

## NOMINEE BIOS – CONGREGATION COUNCIL

C12.02 The members of the Congregation Council except the pastor(s) shall be elected by written ballot to serve for three years or until their successors are elected. Such members shall be eligible to serve no more than two full terms consecutively. Their terms shall begin on the date the Congregational Council is installed, as specified in the By-Laws, and shall end when their successors are installed.

C12.03 Should a member's place on the Congregation Council be declared vacant, the Congregation Council shall elect, by majority vote, a successor until the next annual business meeting. If less than three months remain until the next annual meeting, the Congregation Council may choose to allow the vacancy to remain, and the Congregation shall elect a member to fill the unexpired term.

Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the Annual Meeting with the prior consent of the nominee.

Council nominees are presented in the order of the month in which each was born.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Theresa Miller

#### **A Little About My Family:**

I am Theresa Miller, a recent widow. My husband Ed Miller passed away December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We have three children, Michelle, Matthew, and Scott, four grandchildren, MacKenzie and Evan, both in college, and Alexander and Sawyer, 9 and 6 years old. Michelle's family lives in Florida and Matthew's family is in New Jersey. Our youngest, Scott, is finishing 20 years in the Army as a Chief Warrant Officer 3. I have two sisters and a brother that live near Rock Hill, and my younger brother still lives up in Pennsylvania, where we all grew up.



Besides Pennsylvania, we lived in Toms River, NJ where we were members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for over 20 years. We raised our boys in the church and built many lasting friendships in the community. I moved down to South Carolina 14 years ago to help care for my mother and to work at CVS as a store manager. While Ed packed up the entire home in New Jersey, I worked and found our new home here in Catawba. It has been a good life and place to live. During the four months I awaited Ed's arrival, I found Grace. I have always felt welcome in our community and in the presence of the Lord Jesus while at Grace. I have found comfort and peace in the presence of the pastors and congregation that I've called home for 14 years.

#### **How I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months:**

Grace and the congregation have been here when I needed them most. I enjoy L.I.F.T., I've made cards for church members and feel at peace and home in the sanctuary. During my years at Holy Cross in New Jersey I was on Congregation Council several times as a Christian Education member, on the Evangelism committee and as Sunday School superintendent for 3 years.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

When I was asked to consider a position on Council at Grace, I felt in my heart that I know some of what to expect. Each congregation and Council is a little different, and I hope to bring my experience to our Council. The work the Council does is important, it's fun, and is most definitely rewarding. I look forward to becoming more active at Grace, whether I am helping on the Council or in some other capacity.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Jay Ruff

#### **A Little About My Family:**

My name is Jay Ruff. My wife, Amy, and our two sons, Holden (16) and Bayard (14) joined Grace in 2018. We moved to Tega Cay in 2017 from Madison, Alabama. I am a chemist, and currently work in technical sales for 3M. Amy is an engineer, and Holden and Bayard are both students at Fort Mill High School.



#### **How I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months:**

Over the challenging past 18 months, we have not been as diligent as we would like in our connection to Grace. Holden and Bayard have done confirmation, we did a little of the painting of the classrooms, and some GYM activities, but largely have been absentee, in light of local guidance, and personal situations. I expect to change that, as we have missed that part of our lives and need to find a way to re-integrate.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

I have previously served as the Outreach Chair on Congregation Council at Messiah Lutheran Church in Madison, AL, and on the Property Committee at Wittenberg Lutheran Church in Leesville, SC. I enjoy serving the church and serving the community at large on behalf of the church. I have never been able to fully embrace the evangelist part of faith, so service has been the way that I try to share my faith. I can serve the church with an open mind and with the best interest of the church at heart. Thank you.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Carla Harrison



#### **A Little About My Family:**

I'm Carla Harrison and have been attending Grace for a bit over 10 years. I'm originally from Ohio, Go Blue! Errr Bucks, but still root for Michigan, wait how's that work? I have two wonderful step daughters ages 17 and 27; the youngest lives in Fort Mill and the eldest in Tallahassee with her husband and I still have two furry children (cats) at home ages 12 and 14. Most of my family is spread from Tennessee to Ohio and thankfully I'm on the pathway to Hilton Head and FL so I get to see some regularly as they travel thru.

