

Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church

Church Officer Nominees

for terms beginning January 1, 2027

Elders:

Heather Breen (Family)
Nancy Baum (Children)
Bill DeWolf (Personnel)
Jeff Eyet (Strategic Planning)
Lee O'Haver (Mission)
Leslie Vallee (Youth)
Melanie Waters Walterspiel (Fellowship)

Deacons:

Jan Browne
Ron Dygert
Vickie Hilty
Mimi Ingrey
Heidi Johnson
Margot Markman
Jim Olufson
Laura Shumaker
Nancy Sutterley
Carrie Wiseman
Marty Woerhle

CNC:

Brandt Andersson
Jim Beckemeyer
Jim Boyd
Jane Kadash

LOPC Foundation

Jen Crocker
Linus Eukel
Juanita Kizor
Linda Rosenthal

The goal of the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) is to keep a balance of talent and energy to continue to build on the amazing work being performed daily by LOPC volunteers. The committee reviewed many nominations.

With Peter Whitelock and Jaime Polson as staff liaisons, the committee reviewed the gifts and talents of all the nominees and matched them with the needs for Ruling Elder, Deacon, CNC, and Foundation. We are grateful for the nominees willing to serve. Each year we are able to confirm the health of the congregation, the strength of the staff, and the programs and mission projects we support through this process.

The Committee would like to thank the congregation for their continued support in this crucial process!

LOPC Congregational Nominating Committee:

Carolyn Bauer (Chair) • Brandt Andersson • Jim Beckemeyer • Jim Boyd • Jane Kadash •
Cyndy Jacobsmeier (Deacon Representative) • Linus Eukel (Clerk of Session) • Peter Whitelock (Staff) • Jaime Polson (Consulting)

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 11:30 a.m. - Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary
All are welcome to attend but only LOPC members may vote to approve nominees.

Elder Nominees



Heather Breen
Family Ministry
2 year term

Heather has been attending LOPC since 2019 and a member since 2021. She has been most active in the Children's and Special Needs Ministries and has served as a Deacon. She is a full-time mom and homeschooler and fierce advocate for her daughter with special needs. On the rare day that she has time to herself she loves to thrift, try her hand at sewing, or go for a hike. She and her daughter, Clara, live in Pleasant Hill.



Nancy Baum
Children's Ministry
3 year term

Nancy joined LOPC in 2023 and enjoys volunteering as a Garden teacher, Friday Fun Night buddy, and Winter Nights tutor. She is currently serving as Children's Ministry elder and is looking forward to a second term. She also participates in the Women's Spiritual Journey Group and Lasers. Nancy retired as superintendent of Saratoga's middle and elementary schools and moved to Danville during the pandemic to support her children and grandchildren. At her church in the South Bay, Nancy served as an elder, summer Sunday school director, teacher, children's choir director, and a respite provider for parents of children with special needs.



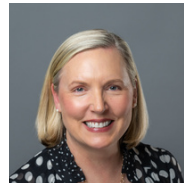
Bill DeWolf
Personnel
3 year term

Bill and his wife Kathy have three children and more grandkids than he can count. Bill joined LOPC in 1998 and has served in LOPC leadership as a Deacon, Elder, and Clerk of Session. Presently is a member of both the Personnel Team and Chancel Choir. Bill enjoys travel, hiking, photography, and historical study when not busy with his duties as a physician or his service at LOPC.



Jeff Eyt
Strategic Planning
3 year term

Jeff Eyt is the proud husband of Janelle (the assistant superintendent at Martinez USD) and father of Harper (a sixth grader at Stanley). We're an animal-loving family with an horse, Hera, a yellow lab, Joey, and a lot of chickens. Jeff and his family live in the Reliez Valley neighborhood of Lafayette. His passions at LOPC include volunteering with Children's Ministry and leading the Men's Friday Fellowship. Professionally, Jeff is a lecturer at UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, and he leads The Berkeley Innovation Group.



Lee O'Haver
Mission
3 year term

Lee O'Haver became a member of LOPC in 2014 after moving back to the Bay Area from Sydney, Australia. She volunteered in the children and youth ministry programs for many years and served regularly with five other LOPC families as part of Sowers (a service-learning program for families). Lee currently works for Solventum (formerly 3M) as a regional sales manager in the medical surgical business. She and her husband, Paul Liu, have two children: Grace (at Cornell University) and Kate (at UC Berkeley). She has previously served on session as an elder for youth.



Leslie Vallee
Youth Ministry
3 year term

Leslie Vallée became a member of LOPC in 2022 and has served as an Elder for Youth Ministry for 3 years. She volunteers with the Middle School and High School programs and summer service-learning opportunities. Leslie grew up at Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco where she was a Youth Deacon during high school. Earlier this year she retired as an Executive Director of Data Sciences at Genentech/Roche where she worked for 20 years. Leslie has 2 sons, Jack (26) and Ray (24). She enjoys gardening, line dancing, watching football, and live music.

