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Sunday, October 25th, 2026

One Worship Service: 10:30 AM.
Congregational Meeting ~ 11:45 AM.
Fellowship Lunch Following the Congregational Meeting

There will be one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:30 AM with the Congregational Meeting immediately following the service. All are invited to attend the Congregational Meeting, but only Covenant Partners (members) using paper ballots may vote on the slate of nominees for CHPC officers.

THE CANDIDATES LISTED were recommended by the congregation using the online form at www.chpc.org/nominate/. Each person recommended was personally interviewed by the 2026 Congregational Nominating Committee—Elder Bonnie Mack (Chair), Catherine Sanders (Vice-Chair), Kimico Atkins (Deacon Representative), and At-Large Congregational Members: Jinda Bowerman, Terry Fischer, Robyn Russell, Nancy Shryock, and Barry Stare.

After prayer and discernment, the CNC proposed the nominees listed in this booklet to lead CHPC. Elders and Deacons serve 3-year terms; Trustee Administrators of the CHPC Endowment Fund a 5-year term; and CNC members a 1-year term.

PERSONS NOT LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT MAY BE NOMINATED "from the floor" at the Congregational Meeting. A nominee must be an active Covenant Partner (member) of College Hill Presbyterian Church and commit, in advance, to the person nominating them that they are willing to serve if elected.

Pray for God's men and women to lead the church with wisdom.

THE OFFICE OF ELDER (THREE-YEAR TERM)

EVERY PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION IS GOVERNED BY ITS SESSION OF THE ELDERS DULY ELECTED BY AND FROM THE COVENANT PARTNERS OF THE CONGREGATION, ALONG WITH THE CONGREGATION'S INSTALLED PASTORS AND ASSISTANT PASTORS. THE SESSION HAS RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY FOR GOVERNING THE CONGREGATION AND GUIDING ITS MISSION FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD. (ECO CONSTITUTION 1.0601)

ELDER—Mark Evans



I committed to Jesus as my Lord and Savior as a teen, having grown up in and around the church. I came to CHPC in 1983 and grew tremendously in my spiritual walk. I've served as an Elder previously and consider it a serious privilege to serve in this way. I'm married to Chris and we have three adult children and eight grandchildren spread around the country which leads to a fair bit of travel. I love the community we have here at CHPC, our values and how it's an expression of God's Kingdom. I look forward to seeing how God continues to shape and grow us to serve his Kingdom purposes.

ELDER—Barbara Ann McMullen (1- yr term)



At age ten, having a strong conviction in my heart concerning God's love for me, I gave my life to Christ and was baptized at Beulah Baptist Church, Albany, GA. His ever-present love strengthens me in the darkest of times in my life. In the 1960's my family moved to Cincinnati and we all became members of Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship. There I ministered in the choir, children's church, Christian Ed; and prison ministry. In 2020, I graduated from the church's school of theology. My sister, Rosa Brinkman, invited me to attend CHPC. For eight years, I've sung in the Chancel Choir, and volunteering with Jesus University ballet, summer Bible camp, and global missions. I am the mother of four children: three surviving sons and one daughter who lives with my Heavenly Father. I have several grandchildren and "great grands." The Scripture verses that inspire me are Matthew 25:33-40.

ELDER— Bart Sauer



I look forward to serving on the CHPC Session. It is a privilege, responsibility and a humbling experience to serve the congregation in this capacity. I am happily married (all 36+ years) to Penny—a great saxophone player and orchestra director. We have three growth daughters, five grandchildren and two exceptional son-in-laws. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour. I was baptized at 12. My adult-faith acceptance of Jesus as my Saviour didn't occur until 1989 when confronted by a Tennessee pastor who asked, "Are you saved?" I see myself as a fisherman. I love catching Smallmouth Bass, Walleye and Northern Pike. I'm also a fisher-of-men (Matt 4:19-20). Both types of fishing have their challenges, and great rewards. My vision and prayer is for the congregation of CHPC is to take the steps beyond learning about Jesus and the Bible to sharing these with unbelievers and doubters, leading more people to, "believe in the Lord Jesus Christ" so that they "will be saved" (Acts 16:31).

