

## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

# *from the* NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 26, 2024

Letter from the Nominating Committee

Dear congregation,

As we approach our upcoming Annual Meeting, the Nominating Committee would like to clarify our role in the nomination process and the decisions that we made this year.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of 12 members selected by the Deacons of the church and approved by the congregation. Our primary task is to consider and interview members of our congregation who are willing to stand as elders, moderator elect, and officers, to determine a) if they meet the biblical qualifications that are set out most clearly in Titus and 1 Timothy and b) if they would be the right fit for the current needs of the church.

We began the process in early April 2023, with a request for nominations from the congregation, through weekly announcements and the church bulletin, the ministerial staff, members of the Board of Elders, and Deacons. We carefully considered each nominee, paying particular attention to those whose names had been submitted multiple times. We reached out to a select list of candidates and asked them to prayerfully consider serving. If they were led to go forward with the process, they responded to an extensive questionnaire (covering the candidate's personal walk with God, ministry, leadership skills, Christian witness, understanding of the vision of the church, spiritual gifts, character and how these aspects fit within the needs of the church for this term). Candidates then attended an interview with the Nominating Committee. The committee also reached out to at least two references (at least one from within PSC and one from outside) with an extensive set of questions. As part of the process, candidates are asked to affirm **PSC's statement of faith, covenant of faith and government, and all positional statements.**

The vetting process was carefully and diligently conducted with extensive times of prayer, discussion, and reflection. After lengthy deliberation, we voted (by secret ballot). The candidates that we nominated received unanimous or overwhelming support from the committee. We stand behind and strongly recommend the candidates we have nominated. However, it has become more common in the past few years for candidates who have not been nominated by the Committee to accept a petitionary nomination from twelve members of the congregation. We understand that a petitionary nomination is permitted by the bylaws. While it is impossible to fully disclose the entire reasons we made our decisions, it would be irresponsible for us not to inform the congregation of our determination that the two members whom we interviewed and overwhelmingly decided against have now been put forward as petitionary nominees. It is also important to clarify that the remaining petitionary names did not go through the same extensive interview process as the slate we put forward. Therefore, the Nominating Committee is not able to endorse those candidates.

We are thankful for the new slate of nominees that we have put forward for the congregation. We believe that they will lead our church well, and we look forward to how God will use them to lead our congregation for His glory and our good.

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# *from the* NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Letter from the Nominating Committee

The 2023 Nominating Committee is grateful to all who responded to the call for candidates, all who agreed to go through the nomination process with us, all who provided references, all who considered serving but declined, all whom the committee considered but did not nominate, and all who are nominated for service at this time. We are grateful for all who provided counsel, and for those who prayed on our behalf.

The Nominating Committee sought potential candidate recommendations for the role of Moderator-Elect, Elder and Missions Treasurer from the congregation and the church leadership and considered potential candidates primarily as followers of Christ, their leadership styles, their interpretation of the vision for the church, and the collective skills they bring, together with the particular needs of the church in this season.

The committee engaged in diligent deliberations, considered alternate and opposing views, consulted extensively with references and prayed for discernment and counsel in the selection of candidates. We trust that this is the slate that God led us to select for this term, and we now submit this to you and ask you to join us in praying for these nominees and the leaders of Park Street Church.

*Note:* Because Bonnie Ziegler's husband, Andrew Ziegler, serves on the Board of Elders, she recused herself from all interviews, discussions and deliberations in which there was a conflict of interest.

### **Officer Candidates**

**Moderator-Elect** – Geoffrey Raux

**Treasurer** – Gabriel Ling

**Treasurer of Missions** – Julianne White

**Assistant Treasurer** – Gregg Hansen

**Clerk** – Deborah Gallagher

### **Elder Candidates**

Julie Halvorsen

Richard Ibekwe

Leslie Liu (candidate for re-election)

Daniel Vogelzang

Joshua Wang

Steven Weibley

### **Current Members of the Nominating Committee**

Selwyn Jayakar, Chair; Helena Daniel; Norm Graf; Richard Spinelli; Julianne Johnston; Drake Richey; Laura Roscoe; Jonathan Verrengia; Marana Avant; Debra Mulley; Greg O'Brien; Bonnie Ziegler

*If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to: [nominatingcommittee@parkstreet.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@parkstreet.org).*

*For a full list of those currently serving as officers and elders, please turn to page 22.*

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# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION SELECTED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### OFFICER CANDIDATES

Deborah Gallagher, *Clerk (2025)*  
Gregg Hansen, *Assistant Treasurer (2025)*  
Gabriel Ling, *Treasurer (2025)*  
Geoffrey Raux, *Moderator-Elect (2025)*  
Julianne White, *Missions Treasurer (2025)*

