

2022 Leadership Directory

This directory lists the Pastors, the Ruling Elders on the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees 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/co-chairs.

GPC Pastors/Teaching Elders

GPC has two pastors ordained to the role of Teaching Elder. Presbyterians select their own pastors, with the guidance and concurrence of presbytery.



Rev. Mary Austin
Senior Pastor



Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Associate Pastor

GPC Ruling Elders

GPC has 18 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 must be members of GPC.



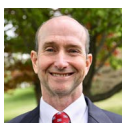
Rosina Akueson
At-Large



Andy Imboden
Chair, Equipping Disciples



Raymond Raven
Chair, Finance



David Allsopp
Chair, Buildings and Grounds



Patrick J. Keziah
Stewardship and
Planned Giving



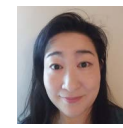
Keith Rush
Co-chair, Stewardship and
Planned Giving



Asenath Asang
Congregational Life



Emmanuel Yang Mbaiti
Digital Ministry



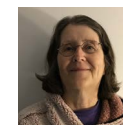
Akiko Taketani
Equipping Disciples



Carol Vandrey Curtis
Chair, Nominating



Joseph Tormen Nana
Congregational Life



Laurie Wallace-Lanham
Congregational Life



Donna Dannels
Community Engagement



Grace Ndjongo
Stewardship and
Planned Giving



Annette Ward
Community Engagement



Grace Atanga Fuh
Chair, Vital Worship



Lucy Nzelle
Chair, Human Resources



Terry Young
Chair, Digital Ministry

Kay Penn – Stated Clerk of Session

Ann Hayes – Assistant Stated Clerk

Steven C. Ward – Treasurer

Non-elder committee/ministry chairs and co-chair:

JoAnn Barney – Chair, Congregational Life

Lucille Baur – Chair, Communications

Phil Melberg – Co-chair, Stewardship and Planned Giving

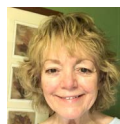
Denise Schleckser – Chair, Community Engagement

GPC Board of Deacons

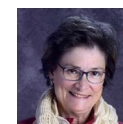
GPC's deacons coordinate the various care ministries at GPC and minister to those in the community of faith who are sick, friendless, in need, and in distress. They also lead in worship by serving communion and perform other duties as delegated and assigned by the Session. Deacons are elected to a 3-year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



Jocelyne Amewu



Donna Gregory



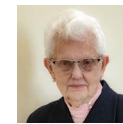
Marilyn Morrison



Kevin Coit



Bob Gunderson



Janis Rex



Patricia Cummings



Kate Lebold



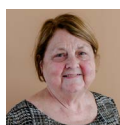
Lisa Whitehead

GPC Board of Trustees

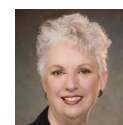
GPC's trustees represent the congregation in legal matters. Trustees are elected to a 3-year term, must be members of GPC, and are subject to the authority of the Session.



Jerry Brown



Nancy Sanders



Francie Whitlock

