

**2021 CLC Congregation Council Three-Year Term
Nominee Biographical Information
of Five Candidates and
One-Year Term for the Youth Representative**



Adrienne Grant has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 6 years and attends the 11 am service on Sundays as well as the 7:15 pm service on Wednesdays. She is between 45 and 54 years old and is most

passionate about Caring Ministry, Digital Evangelism, and Proclaim & Invite. She has been involved with Ushering on Sundays, Communion Assistant, Adult Fellowship outings, and running the CASI Chili Cook-off in August, as well as working the sound system, and laptop for live-streaming services. She went to Nicaragua with Habitat for Humanity in February 2018. She is currently serving on the Council, and hopes to extend her service with an additional term.

I have learned so much in my last 3 years on the Council. I think I can bring a voice of experience in a time of pastoral transition, and have a good idea of how the Council works to meet the needs of the congregation. I would like to see us expand our ministries to the local South Baltimore community, as well as keep our members who live further out involved. Particularly in the time of COVID and Zoom meetings, your location doesn't matter. I think it is important to keep an online presence for livestreaming services, so those who can't join us in person can still join in the worship service. I am a relative newcomer to Maryland, but I have adjusted quite well. A big part of that has been the welcoming arms of Christ Lutheran Church. Serving on the Council is my way to say thank you for taking me in to the church family.



Gilda Lynn Johnson has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 68 years and attends the 11 am service and the Wednesday evening service. She is between 65 and 74 years old. This would be her first time serving on the CLC Council.

I was baptized and confirmed in Christ Lutheran Church, earned my BA from Notre Dame of Maryland University, had a thirty year career in International Freight Forwarding and am a Community activist in South Baltimore/Federal Hill. I have one daughter, Carolyn "Cece" Johnson, who currently is living and working in Shanghai.

I am passionate about Baltimore Outreach Services, Social Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. I have lived in South Baltimore my entire life and have a lifelong membership at CLC. I also currently serve on the BOS Board. My vision for the present and future of CLC is to see it remain a relevant fixture in the lives of its members and the community it serves. My time is fluid and I want to be useful to my faith community in any way it can use me.



Quentin Parker has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 35 years and attends the 11 am service on Sundays. He is between 65 and 74 years old and has served on Council for two terms, thirty years ago.

I would like to see more engagement and opportunity for Social Ministry. I most recently served as a member of the Property Committee. We first experienced Christ Church as a young family until now. We are in the older group. I see Christ Church in the future as becoming an ever more exciting place for worship and Social Ministry.



Natalie Swanson has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 38 years and a member of the choir since 1977. She attends the 11 am service. She is between 65 and 74 years old. She served on the Council the late '80's and for

the past three years. She has been involved with the Choir, Altar Guild, Worship and Music Committee, Proclaim and Invite, was the Children's Choir Director, and has volunteered, supported and participated in many events and causes.

I am interested in the future of CLC and would like to be involved with ideas and decisions as we move forward. I would like to be on the Council again to transition from the past to our future. CLC has been an important part of my life for 44 years. I met my husband here, was married here, my three children were baptized here, and many cherished friends are here. The church has been my spiritual pillar. I am passionate about the Choir, BOS, Proclaim and Invite and the Altar Guild. I have good listening skills and know some church history, which serve well as a Council member. I would like to see the church financially sound by working down the debt. I also envision continuance of outreach to the community

by serving. I am a very willing worker and will jump in when asked and where needed.

project. My proposed project is to redo the Youth Room of our church. I'm also a high school basketball player and I really enjoy watching/playing sports.



Cathy Wood-Rupert has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 24 years and attends the 11 am service. She is between 55 and 64 years old. She has been involved as a Sunday School teacher, Social Ministry Committee member, Director of Social Ministry Call Committee,

Founding Board member of BOS, BOS Secretary and BOS Board President, Church Council member, Staffing Committees, Personnel Committee and various other committees throughout the years, also serves as Communion Assistant and Assisting Minister.

I have been a member for many years. This church and its members are very, very important in my life. Christ Church has an obvious "Social Conscience". We do not only talk about "What would Jesus do?", we try to actually DO what Jesus would do. This is the essence of my personal Christian faith and Christ Church allows me to practice that faith. Becoming a member of the Council allows me an opportunity to continue to serve this Church on a greater level. I raised my son in this church. Members of my immediate family, including my late husband are resting in the church's columbarium. I am a committed life-long member!

Youth Representative One-year Term



Will Fox has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church for 16 years. He attends the 11am Sunday service and is under 18 years old. He has not served on the Council in the past, and he is most passionate about Youth Ministry.

I am a lifelong church member so I know the congregation well. I'm great with communication and connecting with people. I'm also very active in the Youth Group so I can be a great representative for the Council.

In the present, I would like CLC to make sure we are being good stewards of our resources. I want to make sure our spending reflects the needs and wants of the congregation. My future goal for CLC would be to help come up with ideas to offer safe, in person worship when permitted. I am currently working on my Eagle Scout