with two boys (Aidan and Addison) and one girl (Wisdom) added to the mix. I'm also the Troop master of a Trail Life troop (a Christian-based, youth scouting organization).

My favorite verse? Psalm 91:14 "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."

DEACON - Shondra Valletti
(A THREE-YEAR TERM)

[This bio was prepared by Jinda Bowerman.] Shondra is a Cincinnati native who loves to worship the Lord. She is outgoing, loves evangelizing and recommitted her life to Christ in 1983. Shondra was a global worker in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan; and locally

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in Dayton and Cincinnati.

Shondra has served as a Sunday school teacher for 3 years, and in women's ministries, youth groups, and neighborhood outreach.



"I'm excited about being nominated because God drew me to CHPC and I'm excited to see what He does with our church and everyone who attends here in the future. I love the diversity in the church, how the Word is taught, and the way people make you feel welcome."

believe that CHPC can be a model for churches who desire to become a little more like heaven by being a "diverse community of Jesus followers."

My life verse is II Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man/woman of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

CNC—Ken Elu

There were 5 boys and 3 girls in my birth family in Nigeria. I am a 3rd generation Presbyterian. My parents lived out Prov. 22:6: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." They introduced the family to Christ and to His Church. At age 17, I confessed my sin and gave my life to Jesus. Later, I was ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria and have actively served in the Church ever since.



When I came to America 16 years ago, I met my wife Nitha, who had four children. I joined CHPC in 2013 and served as a Elder one term. I look forward to working with others to grow and nourish a multi-cultural community of faith. My verse? Phil. 3:10— ". . .that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death."

CNC—Mark Murphy

I grew up in North Presbyterian Church in Northside, but I have had a long

association with CHPC. It started with the youth choir directed by Harry Causey and his wife. It continued much later with *Ambassadors For Christ* (a group for singles of career-age) and *Ceiling 70* (for couples whose combined ages were less than 70).

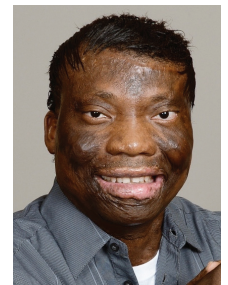
At a Bill Green program at CHPC I made my decision for Christ. My wife Ellen and I finally joined the church in 1997. We have two children Sara and Tony who grew up at CHPC. I have previously served as a church Trustee. I am excited to serve on the CNC.



CNC—Victor Onyegbulam

(A ONE-YEAR TERM)

I am humbled to be part of the CNC and excited for the opportunity to serve the Lord. My family came to be part of this great church and mission 14 years ago and received lots of love and support. As I mature in my relationship with God, I cherish the wonderful things he has done in my life and for the ones he is yet to do. I thank God for saving my life and empowering me to strive for good despite the odds. I am excited to bring my visions to life in the CHPC mission and community as I serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 45: 2-3 "I will go before you and will level the mountains..." speaks to me in these moments as God levels the plains.



CHURCH NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC) —Anne Clippard

(A ONE-YEAR TERM)

I am blessed to be married to Bill Clippard for 57 years. We have five married children and sixteen grand children. Our cup overflows—we are all walking together with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Bill and I will be members of CHPC for 50 years in May of 2023. I have served 2 terms as a Session Elder, worked in the CARE ministries, and actively teach relational skills at CHPC and around the world. With all the changes in our 50 years at CHPC, I am excited to see where the Lord is leading us now. I

VOTE: Sun, Oct. 23, between services and pray for your church leaders.