Elder Nominees



Melanie Waters Walterspiel
Fellowship
3 year term

Melanie (Waters) Walterspiel first attended LOPC's youth programs when she was in high school and later became a member in 2024 when she was baptized alongside her three kids, Hawken (17), Blythe (14) and Quinn (14). She enjoys all forms of exercise, performing, volunteering, and travel with her husband Alex and their children.

Deacon Nominees - 3 Year Terms



Janice Browne • Deacon

Janice Browne and her husband Jack Browne have been members of LOPC for over forty years and have raised their five children with the support of

the LOPC church family. She has served as a Stephen Minister since 2007 and has been active in many areas of ministry, including Children, Seniors, and Contemplative Ministry. She was also an LOPC staff member for fifteen years, serving as Communications Manager. Janice is currently employed by Contra Costa Health as a Mental Health Clinical Specialist and Case Manager. She is looking forward to using her caregiving gifts and experience as a Deacon.



Ron Dygert • Deacon

Ron is excited to serve once again on the Deacon Ministry Team. He is the son of the late Helen and Lowell Dygert, who joined LOPC in 1975.

Ron, along with his parents, have spent many years serving the LOPC community as deacons and beloved congregation members. Ron is now retired and enjoys gardening, cooking, travel, and hiking in the sierras. I look forward to serving



Vickie Hilty • Deacon

Vickie Hilty joined LOPC 1991, and raised her three children in the church. She served on the Board of Seedlings Preschool, and has since volunteered during Warm Winter Nights, and with LOPC at the Contra Costa Food Bank. Vickie recently retired after 25 years of teaching at Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. She enjoys hikes with her LOPC Community Group, volunteering at school, and the Friends of the Orinda Library Bookshop, and (most of all) spending time with her grandkids. This is her first time serving as a deacon.



Mimi Ingrey • Deacon

Mimi and her husband Ken live in Orinda, where they raised their two daughters, Ali and Katie. The Ingrey family has been attending LOPC since 2002. Mimi enjoys all kinds of exercise and loves teaching chair tap dancing at Thursday Fellowship.

Deacon Nominees • Three (3) Year Term



Heidi Johnson • Deacon

is originally from Nebraska and works as a Legal Nurse Consultant. She and her husband, Chris, have three children. Heidi joined LOPC in 2010 and has been involved in Kids Rock, Vacation Bible Camp, Sowers, and Mission ministry. She has previously service on the Congregation Nomination Committee. In her spare time she enjoys working out and traveling all over to spend time with her college age kids.



Margot Markman • Deacon

Originally from The Dalles, Oregon, Margot now resides in Walnut Creek, CA with her husband, Drew Shiller and their two children, Chip (7) and Poppy (5). Margot works in client management at a health tech company and has been attending LOPC for over two years, while being a member since 2025. Both of her kiddoes regularly attend Sunday school at The Garden and have been in the Christmas choir. In her very rare spare time, she enjoys hiking, planning family vacations, cooking, baking and organizing!



Jim Olufson • Deacon

Jim Olufson and his wife, Cam, have lived in Lafayette for 42 years. They joined LOPC in 1994 where they raised their two daughters, Gabby and Lena. Jim has served as a Deacon and was also a Youth Advisor for ten years. Currently he is on the Love Does Team and co-leads as a liaison with Trinity Center. He has owned a Landscape Design and Contracting company for 37 years and looks forward to tapering down the business.



Laura Shumaker • Deacon

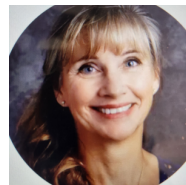
Laura Shumaker is a long-time member of LOPC. She is a retired writer and advocate for people with disabilities. She and her husband Peter raised their three sons in Lafayette and recently moved to Moraga. Most days you'll find Laura walking on one of the many trails in Lamorinda

with her dogs Annie and Ellie, or on her way to the airport to visit her one-year-old grandson Martin in Boston.



Nancy Sutterley • Deacon

Nancy is a descendant of a family of Presbyterian ministers and grew up attending Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, CA. She moved to the Bay Area in 1986 and was married at LOPC in 1989. Early on at LOPC Nancy was often only known as Bonnie and Jesse's Mom. In 2016 she became a Stephen Minister. Nancy spent almost 40 years in the Wine & Spirits Industry, retiring in the fall of 2024. Nancy lives in Martinez enjoying her free time!



Carrie Wiseman • Deacon

Carrie has been attending LOPC as long as she can remember. Clayton Cobb lead her to find Jesus Christ as a teen. From Sunday school teachers to directors of the children's program at Mt. Hermon to youth advisor, she and her husband, Graham, feel lead to serve the Lord by giving time to others. Now that she is retired (a teacher of 33 years!), Carrie is looking forward to serving as a deacon and continuing God's work.