OFFICE OF DEACON (3-YEAR TERM)

Deacons lead ministries that nurture fellowship and care-giving within and beyond the congregation. Deacons may also be asked to preach and teach. The session shall oversee and direct the ministry of the deacons. (ECO Constitution, Polity 2.03)

DEACON—Joe Brooks



My name is Joseph Brooks and I'm happily married to my beautiful wife Helen. Together we have six adult children and 21 grandkids. I have served as an Elder, Deacon, and on CNC. I currently lead a men's group called *Ignite* and I am the co-founder of *Jesus University*. I am looking forward to what God has for all of CHPC. I am a servant leader at heart. I'm not perfect, and sometimes I'm not popular. As long as God gets the glory, it is well with my soul. Not my will, but God's will be done in the mighty name of Jesus the Christ. AMEN

DEACON— Pat Dollard



I'm honored to be nominated for Deacon. This is a role I've done before and I think it matches my gifts well. Pam Dollard is the green-thumb talented Horticulturist in the family. We have three sons, two wonderful daughter-in-laws, and four amazing grandkids. While in High School in Southern CA, I became a Christian through Young Life and some other God-orchestrated activities and encounters. Pam was one of those "special God-encounters." We married after college and moved to Cincinnati for my career with P&G. I have a long relationship with CHPC which started in 1979 and restarted in 2013. I love CHPC's vision of a diverse community of Jesus followers.

DEACON— Chris Evans



I started attending CHPC at the age of 17, soon after I became a believer in Jesus. I was on a journey of experiencing deeper intimacy with all three persons of our Triune God. I met my husband Mark at *Ambassadors for Christ* in the early 80s, and we were married in 1985. We have three grown children. I have been a Deacon in the distant past. I am excited about being nominated and having an opportunity to serve the church in this capacity. I'm hoping also to be more engaged in the life of the church and developing deeper relationships with the Body of Christ at CHPC through serving as a Deacon. My go-to verse is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight" Proverbs 3:5-6.

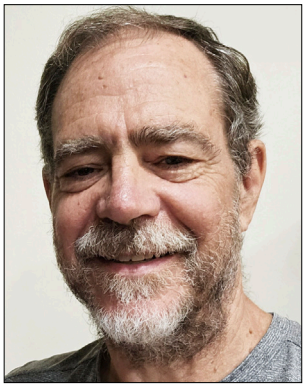
DEACON—Deanna Huddleston (1-year term)

I continue to be excited about serving my church as a Deacon. I'm the grateful mother of two of the most amazing, kind, intelligent, and caring Christian young men. Here at CHPC I rededicated my life to Christ

in 2012. I was praying for a church home. My Heavenly Father answered. My first visit was amazing. Seeing others that looked like me and other cultures worshiping and praising the Lord together filled my heart. I pray that CHPC will continue to be the multicultural church that welcomed me and supported me in my journey to be more like Jesus. Let us serve and love our neighbors the same way Jesus loves us all. ALLELUIA!



DEACON—Mark Murphy



I grew up in North Presbyterian in Northside, but have had a long association with CHPC starting with youth choir with Harry Causey and his wife Betsy. Then much later I was involved in CHPC's *Ambassadors for Christ* (post high school) and *Ceiling 70* (married couples whose combined age was less than 70 years). It was at a Bill Green program at CHPC that 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 largely in CHPC. I have served in the choir, taught Sunday School, and have been on a CNC. I am excited to serve as a Deacon.

DEACON— Karoona Parbutteea



I was born in the beautiful island nation of Mauritius. My faith was nurtured from an early age through the influence of my family. One of the greatest influences is my grandmother, whose unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ shaped my understanding of faith. Through her prayers, example, and steadfast trust in God, I learned the importance of humility, perseverance, compassion, and service to others. Her deep belief in Christ continues to inspire and guide me every day. I was blessed to be baptized at CHPC a congregation that has remained a meaningful part of my spiritual journey. I am grateful for God's grace, the love and support of my church family, and the opportunity to grow spiritually while serving others. My prayer is to continue reflecting Christ's love within the community. My favorite verse is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding" Proverbs 3:5.

