

Nominating Committee's **Slate of Officers**

Class of 2023



This morning, October 18, 2020, a rolling congregational meeting will be convened in the sanctuary immediately following each morning worship service for the purpose of electing the following persons to office and as members-at-large of the Nominating Committee:

Returning Elders

Diane DeSieno-Lane
Terri Pennington

Elders

Connie Amend
Rich Birkenmaier
Angela Emrich
Cathryn Schenk

Returning Deacons

Sam Blank
Nancy McCabe
Grace McCord
Betsy McFadden
Carol Olver
Susan Zamrowski

Deacons

Jane Deacon
Shawn Dzielawa
Courtney Perkins
Clara Pitts
Kim Prann

Returning Trustees

Rick Bates
Janet Colliton

Trustees

Paul Larson
Joan Lorgus

Auditor

Rich Hoerner

Members-at-Large

Jennifer Boorse
John Caldwell
Jeanne Klaver
Carmen Knox
Barb Nerarsulmer



Diane DeSieno-Lane

Returning Elder, Class of 2023

Diane has attended Westminster for 21 years and has been a member for 13. Diane serves on the CSG Team and teaches Sunday School. She is a member of the communion committee and the thrift shop board. Diane has served as a Deacon and on the anti-human trafficking advocacy working group. She is the Legislative Liaison to the Chester County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition. Diane and husband Brian live in West Chester. Diane is an attorney in the Law department of Saint-Gobain in Malvern. She enjoys reading, walking, traveling, attending the theater, and volunteering.



Terri Pennington

Returning Elder, Class of 2023

Terri has been a member of Westminster for five years. Terri and her husband live in Wilmington, Delaware and have two sons, Thomas and Zachary. Terri serves on the Women's Retreat planning team and is a co-chair of both the Outreach Committee and Serving our Neighbors Vision Team. Terri enjoys mission work, volunteering for Wilmington Flower Market, gardening, hiking and cooking.



Connie Amend

Elder, Class of 2023

Connie and her husband Bill, have four children and seven grandchildren. They have been members of Westminster since 2015. Connie is a member of the Chancel Choir, the Wednesday evening study group, and leads the Presbyterian Women's Bible study at Maris Grove. She volunteers with Family Promise and other mission outreach, and supports a medical clinic in Honduras. As a travel agent for 35 years, Connie designed and escorted Christian tours in Europe, Turkey and Israel. She was ordained an Elder at the First Presbyterian Church, and served as Clerk of Session.



Rich Birkenmaier

Elder, Class of 2023

Rich has been a member of Westminster for 17 years. He and his wife, Chris live in West Chester where they raised Jeff and Anne who are now adults. Rich has served in many capacities including CREDO leader, Sunday School Pre-K teacher, Youth Vision member, Sunday Night Youth Group volunteer. He has been to Honduras as part of the Youth-to-Youth partnership and has hosted our Honduran friends twice. Rich is an Endowment Board member. He enjoys attending A Gathering of Men and men's retreats. Rich manages a computer programming group that supports clinical trial research for Pfizer.



Angela Emrich

Elder, Class of 2023

Angela and her husband, Eric have been members of Westminster for 19 years. They have two daughters and a son. Angela serves as co-chair of the Outreach committee. Angela has previously served on Youth Vision, and participated in the Honduras and Mexico mission trips. Angela volunteers with Family Promise, the West Chester Food Cupboard as well as the Giving Tree and Rise Against Hunger meal packaging. She enjoys exercising, walking, hiking and reading.



Cathryn Schenk

Elder, Class of 2023

Cathryn has been a member of Westminster for 18 years. She and her husband Eric live in Chadds Ford, and have three children. Cathryn works for the University of Delaware in Development and Alumni Engagement and as an adjunct faculty member in the Lerner School of Business. Cathryn has served as a Sunday School teacher, a VBS volunteer and on the ASG Committee. She is an active volunteer for Safe Harbor and loves gardening, traveling, the arts and rescuing dogs.



Sam Blank

Returning Deacon, Class of 2023

Sam has been a member of Westminster for 12 years. Sam and his spouse, John live in Hershey's Mill in West Chester. He currently serves Westminster as a faithful usher both on Sunday and for many of the special concerts. Sam volunteers at Broad Street Ministry. He enjoys gardening, traveling, cooking and spending time with friends.



