

University Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee Report

Presented at the
Congregational Meeting
Sunday, August 27, 2017 at Noon

**The nominees in this report are presented by the Nominating Committee
to serve the congregation of University of Presbyterian Church.**

Elder, Class of 2020

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Claire Chipman
Richard Duncan
Don Hunter
Lisa Lord
Lou Pons
Than Powell
Judy Redwine
Tim Taft
Anna Blythe*

*Youth, one-year term

Deacon, Class of 2020

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Ron Adams
Helen Brantley
Beth Burns
Jenny Eller
Peter Gollmar
Carolyn Hart
Elva Small
Priscilla Taylor
Helen Warner
Will Corley*

Nominating Committee, Two-Year Term, Class of 2019

Patty Baum, Sharon Edmiston, Day McLaughlin, David Lane

We recognize and thank the Nominating Committee for their work in identifying such a capable group of nominees. A special thank you to Portia Christensen, who wrote the short biographies of the nominees in this report.

The 2017 Nominating Committee is comprised of Lee Ann Buck, Portia Christensen, Aaron Cook, Jim Copeland, Claire Curran, Bob Johnson, Vicki Lotz, Adam Lovelady, Brian Vandersea, and Bob Dunham and Kim McNeill (Staff Liaisons).

The 2018 Nominating Committee will be comprised of Patty Baum, Mark Bozyski, Lee Ann Buck, Jim Copeland, Sharon Edmiston, Bob Johnson, David Lane, Vicki Lotz, Day McLaughlin, and Kim McNeill (Staff Liaison).

Nominees For Elder Class of 2020



Claire Chipman: Claire is a third year graduate student at UNC-CH. She is pursuing a Ph.D. focusing on the sociology of religion and inequality. While still in high school, Claire started a small group for middle school girls. For all four years as an undergraduate at Furman College, she volunteered with the youth group at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Claire joined UPC in 2016 and joined the Congregational Life Committee. Along with this committee, she serves as a youth advisor in Presbyterian Youth Connection, volunteers with Vacation Bible School, and participates in the young adult Bible study.



Richard Duncan: Richard is a long-time resident of North Carolina. He lived in Durham for more than 20 years and moved to Chapel Hill nine years ago. He has been a member of UPC since 2003. Richard and his wife, Stephanie, have three daughters, Katie Grace (8), Sarah Martin (5), and Anna Gray (2). Richard is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist with Duke University Health Centers. Richard has taught Sunday School at UPC for the last three years working with the three- and four-year-olds, kindergartners, and first graders. He and his daughters participate in the Y-Guides, a YMCA program. In the wider community, Richard is a member of a men's group called Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith.



Don Hunter: Don can be found every Sunday in the choir loft where he has sung in worship since joining UPC in 2014. He also joined our Stewardship Committee three years ago. Don came to us from Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago where he was an Elder and Clerk of Session. His community involvements include the Advisory Board for Thodos Dance in Chicago and the Board of Directors for the NC Opera. Don is Director, Payment Strategy Consulting – Fiserv, Inc., Brookfield, WI. He is married to UPC member Lewis Lampiris.



Lisa Lord: Lisa has served two terms as an elder for UPC since joining the church 25 years ago. She was an Elder at Westminster Church in Charleston, SC, too. Lisa may be best known for her 13 trips to Haiti with the Outreach Mission Team to lead teacher workshops for some of our Haiti partners. Along with this, she has chaired the Outreach Committee and the Adult Education Committee and has been a member of our AIDS Care team and the Peacemaking Committee. Lisa represented UPC on the Presbytery's Management Team for Camp New Hope and Presbyterian Point. She retired last year from teaching fifth grade at Club Boulevard School in Durham. She is currently working as a consultant for the Math Learning Center in Salem, Oregon, traveling to lead teacher workshops across the country. Lisa's brother, Guy, and sister-in-law, Corine-Lord live in Harrison, Arkansas.



Lou Pons: Lou moved to Chapel Hill from Greensboro 17 years ago. She and her husband, Marc, have three children, Franklin (12), Borden (9) and Victoria (7). Lou joined our church in 2004, and she served as a Deacon. Thanks to her children, Lou became a regular volunteer for our Vacation Bible School. She worked with the Children's and Youth Ministry Committee to start Godly Play at UPC, and she has organized meals for UPC families with newborns. Lou worked with the Faith Forward and Legacy Campaigns. She is active in the Chapel Hill community as she supports SECU and Habitat for Humanity and volunteers at Saint Thomas More School.