DEACON— Claire Snyder



I am looking forward to serving as a Deacon. God has given me the gift of serving others. In the past few years I have felt God calling me to grow in my personal prayer time and praying for others. I became a Christian when I was in middle school. Due to some losses in my life I wandered from my faith but God never let go of me. As a college student I recommitted my life to Jesus. I moved to Cincinnati in 1989 and soon after began attending CHPC. I am married to Dave, and the mom of two daughters and one great son-in-law (Samuel Mock).

DEACON— Betty Jo Sommerville



I have two children, seven grand-children and four great grands. I was born in Cincinnati, attended Zion Baptist Church, and was baptized at the age of twelve. There *teens* were taught to preach and teach. I worked in Cincinnati's public schools. After retiring I was able to serve full-time as a pastor. Three years ago I had some health issues and I needed to "retire" again. Healing took some time. I visited various churches attempting to find where the Lord wanted me to serve. When I came to CHPC, it was as if the Spirit said, "You have arrived, stay!" I hope to use the gifts, talents and experiences God has given me to help grow a culturally-diverse church. My favorite scripture is Proverbs 3: 5-6. My mother taught this to me when I was three. It's never left me.

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DEACON—Melissa Wuske



I joined CHPC this year with my husband, Shawn (who preached on Sept. 20) and my son, Caleb. I'm looking forward to getting to know the church better as a deacon. My hope is that the church will continue to grow deeper in our vision, as we follow the Spirit's leading, as individuals and as a community. I was raised in a Christian church with a strong understanding of scripture and ethic for serving in ministry. But throughout adulthood, I've had a growing awareness of the work of the Holy Spirit and a deep need for the soul nourishment that comes only from God. I am a spiritual director, and I love watching God's unique work in people's lives, as we make space to pay attention to what He's doing.

TRUSTEE ADMINISTRATORS (T.A.)

CHPC'S ENDOWMENT FUND WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1975 FOR MISSION OR OUTREACH "BEYOND THE WALLS" THAT AID EVANGELISM & COMPASSION. THE FUND IS MANAGED BY AN INDEPENDENT INVESTMENT FIRM. THE PRINCIPAL ON THE TRUST GENERATES INCOME THAT IS GIVEN AWAY AS GRANTS. TRUSTEE ADMIN. ARE ELECTED TO ENSURE THAT THE FUND IS PROPERLY INVESTED. A SEPARATE "CHPC ENDOWMENT GRANT TEAM" RECOMMENDS TO SESSION WHO RECEIVES FUNDS, AND REVIEWS THE RECIPIENTS' OUTCOME REPORTS. CONSIDER LEAVING A LEGACY THROUGH THE ENDOWMENT FUND—ADD DONATIONS & BEQUESTS. WANT MORE INFORMATION? CHPC.ORG/GIVING/ENDOWMENT-FUND/

T. A.—Tom Riechel



I was born and raised in southern California. When I was a freshman in high school, I got very ill and was out of school for six weeks. My first encounter with God was praying that He would make me well, which He did. I truly became a Christian several years later after watching a Billy Graham Crusade on TV. I moved to Ohio in 1978 to teach in the Department of Chemistry at Miami University in Oxford OH. My wife, Robin, and I were married at CHPC in 2006 by Rev. Wayne Darbonne (a former CHPC pastor). I retired from Miami U. after 38 years. We now travel widely to visit family in 4 states! At CHPC, I have served on the CNC, Session, and the Global Missions Team. I feel privileged to be nominated for the position of CHPC's Trustee Admin. and hope that my gifts and experience will be of use as I serve.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC)

THE CNC JOB DESCRIPTION IS FOUND ON THIS BOOKLET'S COVER. CNC IS LED BY TWO ELDERS FROM THE SESSION AND INCLUDES A DEACON, AND FIVE ELECTED "AT LARGE" PERSONS.

