



# 2024 LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

This directory lists the Pastors, the Ruling Elders on the Session, and the Board of Deacons of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church (GPC). These spiritual leaders of GPC are elected by the congregation and ordained to serve in accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order. The directory also specifies committee/ministry assignments and chairs. Contact information for those listed in this directory is available from the church office.

## GPC PASTORS

GPC's Pastors are ordained to the role of Teaching Elder. Presbyterians select their own pastors, with the guidance and concurrence of presbytery.



**Rev. LeAnn Hodges**  
Transitional Pastor



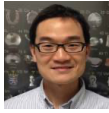
**Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence**  
Associate Pastor/Head of Staff

## GPC RULING ELDERS

GPC has 15 Ruling Elders, who discern and measure the congregation's fidelity to the Word of God, and strengthen and nurture its faith and life. As persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, with demonstrated leadership skills and a compassionate spirit, they serve to exercise government, leadership, spiritual discernment, and discipline. They have responsibilities for the life of the congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. Ruling Elders are elected to a 3-year term and are GPC members.



**Buildings and Grounds**  
Annette Ward, Chair



**Congregational Life**  
Laurie Wallace-Lanham, Chair  
Joseph Tormen Nana  
Tom Chen



**Matthew 25 Racial Justice**  
Donna Dannels, Chair\*  
Pat Keziah, Session Liaison



**Vital Worship**  
Kofi Kumi, Chair



**Communications**  
Lucille Baur, Chair\*  
Paul Whitehead, Session Liaison



**Equipping Disciples**  
Gayle Luckenbaugh, Chair  
Emmanuel Mbaiti



**Nominating**  
Elisa McClelland, Chair  
Edge Kaunda



**At Large**  
Vanlal Chhangte



**Community Engagement**  
Denise Schleckser, Chair\*  
Alice Alexander, Session Liaison



**Human Resources**  
Gary Aller, Chair  
Joelle Pokam



**Stewardship**  
Paul Whitehead, Chair

\*Not currently a member of Session

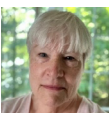
Steven C. Ward\* – Treasurer

Ann Hayes\* – Clerk of Session

\*Not currently a member of Session

## GPC BOARD OF DEACONS

GPC's Deacons coordinate the various care ministries at GPC and minister to those in the community of faith who are sick, friendless, in need, and in distress. They also lead in worship by serving communion and perform other duties as delegated and assigned by the Session. Deacons are elected to a 3-year term, are GPC members, and are under the authority of the Session.



**Jeanne Chamberlain**  
Class of 2025



**Susan Morris**  
Class of 2026



**Debonnaire Tchouambou**  
Class of 2025



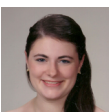
**Bob Gunderson**  
Class of 2024



**Georgina Ofori-Obeng**  
Class of 2026



**Lisa Whitehead**  
Class of 2024



**Kate Lebold**  
Class of 2024



**Lucil Oppong**  
Class of 2025



**Marcellin Womeku**  
Class of 2026



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