Village Church

FOLLOWING JESUS FOR LIFE

NOMINEES FOR ELDER, DEACON & PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Sunday, May 17, 2026

The Nominating Committee of The Village Church will place in nomination the following individuals to serve as Elder, Deacon and the Pastor Nominating Committee at the Sunday, May 17 meeting of the Congregation. For your information and prayer, each has provided the following information.

Dear Members of The Village Church,

In selecting the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), your church Nominating Committee approached this responsibility with care, thoughtfulness, and a commitment to transparency. We began by inviting personal recommendations from the congregation and were grateful to receive more than 35 thoughtful submissions.

To evaluate potential candidates consistently, we compiled these recommendations into a matrix that allowed us to consider each individual's qualifications with a central goal in mind: ensuring that the PNC reflects the full breadth of our church community. Our considerations included involvement in various ministries, length of membership, life stages and perspectives, and demonstrated commitment to the ongoing life of the church.

Through prayerful reflection and careful deliberation, we identified a group of individuals who, together, represent the diversity and character of our congregation. This selection required significant discussion, as many faithful and highly qualified members were recommended.

We are deeply grateful for the willingness of so many to serve and for the trust and support you have placed in the Nominating Committee. We ask for your continued prayers for those selected, that they may be guided by unity and God's wisdom in the work ahead.

If you have any questions about the process, we welcome your inquiry.

Sincerely,

The Nominating Committee

FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Tom Bowman

Hello, my name is Tom Bowman and I have been nominated for service on the Pastor Nominating Committee for The Village Church. I have been a member of the church for nearly 27 years. My wife, Stephanie has been involved with the church as well and did some interim work managing the Children's Ministries for the church. I have three children, Caroline, Jackson, and Joseph. They all have been actively involved of the Children's and Youth Groups in the church. We live in Carlsbad.

I have served the church in several different capacities including Deacons. I was on the Board of Deacons for a total of 12 years with breaks in between. I was the Moderator for 4 of those years, Spiritual Life Committee, and was the Treasurer. I have served as an Elder and served on the Media Commission. I have been on many mission trips including house builds with Amor, Ladle Fellowship, Habitat for Humanity, Branch BBQ, served on the Servant Leadership committee, and others. I am always happy to serve and to do God's work when asked.

I receive great strength in serving the Lord and in helping others. I find strength and hope in Him during these unprecedented and trying times. The Village Church is a tremendous family of followers of Christ and a place that gives me peace and comfort. I am proud and honored to serve as a Member of the Pastor Nominating Committee to find the next Pastor and leader of The Village Church. Blessings.



John Bracken

I have been a Presbyterian all my life and have been a member of several Presbyterian churches as I moved across the country. I am originally from Pennsylvania, received by BS from Wake Forest in North Carolina and moved to California in 1986. After receiving my MBA from Pepperdine University I now run an investment firm helping people manage their money. I have been a member of The Village Church since 2016 and have served as an usher, I've been a member of the safety committee, and I've been a member of the investment committee. For the last 5 years I have served as a deacon and am currently the assistant moderator. I enjoy using my talents to help others and make the church a better place. I am honored to be considered and look forward to serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee.



Bill Burch

My wife, Shirley, and I have worshipped at Village Church for over 20 years, since our two sons attended Village Church Preschool. We have each had the privilege of serving as elders here, as well as at a prior church home.

I chaired the Youth Ministries Committee for three years and have been an active participant in the Men's Bible Study for many years. I was part of the inaugural Kingdom Academy cohort in 2019 and have served as a group leader in recent years. I regularly serve as a Lay Scripture Reader and Liturgist, and I enjoy singing with the choir from time to time.

I was raised in the Catholic Church in Texas, accepted the Lord at age 14, and spent several years in Baptist churches before Shirley and I moved to San Diego, where we found a home in the traditional orthodoxy and worship of the Presbyterian Church.

I have previously served on two search committees, including those for Directors of Music and Youth Ministries, and have assisted with interviews for Adult Ministries. I consider it a great responsibility and a distinct honor to be considered for the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee.



John Cho

I have been a member of The Village Church for 25 years, married to Elise over 26 years and our two children, Jeremiah (age 21) and Ellie (age 18) are both graduates of The Village Church Preschool, Santa Fe Christian, and Jeremiah just graduated from Wheaton College, IL earlier this month. Ellie currently attends Wheaton College. Elise graduated from Wheaton and I graduated from The University of Michigan.

