

Biographies of Nominees for Church Office 2022

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The Nominating Committee is delighted to introduce our slate of nominees. Their participation is a blessing to the CCPC community. When you see them, please thank them for accepting this call to service!

**With gratitude,
The 2021-2022 CCPC Nominating Committee**

Trish Boggs

Steve Eichenauer

Bill Hoffman

Sigrid Lade

Tom Lutte

Fred Schafrick

Mary Strauss, Chair

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CCPC Elders

Ruling Elders – the Ministry of Discernment and Governance

The session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness. (Book of Order G-3.0201). At CCPC, there are twelve ruling Elders and one Youth Elder, moderated by Senior Pastor Molly Blythe Teichert. This deliberative body strives to ascertain God’s will for our Congregation as we focus on questions regarding vision, mission, strategy, and goals for the church.

Lynn Johnston became a member of CCPC in 2020 just after the church went to online services during the pandemic. She participates in Wednesday Bible Studies, has a role in the IRJ task force and has helped with activities supporting CCPC’s involvement in immigration and refugee missions. Lynn was born in California when her father was in the Army. She lived in Mexico and Nicaragua with her family while her father was in the Foreign Service. She has lived in the Washington, DC area since third grade. She worked for the federal government for almost 35 years, doing software development and government contracting.



She has been retired since 2017 and lives in Silver Spring with her former ward Yulisa, Yulisa’s sister Keily and Yulisa’s fiancée, Jose. She currently focuses on providing moral support for Yulisa and Keily as they continue their education and volunteers for the Montgomery County/AARP Tax Aide Program. Lynn is also Mary Strauss’ sister and is glad Mary invited her to CCPC!



Clara Fernandez (Youth Elder) is a junior doing the IB program at B-CC HS and works at Paper Source in Bethesda part-time after school. She is a proud native Washingtonian, but lives in Chevy Chase, MD with her parents. Clara attended the WNS and joined CCPC with her family at 5 years old, and was baptized and confirmed at CCPC. Her fond memories of Sunday School with her father Mark as teacher, Christmas pageants (she still knows all the songs!), and mission trips with the youth group are ones she will cherish forever. Clara went to Montreat last summer and looks forward to returning again. She is very appreciative of the church community and is thrilled to serve!

CCPC Deacons

Deacons – the Ministry of Compassion and Service

The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress (Book of Order G-2.0201). Under the direction of the pastors and led by an elected moderator, the CCPC Board of Deacons assists with pastoral care and other service opportunities. Members of this ministry enjoy fellowship, friendship and service while supporting the broader work of the Church.

Barkley Calkins: I am a lifelong Presbyterian. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, the oldest of four children. My father was a doctor and my mother a nurse until she left the field to raise a family. My parents strongly influenced my commitment to caring and compassion. A few highlights:

- Happily married to Glenda for more than 60 years; our family includes our daughter, our son and our daughter-in-law.
- Graduate of Amherst College.
- Marine Corps officer and pilot.
- Career of 25 years with J.P. Morgan and Company.
- Post Morgan, actively consulted with nonprofit organizations in various organizational settings.
- Trained for two years in clinical pastoral education; this is something I hope to resume here in the DC area.
- Served the PCUSA in various way, as an active member, church school teacher, Ruling Elder, Deacon, Presbytery Moderator, and commissioner to one General Assembly.



Having moved to this area just over a year ago, Glenda and I are delighted to be joining CCPC. We look forward to a time, hopefully very soon, when freedom from COVID will enable us to get to know more of the members.



Hope Cullen is one of 10 children and grew up in Reading, PA and currently lives in Bethesda, MD. She attended the University of MD, was a diver on the Swim team at MD; where she graduated w/ a degree in Kinesiology in 1982. She did some graduate studies in Health Fitness Management & Business at the American University, where she was the head diving coach in the mid 80s. Hope then became a residential Realtor in 1988 and has continued her 33-year real estate career in the DMV with Coldwell Banker Realty in Bethesda.

Hope has continued her passion for fitness by also teaching water aerobics classes; she is a Washington DC sports enthusiast; follows all Terp sports, Commanders, Nats & Caps as well. Hope has 2 children, Ally 22 and Stan 20. Ally continues her college studies online in English, writes Poetry, enjoys Astrology and is getting her certification in Yoga. Stan has completed online courses at Montgomery College and hopes to attend Drexel University or UMD in the Fall in Video Game Design. Stan enjoys writing music & being the Dungeon Master while playing Dungeons & Dragons with his friends.

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Roman Gehres (Youth Deacon): I am 17 years old, and I go to Walt Whitman High School. I love music quite a lot. I play piano, guitar, and I sing. I also participate in my school's drumline and acapella groups. I've been going to church for all my life and look forward to doing more in that community. I love football, and am a huge Michigan and Eagles fan.



Rosalind Hom was born and raised in the Washington, DC area. She is a retiree from the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory where she worked as a software engineer and project manager. She and her husband Wai have three sons, two daughters-in-law, and a grandson. Roz's history at CCPC goes back many years to when she attended Sunday School as a little girl. As an adult, she has taught Sunday School, ushered, and previously served as a deacon.