### ELDER CANDIDATES

Julie Halvorsen  
Richard Ibekwe  
Leslie Liu  
Daniel Vogelzang  
Joshua Wang  
Steven Weibley

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES SELECTED BY DEACONS

Lyford Beverage  
John Carlson  
Tom Kane  
Bryan Robinson

# CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION BY PETITION

### OFFICER CANDIDATES

Brian Winey, *Moderator-Elect (2025)*  
Grant Means, *Missions Treasurer (2025)*  
Lisa Hui, *Clerk (2025)*

### ELDER CANDIDATES

Robert Andersen  
Nick Dedeke  
Alana Howland  
William Wellman

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## *Julie Halvorsen, Candidate for Elder*

- Julie has served in various capacities at PSC. Over the years she has been part of event planning teams, and hosted missionary dinners and weekly Bible studies.
- Having seen God's hand in all aspects of her life, she is a person of unwavering faith, who trusts the Lord completely in all things. She became a member of PSC in 1997, and cherishes the way the Word is taught and preached at PSC, and the rich Christian traditions of worship. Being naturally gifted at taking initiatives, serving as a spokesperson and organizing teams, she believes in serving as a member of a team, listening to others in humility, and prayerfully seeking for hearts to be united in serving the Lord.
- She has served on church advisory councils before, making decisions on staffing, budgetary matters, church maintenance and event planning and has served on the board at Boston Trinity Academy.

## *Richard Ibekwe, Candidate for Elder*

- Richard has served as a member of the Senior Minister Search Committee, the student leadership teams at PSC college ministry (Gathering), and Cru at MIT (Servant Team), was co-founder, co-editor-in-chief and treasurer of *et Spiritus*, a journal of Christian thought at MIT, and currently co-leads a Bible study.
- Having grown up in a Christian household, he has dedicated much of his spiritual growth to the understanding of God's exquisite power, majesty and love, and dependence on God for one's life, breath, mercy, and wisdom. He has been a member of PSC since 2015. The strong biblical teaching, music, and rich history and combination of worship practices of PSC, along with the church's commitment to missions, opportunities to serve, the mix of races, nationalities, and ages in the congregation have drawn him to PSC.
- He excels in aspects of leadership that involve critical thinking, communication and conflict resolution, as well as teaching, administration and serving. He has served on multiple boards both in academic and spiritual settings and has performed an exemplary task of leading boards, organizing events and managing budgets. Through this he has learned about establishing an environment where leaders strive for maximal openness and consultation surrounding the decision-making process. He desires to be a blessing to the church that has been a profound blessing to him by contributing more directly to help the church navigate ongoing challenges and helping its breadth of ministries flourish, all the while being stretched in faith, wisdom and obedience to God.

## *Leslie Liu, Candidate for Elder*

- Leslie has served as Deacon of Family Ministries for 10 years, as coordinator of family and youth missions trips, led neighborhood small groups, served on the nominating committee, the Senior Minister search committee and currently serves on the Board of Elders.
- Having been privy to God's power and redeeming work through her parents' ministry, she became convinced of the crucial role of prayer and the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. She became a member of PSC in 1999, encouraged by the preaching, the strong focus on missions, and the desire to build community.
- She has strong relational gifts, and is able to empathize and shepherd, and to connect and encourage others in their walk with God. She is also a gifted administrator and structured thinker, who prioritizes prayer as the capstone to successfully navigate these endeavors. She has also developed a strong ability

# *Nominating Committee* NOTES

to communicate in difficult and sensitive situations, combining empathy with her analytical skills to bring together people with multiple views. She has served on the board of directors for a non-profit agency in the past. She believes in leading by example and is a natural bridge builder.

## *Daniel Vogelzang, Candidate for Elder*

- Dan serves on the Missions Committee, and is a Seminary Trustee. He served on the first Senior Minister Search Committee, as a Deacon, and on the Board of Elders at PSC.
- As one who cannot remember when as a young child he first prayed for Christ to be his Savior, his faith in God has been unwavering, even during great trials. He has been a member of PSC since 2006, and considers the church foundational to his time in Boston. Having felt the love and support of this church family through times of transition and change, joy and sorrow, he believes that even while we hold on to our convictions, we never let that detract from our love for one another and our ability to forgive.
- He is gifted in serving God through hospitality, exhortation, facilitation of groups of people, coaching and advising. He has extensive board experience, serving at a non-profit in the city, and has developed his skills as a facilitator who believes in always keeping an eye on the big picture.