#### **How I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months:**

I have served on Council in the past however I currently serve on the Parish Life and Endowment committees. I am proud to be a part of L.I.F.T – Ladies in Faith Together where we share our lives and the word of God. Sadly I haven't been very active in the church since COVID hit but I'm ramping back up into things again. I miss our Women of the Word bible study and feel it drawing me back into the arms of all involved.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

I am honored to be asked to serve on Council to be a part of those representing our church family and to help others grow in their relationship with Christ, find their purpose and feel fulfilled within the church and to assist our pastors and people with strategic and long-term direction, goals and objectives.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Jeff Ranges

#### **A Little About My Family:**

My wife Linda and I moved to Lake Wylie from the Hudson Valley in New York in November 2019 to be closer to family residing in Rock Hill and Clover. We began attending services at Grace in December 2019 and felt welcomed immediately and knew we had found our church home. We have six children scattered in Clover, New York, and Norway. I grew up in a strongly devoted Lutheran household including a grandfather who was a Lutheran Pastor and parents who served their church in just about every way possible.



#### **How I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months:**

I have looked to serve the congregations of which I was a member by teaching Sunday School, serving on Property and Maintenance committees, serving on church council, including VP for 6 years, and managing a building revitalization project. My wife and I looked forward to becoming active members at Grace beyond attending services each week. However, shortly after we joined Grace, Covid hit and many opportunities were put on hold.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

I was impressed by Grace's connection to Winthrop, how the congregation was serving the community in need, and the projects that were ongoing. I'd like to become a member of the church council to work with church leadership to ensure that Grace continues to serve the congregation's needs and the needs of the community it serves.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Bob Goodbar



#### **A Little About My Family:**

My wife Vicky and I found Grace as our church home more than 37 years ago, after I finished pediatric residency. I am now retired.

We have 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, and 6 wonderful grandchildren; 3 boys, 3 girls.

#### **How I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months:**

I have served as usher, lector, and greeter. I assist with Hospitality and serve as a member of the Place of Grace Committee. I attend the Men-In-Training Sunday School class.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

Through many years I have observed the talents and time of many folks who have helped make our church a special place. My appreciation of this makes me willing, and I believe God will help me serve to the best of my ability, if the congregation should choose.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Mary Hinson



#### **A Little About My Family:**

I was born and raised in the Lutheran Church and have been a member of Grace for over forty years after moving from Florida. I've been married to Eddie for over forty-seven years. We have two adult married children, one granddaughter who is a student at Southern Maine Community College and two grandsons (one in middle school and one in elementary school).

#### **How I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months:**

During the last year and a half or so I've been involved in Grace's Adult Bible Study Sunday School and playing flute with the 8:30 and 11:00 choirs. I've also helped prepare the boxed meals for the Hunger Outreach Ministry and crocheted Baptism blankets for the Milestone Ministry and prayer shawls. During the pandemic I was part of the virtual choir and read some of the lessons for the on-line services and helped with the painting of the Sunday School classrooms.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

I'd like to be on Council to serve the congregation as a witness to what Grace has done and to what it can do when we work together with God's help to serve one another and our community.

# Grace's Congregation Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
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<i>Bob Corbett</i>	<i>2019-2021</i>
<i>Adele Evans</i>	<i>2019-2021</i>
<i>Floyd Ritchie</i>	<i>2019-2021</i>
<i>Walker Stockley</i>	<i>2019-2021</i>

<i>*Brian Beer</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>
<i>Dawn Hartman</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>
<i>Patti Saunders</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>
<i>*Larry Winsch</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>

<i>Lori Brown</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>Kathy Schwandt</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>Melissa Tucker</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>**TBD</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>

<i>TBD</i>	<i>2022-2024</i>

<i>Pr. Gregg Hoffman</i>	Duration of call
<i>Pr. Rachel Hoffman</i>	Duration of call

*\*Serving in their second consecutive term*

*\*\*Member elected to this seat has resigned, so another member will fulfill remaining two years*