Her children also attended CCPC Weekday Nursery School and Sunday school. Roz and Wai were married at CCPC, their sons and grandson were baptized here, and two of their sons were recently married at CCPC. Roz is looking forward to again serving as a CCPC deacon.

Kenneth Lowenberg is Minister of Music Emeritus of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, where he served for 38 years (1963-2006). Since retiring, Ken substituted as organist at churches in MD, DC, and VA; then from 2014-2019 he was Organist at National City Christian Church in Washington, DC. Ken attended Northwestern University (B Mus Ed), the Univ. of Southern California (M Mus in Composition), and the College of Church Musicians at Washington Cathedral (FCCM). He has held local, regional, and national offices in the American Guild of Organists and the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.



Many of Ken's choral, organ, and handbell compositions are published. Ken joyfully served as Deacon at CCPC from 2012-2016, and again from 2017-2020. He has found it very fulfilling work, establishing connections with CCPC members, and sharing the love and joy of Christ with them. He has also served as a Volunteer with Montgomery Hospice and has taken many training classes there, which can dove-tail nicely with some deacon work.



Jean E. McKeever lives in Kensington, MD and is originally from Connecticut. She moved to the Washington, DC area in 1976 to take a job with the U.S. Maritime Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The agency is responsible for promoting U.S-flag merchant shipping and provides several financial assistance programs to support the industry.

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(continued) Jean spent her entire career at the agency and her last position before retiring in 2009 was as senior executive responsible for the shipbuilding loan guarantee program. Since her retirement, Jean has provided consulting services on a limited basis to maritime companies. She enjoys travel, book clubs, a dinner club, and playing bridge. She joined CCPC several years ago and has been active in Faith Trek. She has recently begun volunteering for TAP and hopes to assist with Afghan refugees.



Lucy Smith (Youth Deacon): My name is Lucy Smith and this is my 11th year at CCPC. I was born and baptized Presbyterian in 2005, and about six years later my family and I joined CCPC in 2011. Since I arrived at CCPC I have enjoyed taking part in things such as the children's choir, youth group activities, mission trips, and a whole lot of Sunday school. Being a part of the youth group has been one of my favorite parts about church and I am so blessed to have such an awesome group of church friends (a.k.a "churchies"). I am currently a junior at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart and when I am not at school I enjoy playing sports, spending time with friends, or catching up on some Netflix.

Carol Tucker-Foreman: was born and raised in Little Rock, AR, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis and the American University's School of Government and Public Administration. For 40 years, Carol has worked at the highest levels of government and advocacy organizations to ensure that Americans have safe, nutritious, and affordable food. She was Executive Director of the Consumer Federation of America, where she launched and served as director of its Food Policy Institute.



As assistant secretary of agriculture she worked to expand the then-fledgling WIC program, broadened food stamp coverage for the poor, and improved nutritional requirements for school feeding programs. She was a legislative representative for Planned Parenthood of America during the effort to create the Title X family planning program. She was appointed to various federal advisory boards by Presidents Ford, Carter and Clinton to address issues including food costs, nutrition, genetically engineered foods, the influence of industry on government regulators. Seeking a church family that welcomes every soul who seeks to worship a loving God, is pledged to serve the local community and to extend God's work to all the world, she was drawn to CCPC. Carol is proud of the pennants festooning the church welcoming all who wish to join in worship at CCPC, and feels a special attachment to work helping local groups provide food and shelter to those in need. She joined the church in 1983 and has served as an Elder, chaired the "Living Stones" capital campaign, and at different times has served on almost every committee at CCPC. Carol and Jay Foreman were married in 1964 and were together until his death in 2018. They have two children and two grandchildren.

CCPC Auditor

Auditor

CCPC has three internal auditors elected by the congregation, each serving a 3-year term. The auditors review the work of CCPC's external auditing company, examine and certify as to the accuracy of the financial statements of the books and records of the church, and examine the assets, both real and personal, of the corporation. The auditors submit their report of audit at the annual meeting of the congregation.



Mark Fernandez: I have been privileged to be a part of Christian Education with the Sunday School team, grateful to be a chaperone on youth mission and ministry trips, a contributor to the FOCUS planning committee, excited to be on the first task force committee to research the optimum size of the session, as well being on the Administration and Finance Committee, and have served previously on the Audit Committee and as an Elder. I brought my family along (Lauren and Clara) when I volunteered for the flower committee. Participation is a requirement of faith, and I believe that CCPC should be managed in accordance with the parable taught in Luke 16:1-13.

I am a construction manager for the B. F. Saul Co., building and redeveloping grocery store anchored community centers. Catholic University granted me a Master of Architecture degree, and I loved earning an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. Before my second (and third) chances that made were available by higher education, I served in the United States Marine Corps.



The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church seeks to be a congregation where **God is the center** of our lives; we **celebrate children and youth** and equip them with faith to meet life's challenges; and we **work for justice** in local and global communities.

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