Nancy McCabe

Returning Deacon, Class of 2023

Nancy has been a member for two years, lives in West Goshen and serves as secretary of the West Goshen Historical Commission. She has three children, two stepsons and seven grandchildren. She retired from Conectiv Energy in Wilmington, DE (Pepco Holdings, now part of Exelon) where she was the Collateral Manager. Nancy serves extended communion, is a greeter, secretary of the Deacons, and a Stephen Minister. She attends the Wednesday morning Bible Study and enjoys volunteering, reading, and spending time with her family.



Grace McCord

Returning Deacon, Class of 2023

Grace has been a member of Westminster for six years. She and her husband live in West Chester and together have three adult children and six grandchildren. She serves Westminster as a deacon and on the New Members Committee. She enjoys helping out on various outreach ministries. Grace is a retired middle school teacher and enjoys reading, walking, traveling, and spending time with her family.



Betsy McFadden

Returning Deacon, Class of 2023

Betsy has been a member of Westminster for four years. She lives in West Goshen and has two adult children and three grandchildren. She leads the new members class, is on the Thrift Shop Committee and joined the Wednesday Morning Bible Study. Betsy retired after 25 years as an administrative assistant with the West Chester Area School District. She volunteers at the Brandywine Auxiliary of Penn Chester County Hospital, and enjoys reading, gardening, and taking classes at Immaculata University.



Carol Olver

Returning Deacon, Class of 2023

Carol has been a member of Westminster for 30 years. She lives in East Goshen and has five children and 17 grandchildren. Carol has been involved in WPW Thursday Circle, Lunch Bunch, the Knitting Group, the Memorial Committee, Monday counting and Deacons. She started a fellowship group for widowed persons. She is a retired company financial manager. Her interests are cooking, crafts and entertaining family.



Susan Zamrowski

Returning Deacon, Class of 2023

Susan has been a member of Westminster for 23 years. She and her husband, Paul live in West Chester and have two adult daughters. Susan served as a Sunday School teacher, KidsJAM helper, Youth Vision Team member, CREDO leader, and VBS volunteer. She has been on the nominating and Family Promise committees. She participated in WPW Monday Circle, dinner group, youth trips, and Bridge of Hope mentoring team. Susan was a case manager for adults with disabilities and works part-time "keeping the books" for Paul's business. She enjoys reading, spending time with family, volunteering, and attending events in the community.



Jane Deacon

Deacon, Class of 2023

Jane has been a member of Westminster for four years. She and her husband Roger live in West Chester and have 3 grown daughters-Lindsay, Natalie and Courtney. Jane has served Westminster on the Emerging Generations committee and the Library committee. She is a preschool teacher at the First Presbyterian Church Bucket School, and volunteers with Meals on Wheels. In her free time she enjoys reading, cycling, hiking and traveling.



Shawn Dzielawa

Deacon, Class of 2023

Shawn and her son Noah have been members of WPC since 1999. Shawn has served in the nursery, Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, and as Deacon. She has volunteered with KidsJAM, Pittsburgh Project, and the youth auction. As a 5th grade teacher for the West Chester Area School District, Shawn enjoys helping others and is humbled to be serving as a Deacon where she is happy to be touching the lives of others as others have greatly impacted her.



Courtney Perkins

Deacon, Class of 2021

Courtney has attended Westminster with her family her entire life, beginning with the nursery and preschool. She is currently a junior at Downingtown West High School. Courtney has been very active in the church. She sang in the Cherub choir, KidsJAM, and is currently in the Youth Choir. She attends youth group regularly, was a participant as well as a volunteer in VBS, completed the CREDO confirmation class and attended many Youth retreats. Courtney looks forward to serving the church community as a junior Deacon!



Clara Pitts

Deacon, Class of 2023

Clara has been a member of Westminster since 2007 having come from the Dilworthtown church plant. She lives in West Chester with her husband, Darrell, and their two girls, Katie (13) and Rachel (9). Clara served as a Sunday School teacher for many years and as a member of the Westminster Preschool Board of Directors for six years. She works in Product Management for an employee experience tech company.



Kim Prann

Deacon, Class of 2023

Kim has been a member of Westminster for 19 years. Kim and Rich live in West Chester and have two kids in college, Logan and Maren. Kim has served Westminster as a Sunday School teacher, sTones and Rockabout coordinator, Youth Vision Team and Children's Spiritual Growth team member, VBS volunteer and a Nominating Committee member. She also serves on the Mission Possible team, and has participated in WPW Circle, Mom's Group, dinner group and various Bible studies. Kim is a preschool teacher at Goshen Friends School and enjoys being in two book clubs, taking long walks with friends and spending time with her family.



