MEMBER BIOS – CONGREGATION COUNCIL

The following are the members of Grace who are willing to serve as members of its Council, with their three-year terms to begin in January of 2026.

Kerri Howley has agreed to fulfill the remainder of Farran Holland's Council term ending in December of 2026.

We extend our gratitude to all eight individuals who are willing to serve their congregation in this way.

Nominees for Council are presented in alphabetical order.
Kerri's bio is included at the end as additional informational, since she is completing an existing term rather than standing for election.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Name: Justin Anderson

Member of Grace for: 42 years

About my family:

Robyn and I have been married for 12 years. We have one son, Carter, who just turned 11. We also have two cats, that despite being so annoying, are well loved and fed. I was originally transplanted to Rock Hill in 1982, when Mom and Dad (Kathy and Kendall), decided they could lead a better life (warmer life), here in South Carolina, instead of the Iowa farm country they grew up in. I have two sisters, Andrea and Libby, who have also been Grace members off and on throughout their life. Andrea is one of our two lovely flutists that accompany our music weekly. Our family usually sits in one of the back pews during Early Service, where our occasionally noisy troublemaking is less likely to be noticed.

My involvement at Grace:

In my early years I enjoyed serving as acolyte and crucifer and attending Sunday school and Youth Group. In my adult life I have served wherever help was needed or where I've been called to participate. That has included participating in worship as lector, leading Sunday school classes, serving on the Endowment and Youth & Family committees, volunteering for Young Youth, serving on call committees, and most recently serving on the Congregational Council.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:

I receive a lot from being a member of this church, as well as God's Kingdom. I believe serving on council is a good way to show thanks and give back.

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Name: Becky Evans

Member of Grace for: 7 years

About my family:
Lifelong Lutheran, married to Jimmy for 40 years, no children.

My involvement at Grace:
I'm a member of the Grace Lutheran Church Quilters

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:
To serve the church

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Name: Judy Fry

Member of Grace for: 5 years

About my family:
Lifelong Lutheran. Born and raised in southern Illinois. In South Carolina since 1998. Previously lived in Manning SC. Active duty Air Force for 13 years. Nurse midwife for 32. Experiences that have taught me compassion, patience and the importance of listening. Husband Dan, died in 2018. Moved back to Rock Hill in 2019, joined Grace in 2020.

My involvement at Grace:
Health/Wellness Committee, Belonging Team, Grace Quilters, Tanzania Companion Synod Task Force Committee, two mission trips to Tanzania.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:
I believe our church should be a welcoming home for all-grounded in Lutheran traditions while open to where God is leading us next. It would be an honor to serve our congregation on church council.

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Name: Kyle Harris

Member of Grace for: 2.5 years. We attended in late Fall of 2022 and fell in love with Grace and the leaders at Grace. After the Christmas Service of 2022 we wanted to become members and began the process promptly.

About my family: My wife Kristy and I began dating in high school (1997) and we were married in 2024. We have two amazing daughters, Jaidyn (17, Senior in HS) and Lexi (13, 8th Grade) that are very active in sports. We stay busy supporting them, working, and trying to squeeze in fun adventures like hiking, visits to the beach, concerts, visiting family, etc. Kristy and I come from a long lineage of service minded leaders. My Grandmother Lyla and my Mother Jan both served on Church Council at our home church in Ohio (named Grace Lutheran Church as well). My Grandma founded the local food pantry and housed it in a building in her backyard. My mother still works at the food pantry and our daughters volunteer there when we visit. Kristy's Mother was head of food service at our local school district and started numerous programs to help feed families in need. We all love to compete and work hard, but what we love the most is providing service for other people.

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Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council: Serving other people is of great importance to me. The health of Grace and our congregation's mission (accepting all) is something I believe strongly in. Serving on Church Council is something that is near and dear to me because my Mother, Uncle, and Grandmother have all been Church Council members and I have seen how they have been able to positively impact not only those in their home Congregation, but other congregations and the surrounding community. I have always worked in service related fields (teaching and coaching), as has my wife (medical field). I feel like it is time for me to extend the gifts God has blessed me with to others and to challenge my faith and help our congregation grow and thrive. I have always wanted to serve the Lord and my Congregation in a greater capacity, and I believe I can do that by representing younger families that, at times, seem to be absent from the Lutheran community.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



Name: Angie Patteson

Member of Grace for: 6 months

About my family:
My husband Charles (Butch) and I have been married 54 years. We have two children and three grandsons. Andrew, Jen and their two boys live in Pineville. Andrew is a manager with Hendrick Motors. Beth and her son, Tucker, live in Jacksonville, Florida. Beth is an independent financial consultant.

