

Deacon and
Elder
Nominees
Statements of
Faith 2024

In Preparation for the Spring Congregational
Meeting May 19, 2024 at 10:15am



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Worship Hall

Covenant Partners have the privilege and responsibility to elect new deacons and elders at our Spring Congregational Meeting. Both deacons and elders ordinarily serve three-year terms, and they may serve two consecutive terms. Typically, 1/3 of our deacons and elders are elected each year.

Our Nominating Committee, after a season of prayerful discernment since February, has presented four elder-nominees and four deacon-nominees. Included here are their faith statements. You will be encouraged to read how the Lord has been at work in these women and men!

The Constitution of ECO (Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians) outlines the ministry of elder and deacon as follows:

2.02 The Ministry of Elders. Elders are given authority and responsibility, along with pastors, to oversee the spiritual health of the congregation as well as the congregation's faithfulness to God's mission. Elders may also be asked to preach and teach. Elders shall be elected by the congregation.

2.03 The Ministry of Deacons. Ordinarily, the biblical office of deacon shall be utilized by the congregation. Deacons led ministries that nurture fellowship and caregiving within and beyond the congregation. Deacons may also be asked to preach and teach. The congregation shall determine the manner in which they are selected for service. The session shall oversee and direct the ministry of the deacons.

Immediately after the Congregational Meeting, during the 10:30am worship gathering, we will ordain and install these new elders and deacons, praying for and commissioning them to serve the Lord Jesus, who alone is head of the Church (Colossians 1:18). What a joy to have front row seats to the Holy Spirit's work in these disciples' lives!

With Great Joy,



Peter Little, Lead Pastor

Deacon Nominees

Susan Diego (1st Term)

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, and my personal savior. That was my profession of faith when I was baptized at the age of 39. I had always been a believer but had strayed off the path in my younger adult life. Accepting Christ as my savior changed my life and cemented my faith in the Trinity of God the father, the son and the Holy Spirit. I believe the Bible is the Word of God. And I know I have been truly blessed throughout my life by God's grace. I have asked Jesus to lead me as I continue to walk His path. My prayer is that He uses me to glorify Him, and to be a light for others to see His goodness and love. I am truly thrilled and humbled to have been nominated to serve as a deacon at Christ Pacific Church. In this service, I promise to dedicate myself to personally growing in Him, and to uplifting our congregation of fellow believers, covenant partners, and our community in any way that I am given the opportunity to do. I am thankful and in His love!

Bonnie Onsrud (1st Term)

I believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is the center of my life. I am forgiven through His death and resurrection. I believe that God is the author of the Bible, which is unique and our ultimate authority. My faith has grown exponentially through the years as life's circumstances have brought me to my knees in front of our Lord. He is ever faithful to us, who believe in His divine power and grace. I believe that God is calling me to honor and serve Him in new ways.

Peggy Salazar (1st Term)

My spiritual partnership with Christ Pacific Church began over 25 years ago, when my family and I were invited to attend by close friends. Since that time, Christ Pacific Church has been our home – providing growth and a greater understanding of Christ’s love for us. I have been blessed by the Christian fellowship and support for my family through the years. I am honored to be nominated for service as a Deacon. I believe in the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe the Bible is the Word of God. Jesus Christ died for my sins and is my Lord and Savior. Though faith in the Lord all things are possible.

Rick Davies (2nd Term)

I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and was sent by God the Father. I believe Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and was resurrected for the forgiveness of my sins. I believe the Holy Spirit lives in me and gives me the power to trust and obey Jesus Christ. Trust and obey - there's no other way.

Larry Lee (2nd Term)

I, Larry Lee, will be honored to serve another term as a deacon at Christ Pacific Church. I am pleased to submit my Statement of Faith. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN

Elder Nominees

Greg Reese (1st Term)

I believe God is truly alive and I see His fingerprints everywhere I go. I also believe He sent His one and only Son Jesus to earth to give voice to His laws and to guide His people in following Him. I believe the Bible is God inspired and is a life handbook for all of mankind, and I know that Jesus is the only way to salvation.

I support and am committed to Christ Pacific Church's Mission and Values, and desire to share the experience of God's goodness. I joined the Catholic Church while in my thirties and learned to give praise to our Lord Jesus with unflinching love and devotion. I discovered Christ Pacific Church twenty-five years ago, and it changed my life. I could sense the love and respect everyone had for each other and more importantly the love for Jesus and I have been a faithful servant of the Lord through Christ Pacific Church from that day. As a member of Christ Pacific Church, I've been involved and volunteered in various ways. I've had the honor and privilege of playing in several worship bands at Christ Pacific Church and other local churches that sparked something in my soul I didn't know existed. Worshipping God and Jesus through music is an awesome experience. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are alive and well, and I'm excited to serve with everything I've been gifted.

John Flinn (1st Term)

God gave me saving faith and I believe that it is only by God's Grace that anyone can be saved (Eph. 2:8,9). At salvation God the Holy

Spirit came into my life as a gift of God the Father (1Cor. 12:13) and He guides me in my daily life (Rom. 6:1—10). When I was the “prodigal son,” God brought me back to Him by His loving grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. The knowledge of God is His self-revelation in His Word, both incarnate and written and is the authority for my life. I believe that Scripture, both the Old and New Testament, is infallible and authoritative and the study of Scripture to be essential for my spiritual formation and growth (2Tim. 3:16,17). I believe in the mystery of the incarnation of Jesus Christ (John 1:14) and that He was truly human and divine. I believe in His death, resurrection, and ascension (Luke 24:50,51) to the right-hand of God the Father. I believe and worship the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who is one essence and three persons. I believe in the attributes of God that He is eternal, loving, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent and more. I believe that all who are saved are chosen before the foundations of the earth (Rom. 8:29,30) and are saved for eternity (Rom. 8:38,39). My life began at the time of conception (Jeremiah 1:5) and that God has given me three main priorities, out of many. First to love God & my neighbor (Matt. 27:25), love my wife as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:25) and to be of service (Eph. 2:10) to the church. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as an Elder for Christ Pacific.

Scott Smith (1st Term)

I have been blessed by being raised in the faith, including attending Christ Pacific Preschool. So, without doubt, I believe in one God, composed of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God. I believe Jesus Christ died on the cross and was resurrected and through grace, my sins are forgiven, and I am saved. Jesus is the only source of true hope and I await his second coming.

Tim Keeseey (1st Term)

I believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Through God’s

loving grace, I know today that I can come into His holy presence and have eternal life because of my repentance of sin, and my belief and faith in Jesus' death on the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and His continued intervention in my life, and those that follow Him. I believe that the Bible is the "God-breathed", inspired word of God that provides direction for how I am to live my life. Because I am a follower of Jesus, the Holy Spirit is at work in me, molding me and inspiring me to follow His example to love God, and to love His people. I feel honored to be considered for the position of Elder at my church home, Christ Pacific Church.

Thanks to the 2024 Nominating Committee for their prayerful discernment in presenting these deacon and elder-nominees!

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