Rick Bates

Returning Trustee, Class of 2023

Rick has been a member of Westminster for more than 45 years. Rick and his wife, Karen live in Downingtown and have three children. He has taught Sunday school, helped with youth groups, and served on various boards and committees through the years. Rick has been involved in real estate development and construction for 35 years.



Janet Colliton

Returning Trustee, Class of 2023

Janet has been a member of Westminster for 20 years. Jan and her daughter, Alisa live in West Chester. She has served as a Sunday school teacher and has participated in programs at Westminster involving estates and the elderly. Janet is an elder law attorney with her practice in West Chester at Colliton Elder Law Assocs., PC. Janet and Alisa have a cat, Frances, and a spoiled miniature Schnauzer, Mario. They love to travel.



Paul Larson

Trustee, Class of 2023

Paul Larson has been a member of Westminster for 25 years. He has served the church as an Elder and Trustee, chaired the stewardship committee, served on the planning committee, three capital campaign committees, two Associate Pastor nominating committees and the Preschool board. He also served as treasurer of Serving at the Crossroads in its early years. A retired investment manager, he resides in Kennett Square with his wife Carolyn.



Joan Lorgus

Trustee, Class of 2023

Joan has been a member of Westminster for 50 years and was baptized by Rev. Robert Boell. Joan lives in West Goshen with her daughter, Jenna and their dog, Angel. She currently is a member of the handbell choir, has co-chaired the Dinner for 8 group for several years, has helped with Sunday School, VBS and was part of the Building and Design Committee that built the current Westminster location. Joan is an Area Vice President, Account Strategy at Komodo Health, and enjoys traveling, reading, and being at the beach.



Rich Hoerner

Auditor, Class of 2023

Rich has been a member of Westminster for 27 years. He lives in Birmingham Township with his wife Karen and dog Gracie. He is a retired executive of BlackRock Inc. and currently is a partner in an agriculture testing company. Rich has served on the Stewardship Committee and two prior terms as an Auditor.



Jen Boorse

Member-at-Large, Class of 2023

Jen has been a member of Westminster for 36 years and has served Westminster as a preschool board member, Sunday school teacher, Deacon, member of the Vision Team and now as a member of the Nominating Committee. She has also helped with Vacation Bible School and other youth activities and is involved with Family Promise. Jen and her husband Scott live in West Chester and have three daughters, Madeline, Rachel, and Becca. Jen works part time for Birmingham Township and enjoys gardening, cooking, and spending time with her family.



John Caldwell

Member-at-Large, Class of 2023

John has been a member of Westminster for 45 years. He's been blessed to serve on a variety of boards and committees including Social Life, Trustees, Stewardship, Endowment, Session, Boy Scout Troop 93 Chaplain and Pre-School. John is a retired banker and he and Susan live in Pocopson. They have two sons Tom and Andrew who live locally with their wives in the West Chester area and each have two children.



Jeanne Klaver

Member-at-Large, Class of 2021

Jeanne has been a member of Westminster for 10 years. She has served as a Deacon, a Stephen Minister, a member of The Landing leadership team, the Prayer Chain, and on the Library and Expand Our Witness committee. Her children live in New York and Texas, and her grandson attends Penn State University. Jeanne enjoys long walks with her giant dog, Apollo.



Carmen Knox

Member-at-Large, Class of 2022

Carmen, a member of Westminster for more than 20 years, was an educator and worked in the field of Adult Literacy for over 20 years. She serves on the board (and volunteers) at the Westminster Thrift Shop, assists with in-pew communion and served six years as a Deacon. Carmen has two adult children and four grandchildren.



Barb Necarsulmer

Member-at-Large, Class of 2023

Barb and her husband Rob have been members of Westminster for over 20 years. Barb has served two terms on Session and two as a Trustee. She also headed the Worship and Arts Committee, taught middle school Sunday school, serves as an usher and enjoys playing in the handbell choir and being part of a small group bible study. Barb and Rob have three adult children who grew up in the church: Lindsay who lives in PA, Julie in NC and Tim with his wife Abigail in OK.



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