Than Powell: One of our dedicated Sunday School teachers, Than has taught our 3s class and our 4s class, as well as our high school students. At former churches, the last in Indianapolis, he served as a deacon, on the Finance Committee at the denominational level, and in the church choir. Than moved to Chapel Hill with his wife, Meg, 10 years ago and joined UPC in 2007. Than and Meg have two children, Cate (6) and William (2), and Than is employed with GlaxoSmithKline.



Judy Redwine: Judy attended Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston for 43 years. Over those years, she was a very active member as she served in the choir, as a Youth Advisor, as an Elder, as a Sunday School teacher, and on several committees, including Music and Worship, Christian Education, Elder Nominating, and Pastor Nominating. Judy continues her church involvement here at UPC as a Sunday School teacher and Membership Chair of Presbyterian Women. She attends Presbyterian Women, monthly Circle meetings, and the Woman to Woman discussion group. Judy is married to Dan Redwine. They have two adult children, Derek Redwine and Dana White, and seven grandchildren. Retired now, Judy had a long career in education. In the public schools, she taught for 23 years at the elementary level, was a Reading Specialist, District Language Arts Coordinator, and Assistant Principal, and she was Assistant Head of Lower School at a private school.

Nominees For Elder Class of 2020, cont.



Tim Taft: Since Tim joined the UPC congregation in 1998, we have benefited from his service as an Elder and as a member of the Presbyterian Campus Ministry Board of Directors. For the Chapel Hill community, he has been the Medical Director and National Team Physician for Special Olympics and served as a member of the Boy Scouts Oconeechee Council Board of Directors, on the Council and National Health and Safety Committee, on the Eagle Scout Committee as a member and Examiner, and as the Staff Physician for the National Jamboree. Tim is currently the Director of sports medicine and the team orthopedic surgeon for our own UNC Tarheels, and he is Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine at UNC. Tim and his wife, Judy, have a grown son and daughter and a grandson, Coby, who is 15.



Anna Blythe (Youth Elder): Anna is a rising Junior at Chapel Hill High School (CHHS). She attends UPC with her parents, Mellicent and John Blythe, and brother, Will (13). Anna has attended Sunday School regularly and has been a member of the various children and youth choirs since she was a preschooler. She is a member of Presbyterian Youth Connection and has participated in the Appalachia Service Project, Montreat Music and Worship Conference, and Montreat Youth Conference. Along with serving the church in these ways, Anna is a member of the YMCA Leaders Club and a member of SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere). At CHHS, she is on the field hockey and lacrosse teams.

Nominees For Deacons Class of 2020



Ron Adams: Ron and his wife, Shelley, joined UPC in 1999 after attending Gaithersburg Presbyterian in Maryland and Grace Lutheran in Shillington, Pennsylvania. Ron's many activities at UPC include ushering and usher volunteer coordinator, volunteering in the church office, working with other members of UPC in the Community Kitchen, and serving on the Worship Committee. In service to the Chapel Hill community, he has served in the enviable position of UNC basketball usher. Ron and Shelley have two grown children, Brandon and John, and he is retired after 37 years working at IBM.



Helen Brantley: Helen and her husband, John, have two adult children, Beth and Tom. At another local church, she taught Sunday School to adults and children, accompanied the children's choir, and served on the Pastoral Relations Committee. Now that she is a member of UPC, she has continued to be involved by serving as a deacon, teaching Sunday School, volunteering in the church office, and participating in Presbyterian Women monthly Circle meetings.



Beth Burns: Beth came to us from another local church where she served on the Worship, Music, Lecture, and Membership Committees. She joined UPC in 1998 and is in Circle 5 of Presbyterian Women and has served as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher. Beth has a long history of community involvement activities, including serving as a board member of Girls on the Run and The Augustine Project. Nowadays, she serves on the board of the N.C. Speech, Hearing and Language Association, and she is a Sustainer for Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties. Beth is employed as the Lead Speech-Language Pathologist, Chapel Hill/Carrboro Schools. She is married to Keith and has two children, David and Sarah-Catherine.



Jenny Eller: Our church family has benefited from Jenny's service for more than 12 years. For several years, she has served as a Sunday School teacher, as well as a Vacation Bible School teacher and coordinator and member of the University Presbyterian Preschool Committee. She has also been involved with Parents of Young Presbyterians. Jenny's service to the Chapel Hill community has included serving on the Advisory Board for A Helping Hand (a nonprofit serving older adults) and volunteering for Meals on Wheels and in her children's schools. In her home church at Bethel Lutheran Church in Claremont, NC, Jenny worked with youth, sang in the choir, and assisted with Vacation Bible School. She has a private practice out of Chapel Hill Counseling and Consulting, and she contracts with retirement communities to provide counseling services for residents. She served, for a time, as the social work coordinator at Carol Woods Retirement Community. Currently, most of Jenny's time is spent with her three sons Thomas (6), William (4), and Matthew (18 months) and her husband, Daniel.