My involvement at Grace:
I sing in the 11:00 choir and play bells withe Grace Ringers. My husband is chair of the Property Committee.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:
I think my leadership and administrative experiences at several other churches will bring some new perspectives and ideas. I also believe that through my 30+ years as a library administrator I developed budgeting, planning and communication skills which will be useful as we move through this transition process.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Name: Michael Wasserman

Member of Grace for: Since the late 1980s

About my family:
I am married to my lovely bride Rachel for nearly 20 years. We have a son Andrew in 8th grade, daughter Olivia in in 4th grade, and a fur ball Shelby who is a 4 year old goldendoodle.

My involvement at Grace:
Most know that I grew up in this church. I have volunteered for youth group activities and confirmation classes with Andrew. I have also taught the high school Sunday school class several years ago.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:
I have a lot more to give than I have so far. My shift schedule has provided a convenient excuse, but I feel technology gains allows for remote connection even when I can't be there in person. I think my roots in this church can help us continue to grow and thrive in this community.

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Name: Andrea Anderson Wiegand

Member of Grace for: I became a member of Grace as a 6th grader in the 1980's when my family moved to Rock Hill. My confirmation picture is on the wall for you to find :-) I was an active member until 1995 when I entered into the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC. I was ordained at Grace in 1999 and then moved to Maryland to serve as pastor of my first church. My family and I returned to Rock Hill in 2020. I then transferred my membership back to GLC in November of 2022.

About my family:

I am a daughter of Kendall and Kathy Anderson, sister of Justin and Libby Anderson, which makes me an aunt of Carter Anderson :-) My husband's name is Paul Wiegand. He is an associate professor of computer science at Winthrop University. We were married at Grace in May of 1996, and our daughter, Nyx, is 19 years old. We also have 3 cats (Miffy, Venus, and Greta), one Sheltie dog (Nina), and one ball python snake (Heather).

My involvement at Grace:

Growing up in the church I served in many ways, including regularly playing flute in worship, teaching adult Sunday school class, serving on church council, and whatever was needed. Since I have returned, I play flute at the 8:30am service with Grace Alone, participate regularly in the life of the congregation, and served as a volunteer for last year's VBS.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:

I would like to serve on church council to enter more deeply into the ministry of Grace. Although I am no longer a called pastor, I have 16 years of pastoral ministry experience and skills that will be useful in serving the church on council. I enjoy working together with others to serve, plan, problem solve, and support the mission of the church. In particular I have a passion for serving the most vulnerable in our community and would love to share this passion with others on the Council as we live out the mission of Grace in our community.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER <u>FULFILLING A COUNCIL TERM</u>



Name: Kerri Howley

Member of Grace for: 25 years

About my family:

My husband Ben and I celebrated 30 years of marriage this past summer. We met in middle school, dated in high school, and married when I was in college and Ben was in the Marine Corps. I am a Financial ParaPlanner with Edward Jones and Ben is a Captain with the York County Sheriff's Office Detention. We have two adult daughters who grow up attending Grace and GYM. Kelcey lives near Rock Hill and works as a Biologist. Alicia and her husband, Garrett, live near Camp LeJeune NC where she is a Paralegal and Garrett is a Marine. Our family also includes our dog:, Lola, Spencer, and Ariel.

My involvement at Grace:

I enjoy volunteering and have been fortunate to serve on multiple committees through the years at Grace. I have served one term on Council back in 2010 and held the Secretary position. I have served on and led Parish Life, Nursery, and Grace Youth & Family. And, I have volunteered with Outreach for Family Promise and Worship for Communion Assistant and Alter Guild. I have taught Sunday School for years and am currently teaching 5th – 8th graders. I enjoy being a part of LIFT and bible study.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:

I would like to serve on Church Council to support our church family. We are called to exercise our gifts of service given to us by the Holy Spirit. All the service and support we give to one another honors and glorified our Lord. Grace offers a light in this season of change in the world, our congregation strengthens families, and we all bless our communities.