Marty Woehrle • Deacon

Marty and husband Greg joined LOPC in 2002 because of an inclusive community of love and outstanding youth leadership. Their children, Samantha, Camryn, Slade, Skylar, Chayse, and Cash grew up in the LOPC youth ministry programs, gaining empathy and compassion with every passing year. Marty has served youth ministry for over 24 years. She has served on the LOGOS (Kids Rock) team as an art leader, Sunday school leader, team leader for Vacation Bible Camp and Service Squad, and leading the 5th grade girls in the YOW program. Marty, Greg and their daughter Samantha are blessed to work together as Woehrle Real Estate & Development, the family's real estate brokerage in downtown Lafayette. This will be Marty's second term serving as a Deacon.

LOPC Foundation Nominees



Jen Crocker
LOPC Foundation
1 year term

Jen has been attending LOPC since childhood and was confirmed as a teenager. She, and her amazing husband Steve, have been serving in many ministry areas over the years. Jen has served in children and youth ministry as an advisor, mission trip support, and she had been a Sunday school teacher and helped with Vacation Bible Camp. She has served on many committees in children's ministry, family ministry, stewardship, and finance. This will be Jen's fourth term on the Foundation



Linus Eukel
LOPC Foundation
4 year term

Linus joined the John Muir Land Trust in 2004, where he serves as Executive Director. In this role, he works closely with the board of directors, staff, and the regional community to help achieve JMLT's ongoing mission of permanently protecting the places that make the East Bay special. Linus is a church elder and a past clerk of session. He is also a board member and past board chair of the California Council of Land Trusts, a board member of the East Bay Leadership Council, and a board member of the Clean Water Natural Resources & Parks Coalition. He grew up in Walnut Creek, where he attended public schools, and is a graduate of UC Berkeley and the University of New York. He, his wife Stephanie, and their daughter Olivia have been members of LOPC since 2007 and currently reside in Moraga. This will be his first term on the LOPC Foundation.



Juanita Kizor
LOPC Foundation
1 year term

Juanita has been attending LOPC since 1994 and, along with her late husband of 30 years, Alan, became a member in 2003. She lives in Orinda and is retired from the American Cancer Society. She has been involved with the Winter Nights program for the past four years and has been a part of the Lasers for 20+ years. She has two adult sons, Ted and Russell, and two grandchildren. She has been in an active book club for 28 years, enjoys walking the Rez with her two terriers, playing mah jongg, traveling, and volunteering. Juanita recently served as Elder for Mission and she is looking forward to serving her first term on the LOPC Foundation.



Linda Rosenthal
LOPC Foundation
1 year term

Linda joined LOPC in 2000. She has served with Children's Choir, Vacation Bible Camp, Kid's Rock, Youth discipleship, Kitchen Ministry, Membership, and as a Fellowship elder. Linda has served one four-year term as a Foundation Trustee. Linda sings in the choir, serving in leadership there and on the Worship Committee. She works with the Racial Equity and Engagement Team, and is a proud member of the rice and beans packing team. She and Jeff just celebrated 34 years of marriage, and are avid cyclists. Sons Matthew, Alex, and Charlie are recently launched and live in the Bay Area. This will be Linda's second term on the LOPC Foundation.

CNC Nominees



Brandt Andersson
1 year term

Brandt is married to Patricia and father to Erik, 35, and Linnea, 32. They joined LOPC 30 years ago. Brandt was an Elder, chaperoned a dozen youth mission trips, and sung 28 years in the choir. In his spare time, he is an estate planning attorney. Past adventures include more than a decade each as a Lafayette City Councilmember (twice Mayor), solar research scientist, and computer programmer. He cycles – a lot.



Jim Beckemeyer
1 year term

Jim Beckemeyer and his wife, Carson, have been LOPC members since 2009. Jim is in his final year as a trustee of the LOPC Foundation, where he currently serves as president. Previously, he served as elder for both Membership and Personnel, and was Clerk of Session. Jim recently retired from Kaiser Permanente after 29 years in various finance, strategy, and consulting roles. In his free time, he enjoys volunteering on love does projects and participating in Freebirds. Jim is also an avid sports fan, and relishes gathering with friends, traveling with his wife, and taking long walks with their dog, Thunder.



Jim Boyd
1 year term

Jim and his wife Lois have been members of LOPC since 1979. Jim has served as a senior high advisor, has been a Deacon three times, was involved in Men's Breakfast for many years and participated in LOPC's clean water project in Guatemala. Upon retiring from teaching in 2005, he started volunteering at the Monument Crisis Center just as LOPC elected to support MCC as a local mission partner. He has been the MIS Group's liaison with MCC since that time.



Jane Kadash
1 year term

Jane Kadash has been a member of LOPC since 2002 and her husband, William, became a member in 2024. She and her husband have a daughter in preschool and a new baby. Jane has been an active member since she joined, including being a part of the youth group program from middle school through high school, went on mission trips, and was confirmed her sophomore year of high school. In her free time she loves spending time with her family, going on long walks, and cooking.