My Village Church service includes being an usher, deacon, working in the youth ministry and family ministry, being on the stewardship committee, being a ruling elder, a committee member that called Nancy Betts (current Village Church Preschool Director) and the chair of Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that called Rev. Dr. Neal Presa.

I am a lifetime Presbyterian and my priorities for The Village Church include remaining faithful to our reformed tradition and attracting "younger" families into the life and service here at The Village Church.



Terri Dickson

My husband and I joined The Village Church in 2001 when we moved from Troy, Michigan to Rancho Santa Fe. I was a Sunday school teacher at our church in Michigan and right away volunteered to participate in the youth program teaching Sunday school at The Village Church. My husband Steve and I also volunteered on the Youth Commission for a couple years while our children were in elementary school. I started participating in the Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study around 2006 and soon became the facilitator for WBS. I am still the facilitator for that program today. In 2014 I joined the Chancel Choir and am still a member, singing with the choir most Sundays. I have been on the choir council for 4 years. I was a member of the Music Director Nominating Committee. I organized the Christmas Angel Tree program for 15 years. I have been a deacon and an elder. My husband and grown children are members of The Village Church. Our grandson was baptized at The Village Church and attended The Village Church Preschool, and our daughter was married at The Village Church. It has been a joy these past 25 years to be an active part of The Village Church family. I look forward to contributing to the process of nominating a candidate for the position of Senior Pastor.



Chris Eggemeyer

I have been attending The Village Church since I was five years old when my family and I moved to Rancho Santa Fe from Chicago. Growing up less than a mile from the Church, I was involved heavily with the Church - Confirmation, youth group, Forest Home; I even attended Cub Scout meetings at the Church! I have been blessed to have Pastor Jack as a part of my life - he confirmed me into the church, married my wife Erika and I, and baptized our daughter Isabel. It is an honor to be a part of The Village Church community and to support it through this transition.



Kelli Karches

Kelli Karches is a long-term resident of Rancho Santa Fe and has been part of The Village Church community since childhood in the 1980s. She majored in Religious Studies in college before earning her medical degree. She currently works as a teaching attending in Endocrinology for the Internal Medicine Residency at Scripps Mercy Hospital, where she also assists in interviewing and recruiting new residents each year. She and her husband, an active Elder, have been members of the church for over a decade, and their 15-year-old daughter, Maddie, is also a member. Kelli has served the church in multiple capacities, including on the Children's Commission, two terms as Deacon (serving twice as Deacon Moderator), participating in the First Kingdom Academy class, and has been involved in Monday Night Bible Study. She is currently honored to serve on the church's Nominating Committee. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and working out at her favorite gym.



Laura Metzger

I have been a member of The Village Church for 28 years and am an ordained elder who has served the congregation in a variety of leadership roles. These include Clerk of Session, Session member representing both the Communications and Discipleship Commissions (in separate terms), member of the Strategic Planning Team, and participant on the Youth Commission. I have also been involved in discipleship initiatives, including service on the Discipleship Commission, leadership and participation in Kingdom Academy groups and studies, Bible study leadership, and in preparation of the church's daily devotions. Through these experiences, I have developed a deep appreciation for the mission and vision of The Village Church and have built meaningful relationships across the congregation. Beyond the local church, I have served on several San Diego Presbytery committees, including the Committee on Ministry, where I worked with congregations during the process of calling a new pastor. In my professional career prior to retirement, I served as a senior-level manager with extensive experience in evaluating and hiring candidates for senior leadership roles. I would be honored to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee and look forward to discerning, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whom God is calling to be our next pastor.



Richard Moore

Our family moved to Rancho Santa Fe in the summer of 2020 and began attending services at Village Church soon thereafter. We immediately felt welcomed and “at home,” drawn to the sermons and music centered around “Following Jesus for Life.” I am active with the Dads’ group, who meet monthly and enjoy yearly retreats. The well-organized mission opportunities at church help our busy family engage in a meaningful way, whether it be The Branch BBQ, Plant With Purpose and opportunities for our kids to engage with children all over the world. I have served the church on the Social Righteousness Initiative, Strategic Planning Committee and chair of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. I have participated in Kingdom Academy over the past 3 years, which has had a profound impact on my life. My husband, Matt, is a member of our church staff in the children’s ministry and, over the past few years, has served as chair of the parent’s committee at the Preschool. In previous church families, I’ve served as an elder and active in missions, particularly to the marginalized members of our community, and served in leadership roles within interfaith advocacy organizations and programs for young adults disillusioned from their church experiences. Matt and I have four kids - Noah (8), Lukas (7), Flora (7) and Ella (5) who are active in Sunday School, church choir and all four attended Village Church Preschool. We are blessed to have Matt’s mom, Pam, live with us, who attends Village Church as well.



