## **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.

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Justin Anderson

#### A Little About My Family:

Kendall and Kathy, along with me and my two sisters Andrea and Libby, moved to Rock Hill in 1982, from Mom and Dad's hometown of Webster City, Iowa. We started coming to Grace upon our arrival, and it has been our church home ever since. My wife Robyn is originally from Connecticut but ended up in Lancaster after her roaming military upbringing. We've been married for 9 years now. She has been a pharmacy technician for over 20 years. Our son



Carter just turned 8 and is a budding leader at Independence Elementary. I am president of a registered investment advisory firm that was originally founded by my dad.

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

I am just now finishing up a seven-year stint as a member of Grace's Extended Ministry Endowment Committee, most recently as the committee's Financial Coordinator. However, in a much less stuffy role, I frequently volunteer (or get ringed in) as a parent helper for Young Youth meetings and a substitute Sunday School teacher for varying age groups (even the big kids my age). I also, because of a certain God-given gift, am utilized around Christmas time to help put the Chrismon Tree together.

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

I believe all relationships, be they with people, pets, organizations, communities, or God, come with responsibility. I have always had a sense of duty, and feel I have a responsibility to meet that duty to the best of my God-given ability. I believe service on Council is the best opportunity to fulfill that duty to God and our congregation.

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Traci Quinn

#### A Little About My Family:

I was born and raised in Bay City, Michigan and was baptized and confirmed in a Lutheran church my family attended regularly. Religion and faith have always been an important part of my life.

I moved to the Carolinas in 2003 and currently live in Fort Mill, South Carolina with my husband, Brendan and our daughter, Ashlyn, who will be 9 years old at the end of November. I am a social worker with a background in behavioral health and Brendan is a recruiter for a temporary employment



agency. Ashlyn is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Springfield Elementary. We also have two dogs, Shadow (10) and Magnolia (1).

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

My family and I found Grace about a year ago and it quickly became our church home. Brendan and I enjoy Bible study in Adult Sunday School, prior to attending the 11:00 worship service. I am a member of the Health and Wellness Committee and the Youth & Family Committee. Occasionally, I have assisted with Young Youth and Children's Word Time. You may have also seen me playing my trumpet at both services on Easter. I have participated in other volunteer opportunities as needed, including serving dinner at the Bethel Men's Shelter with several other members of Grace.

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

It was both a surprise and an honor to be asked to serve on Council. It has been a privilege being a part of a congregation that so willingly gives their time and talents at Grace and in the community to those in need. I feel blessed to be a part of Grace and it would be an honor to support and assist leadership with upcoming goals and initiatives and continue carrying out Grace's mission. Thank you for considering me!

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Irene Pointon

## A Little About My Family:

I am a born and raised Lutheran although in my role as music director, I have also been employed by Non Denominational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches. I have a step daughter, Kelly Friend, who lives in Indiana with her husband and my grand dog. Doug and I are also parents of an active Yellow Labrador, Boudica! I spend my free time singing with York County Choral Society, Chamber Choir, *Inspirar*, Reprise and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, refinishing furniture, playing a good bit of Golf,



enjoying travel and a grand retirement from many years of teaching.

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

During the last year and a half I've been involved in Grace with singing in Grace Alone, Parish Choir, Handbell Choir and Director of the Children's Choir. I have also been involved many facility projects and am a past chair of the Parish Life Committee.

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

Honestly, I have been asked many times in the past to serve and I feel this is my time to say yes. Grace has become our family and I feel a responsibility to assist in the business of running the church.

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Hope Guffey

## A Little About My Family:

My name is Hope Guffey. I grew up in a Lutheran church in Charleston, South Carolina. My husband, Dave, and I have been married for 10 years. We have two daughters, Harper (6) and Skylar (2). I am a second grade teacher at Northside Elementary in Rock Hill.

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

In the past eighteen months, I have served on Learning committee and as a Sunday School teacher. I have also participated as a Young Youth and Children's Word



Time volunteer. I enjoy participating in our children's activities and I am also looking forward to getting more involved in adult activities at Grace.

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

I would like to serve on Congregation Council to learn more what is happening inside our church building and about the many different ways Grace is serving our community. I am proud of the many different outreach opportunities Grace currently has and I am excited to see how Grace can grow in our 100<sup>th</sup> year.

#### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: Ron Hartman

#### A Little About My Family:

My wife, Dawn, and I have lived Rock Hill since 2012. Both life-long Lutherans, we met and wed at a Lutheran Church in Uniontown, Ohio. I have been President & CEO of LD Carlson Co., a distributor of ingredients and equipment to make beer and wine, since 1991. Our daughter, Carly, is married with a baby on the way. Our son, Tyler, is engaged to be married next year. We also have 5 dogs! I enjoy attending college and professional sporting events,



volunteering at several local charities, and spending time on the lake.

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

During the time I have been a member of Grace, I have become more and more involved in Grace's outreach programs. It started with delivering meals for Hunger Outreach. I then joined the Outreach Committee at Grace and have been an avid supporter of and recruiter for Grace's Outreach partners, including Hope of Rock Hill, The Life House, Family Promise and Bethel Men's Shelter. I have been bolstered by Grace's commitment to helping those in the community who need it most, through financial support but more importantly through volunteerism, and feel that this should be a focus of any congregation's mission.

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

I believe it is each member's duty to support the vision of the church using their God-given talents. I have experience in leadership, finance, and strategic thinking, which I would like to put to use as a member of the Congregation Council. I feel God's call that this is the next step for me at Grace and look forward to serving our congregation.

# **Grace's Congregation Council**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
*Brian Beer	2020-2022
Dawn Hartman	2020-2022
Patti Saunders	2020-2022
*Larry Winsch	2020-2022
Lori Brown	2021-2023
<b>Kathy Schwandt</b>	2021-2023
Melissa Tucker	2021-2023
**Theresa Miller	2021-2023
Bob Goodbar	2022-2024
Carla Harrison	2022-2024
Mary Hinson	2022-2024
Jeff Ranges	2022-2024
to be determined	2023-2025
Pr. Gregg Hoffman	Duration of call
Pr. Rachel Hoffman	<b>Duration of call</b>

\*Serving in their second consecutive term

\*\*Member elected to this seat is completing a previous member's term,

and is eligible for two consecutive elections