CNC—Lex Bowerman



I was born in Dayton OH, but I've spent most of my life in Cincinnati. I came to CHPC when I was 3 years old and attended Sunday School and Youth Group. I decided to follow Jesus and get baptized in 2015 when I was ten. I became a volunteer leader for the Youth Group during my first year of college. Now, I work part-time as a Coordinator for CHPC Family Ministries and continue to work with the church's Youth Group. I'm attending the University of Cincinnati studying Organizational Leadership. For fun, I play rugby and spend time with my two dogs, Appa and Happy, a Newfoundland and a Boston Terrier. I have an older brother. My parents have been married for over 25 years.

CNC—Margretta Davis

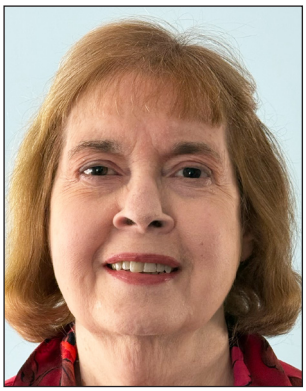


I gave my life to God when I was 25 years old, and have experienced a lot of things walking with Him. God called me to serve most of my Christian life. I served as a Deacon, taught Sunday school, have done praise dancing, and I love God's people. I've been with CHPC for fourteen years. I have served as a Deacon. I was a wife and the mother of three adult children: one has passed away. I have

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eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. My husband has also passed away. Even in the shadow of death, God has been so good to me. He has showed me that He is my covering...my friend...my helper...my joy and salvation.

CNC—Nancy Shryock



I have attended CHPC since I was four years old, and have been involved in a lot of ministries over the years, mostly centered on music and working with kids. (I draw the line at preaching, though.) I became a Christian while on a mission trip to Minnesota. One of the adults on the trip shared his testimony; and I thought, Lord, I want what HE has! I've been following Christ ever since. I'm divorced with three adult children and two wonderful grandchildren. I look forward to seeing CHPC continue to grow in maturity and diversity!

CNC—Barry Stare



In 1958, to please my parents, I joined CHPC with the other Eighth Graders. I didn't know a thing about the Gospel. In Fall 1968, Sharlyn and I came to Jerry Kirk to get married. He 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 returned and rejoined CHPC in 1972. 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 in and through me on the CNC, but I'm available to find out. Two important Scriptures in my life are James 4:4: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" and Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will."

CNC—David Welch



CHPC has been and is instrumental to my spiritual formation. It's been like getting a graduate degree in the Power of the Holy Spirit. Led to the Lord by theologian R C Sproul, I become a leader of *College & Careers for Christ* and joined CHPC in 1978. I met my dear wife Annette of 43 years. She passed away last Christmas. FATHERS Ministry has shaped my relationship with Annette and my sons, Stephen and Christopher. I've been part of Telios and Healing, the *Evangelism Team*, Missions, Market Place Ministries, and Christ Community in College Hill. I've served as an Elder, Deacon, and on another CNC. My vision for CHPC is to be *led by the Holy Spirit to equip and empower the covenant partners* thru worship, discipleship, evangelism, missions and healing . . .so that CHPC will be an community of Jesus Followers loving others into the Kingdom of God through the Risen Christ. My favorite verses are Zechariah 4-6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit thus saith the Lord" and 1 Peter 5-6—Humble yourself under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

SUMMARY OF CNC 2027 NOMINEES FOR CHPC OFFICES

ELDERS: Mark Evans, Barbara Ann McMullen, Bart Sauer.

DEACONS: Joseph Brooks, Pat Dollard, Chris Evans, Deanne Huddleston, Mark Murphy, Karoona Parbutteea, Claire Snyder, Betty Jo Sommerville, Melissa Wuske.

TRUSTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Tom Riechel.

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC) : Lex Bowerman, Margretta Davis, Nancy Shryock, Barry Stare, David Welch.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NOMINATING PROCESS & CANDIDATES, or NOMINATING A PERSON AT THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING? PLEASE CONTACT THE 2026 CNC CHAIR, Bonnie Mack (513) 259-9833.

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