Peter Gollmar: Peter has been a member of UPC for close to 15 years. Before he became a member of our church family, he attended a few other local Presbyterian churches where he served as a deacon. Since joining UPC, he has taught Sunday School almost every year in grades K-6. Peter frequently served as chaperone and cook for the Montreat Worship and Music Conference until he hung up his apron in 2015, and he served on the UPC Board of Trustees. As a guitarist in the "pit band" for UPC Youth Choir musicals since 2009, he looks forward to his next gig. Peter and his wife, Becky, have three adult children: Bobby, Oz, and Grace. He is employed as an IT Manager at IBM.

Nominees For Deacon Class of 2020, cont.



Carolyn Hart: Very soon after moving to Chapel Hill nine years ago, Carolyn joined UPC. She was a very active member in the churches she attended in Charlotte, Fayetteville, and Missouri. She was a deacon and assisted with church dinners, flower delivery, and the church-sponsored children's carnival. She also directed and participated in church-sponsored pet therapy to nursing homes and a local library. Here at UPC, she can regularly be found attending services and volunteering as a greeter. Carolyn has always been an active member of her community, currently involved in numerous interest groups with the Duke Campus Club. She has two adult sons, Jeffrey, who lives with his family in Chapel Hill, and Michael, who lives with his family in Holly Springs. Carolyn has five grandchildren and is retired from the UNC Cancer Research Center. She is a on the board of directors at Copernicus Group Independent Review Board, which works to ensure that clinical research trials meet government regulations and protect the rights and welfare of research subjects.



Elva Small: Elva has been a resident of Chapel Hill for 46 years and a member of UPC for over 20 years. For most of that time, she served as the Youth and Children's Choirs' accompanist and sang in the Chancel Choir. Before she came to UPC, Elva attended another local Presbyterian church. There she played for worship for 21 years and served as an Elder. Elva volunteers with Food for the Summer, a free and reduced price lunch summer program for kids in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. She is retired from Duke Energy as a Residential Energy Specialist. She does custom sewing, too. Elva has two children, Kathryn Robinson and John Small.



Priscilla Taylor: Priscilla is pleased to have the opportunity to "be a doer and not just a hearer." She joined UPC in 2013 after "doing" a lot of service at First Presbyterian Church in New Bern and First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro and in her communities of residence. She has served as chairman for the United Way, has been a Junior League and YWCA president, and has been on the boards of the Greensboro Community Foundation and Arts Council. Priscilla retired as the Executive Director of The Cemala Foundation, a private foundation whose focus is on charitable projects that benefit Greensboro and Guilford County. In Chapel Hill, she is a member of the UNC Board of Governors and serves on the Ronald McDonald House Campaign Steering Committee. Priscilla has two daughters, Eliza Blackwell and Amanda Marshall, and seven grandchildren.



Helen Warner: Helen became a member of UPC 10 years ago when she moved to Chapel Hill. Before joining UPC, she attended First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood in Kirkwood, Missouri. There, she served as a deacon, usher, and greeter, played in the Bell Choir, and was the Sunday School Superintendent. Her church work at UPC has been as a greeter. Helen has also volunteered with Urban Ministries and with PORCH in Durham. She is now retired from her career with the St. Louis Public Schools and the Durham Public Schools.



Will Corley (Youth Deacon): Will was confirmed at UPC in 2015 and has lived in Chapel Hill for six years. Prior to moving to Chapel Hill, Will and his family attended church at First Presbyterian in Vienna, Virginia, where he was baptized, and Village Presbyterian in Prairie Village, Kansas. At these churches, Will participated in youth activities and Sunday School. Here at UPC, he has been actively involved in Presbyterian Youth Connection and Sunday School. For the last two years, he has participated in Appalachian Service Project, and he has attended conferences at Montreat. He has assisted at the Youth Sunday services and worked on the Planning Committee for the 2016 Confirmation Retreat. Will has been busy in the Chapel Hill community, too. He has volunteered with Ronald McDonald House and the SECU House. Will attends Chapel Hill High School, where he maintains an (unweighted) GPA of 3.93, and works at Jersey Mike's Subs. He also received an all-conference honorable mention in Varsity Lacrosse. Will lives with his parents, Hampton and Katie, and brothers, Jack (14) and Bennett (10).

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