Francie Murphy

After a stint in broadcast journalism in the 1970s, I transitioned to public relations, working with executives across several industries. My own PR firm came next, along with a move from Los Angeles to San Diego. My husband and I found The Village Church in 2010, and it has been an amazing faith journey!

Currently, I serve as an elder overseeing the Media Commission. This is my third time serving as an elder, and it is an honor to use my communications expertise to assist the church in carrying out its mission.

My Christian beliefs drive everything I do, including my love of gardening. My fellow elder Bob Frey and I founded The Village Church Biblical Garden to demonstrate a small part of God’s Kingdom on Earth — ask me anytime for a tour! In addition to gardening, I have a passion for the Women’s Bible Study, where I have co-led a small group for the past 13 years. Choosing a new pastor is a monumental task, and I am thankful to God and The Village Church for making me a part of it.



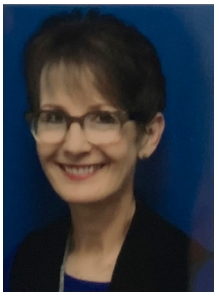
Margaret Ann (Peggy) Stackle

Having retired from Hewlett Packard Company in 2010 as Executive Assistant to one of the Senior Vice Presidents, I was hired back two years later to work for the same man who was about to become President. Wanting me for a special project for 6 months, I actually retired again five and a half years later as Senior Executive Assistant to the President. That's how I earned my living.

Once my children were well on their own paths I responded to my call, or perhaps curiosity and desire for a clearer understanding of the history and doctrines of my church, to attend seminary, graduating in 1996. I volunteered my time and education as Communion Sunday Preacher at Casa de Las Campañas in Rancho Bernardo for 20 years. My seminary experience strengthened extant foundational skills of being hard-working and team oriented with a very strong work ethic. My hope now is to use my gifts, serving on the PNC, to grow the church by encouraging young families to grow their faith while remaining faithful to our reformed traditions. My prayer is for strength, patience and tenacity for those actively engaged in this critically important search.

Hobbies, current: gardening, gym workouts, square dancing, jigsaw puzzles, word jumble, Sudoku, reading (mysteries, historical), genealogy. Historic: bicycling, golf, sewing (costumer), motorcycling, musician (instrumental & vocal).

FOR THE OFFICE OF ELDER



Jan Caldwell

I have attended The Village Church since 2017, and became a member in 2018. I initially joined the Chancel Choir, and have been, or I am currently involved in the following commissions and activities:

Choir Council (Treasurer), Committee to Select an Interim Executive Associate Pastor, Committee to Select a Permanent Executive Associate Pastor, Concert Committee, Corona Virus Task Force, Elder (Worship Commission), Lay Reader, Safety Committee, Social Justice Initiative, and Women's Bible Study.

I joined The Village Church because of its strong commitment to traditional and contemporary worship, meaningful and impactful pastoral leadership, and an exceptional music program that deliberately draws in the community to participate. The church's cohesive ethos aligns closely with my values, and I actively participate in its ministries to serve God and support the life of the congregation.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEACON



Kent Humber

Kent and Candace Humber moved to Rancho Santa Fe from Colorado in 1995 with their three young children, Conor, Lindy, and Christian. Kent worked as an Equine Internal Medicine Specialist as well as a Clinical Pathologist for all species with his office located at the Helen Woodward Animal Center and STAT Veterinary Laboratory until retiring from Veterinary Medicine in 2005. He then flew as a commercial pilot for a local charter company based in Carlsbad. He continued flying small business jets until a year ago and has served as a Reserve Deputy with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department since 2014.

Kent was raised in the Methodist Church and grew up active in the Boy Scouts of America and Methodist Youth Fellowship. He served as Cubmaster for Pack 766 and later Scoutmaster of Troop 766, both sponsored by The Village Church. He has been attending the Rancho Santa Fe Village Church since 1996 and attends weekly Bible Study with the High Ground Men's Bible Fellowship.

Service to others has been a driving force in Kent's life and he looks forward to the opportunity to serve the church and community as a Deacon.



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