## *Joshua Wang, Candidate for Elder*

- Joshua has led his small group since 2010 as a primary teacher and facilitator who has covered a broad variety of Biblical topics and books, and has also demonstrated gifts in administration and helping.
- He grew up in a Christian home, where God's love was exemplified constantly. He first started attending PSC in 2009, and continues to be attracted by its reverence, curiosity and passion for the Word of God, commitment to Christian liberty, and service through missions. He considers PSC as a place where all tribes and peoples and languages are united in adoration of our Savior.
- He has many years of experience managing teams and subordinate leads, helping build weaker team members into strong performers and guiding others to leadership with organizations. He has broad experience in selecting candidates for several departments and adding to their development. As the architect of the direction of his team, he has developed strong frameworks for the advancement of the vision of his department. As an elder he is looking forward to an opportunity to celebrate, enable, and support God's work on a broader scale and be an effective leader by initiating trust.

## *Steven Weibley, Candidate for Elder*

- Steven has served as a pastor for 35 years, chaired boards, directed music, led a Lenten Discipleship small group at PSC, is skilled at making people feel welcome, and is comfortable being with those who disagree on theological and practical issues.
- He has been a member of PSC since 2022. After retiring, he joined PSC, particularly attracted to its solid orthodoxy and worship. He has a strong background in music ministry, has ordered and led music, is a gifted teacher, and responds to those who disagree with openness and charity.
- He has extensive experience counseling young men for over 30 years, advising them on a variety of issues, leading them to godly lives centered on the Word of God.

# *Nominating Committee* NOTES

## Note...

The Nominating Committee generally re-nominates officers serving in the positions with a one-year term if they are willing to continue to serve. This year two new officer candidates have been nominated: Geoffrey Raux for Moderator-Elect and Julianne White for Missions Treasurer.

## *Geoffrey Raux, Candidate for Moderator-Elect (2025)*

- Geoff served as Deacon of Communion at PSC for many years, chaired the Nominating Committee, led Bible studies for nearly 25 years, and currently serves on the Board of Elders.
- Having come to know the Lord at an early age, he has cultivated a deep desire to serve the Lord, and to see PSC be united and thrive in this city. He has been a member of PSC since 2009. Drawn by its preaching, commitment to orthodoxy, and the diversity of fellowship, he chose to stay and serve at PSC because he believes it is, and has the potential to more fully be, a beacon of light shining God's truth and love in Boston.
- He has an extraordinarily clear grasp of PSC's vision, and can see a path forward. He has been known to bring people together on difficult issues using his talents in organization, strategic vision, imagination to approach a situation from a contrary view point, and infectious enthusiasm.
- He has demonstrated strong success in being a good manager of people. He has extensive board experience, and serves on multiple boards in Boston, and is captain of the softball team at church. He regularly interacts with management teams of significant companies, and has gained broad experience in organizational management and board governance through this work. He has served in the Army as an officer, and has gained significant management experience and training through this experience.

## *Julianne White, Missions Treasurer (2025)*

- Julianne volunteers in the nursery at PSC, helps teach 11th and 12th grade Sunday School between services, and is involved with the Care Ministry.
- She has attended PSC since January 2019 and became a member a few months later because of teachings that were rooted in God's Word that did not shy away from lovingly speaking the truth, and the long history of sharing the good news of the Gospel in Boston and around the world. She has a deep desire to serve in various capacities in support of this mission.
- She is gifted in hospitality and mediation, allowing her to lead from a basis of trust and compassion, fostering camaraderie in decision making, helping others feel heard and appreciated even when the path forward is not chosen unanimously. She has valuable business experience in profit and loss management, with large budgets, leading teams, building consensus with clients and stakeholders, and working to improve process and performance. She will apply these skills to build a well-planned Missions budget, anticipate risks, and identify opportunities for efficiency and improvement. She has also gained valuable experience in a non-profit setting, through strategic planning for the Greater Boston Food Bank, as Vice President for Food Acquisition and Volunteer teams, managing a very large budget.

## One last note...

The Nominating Committee has asked each candidate for the role of Elder to answer the questions: What am I passionate about at Park Street Church? What has been my heart as I serve God? What do I long to see grow and flourish? Their answers are written beneath each candidate's bio.

## 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

# CANDIDATE SLATE (*NOMINATING COMMITTEE*)

The following members of Park Street Church are candidates for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2024. There are six elder positions, four Nominating Committee positions and five officer positions to be filled by election. All candidates for officers and elders have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. All candidates for the Nominating Committee have been nominated by the deacons.

## OFFICER CANDIDATES



Deborah Gallagher, *Clerk (candidate for re-election; 2025)*

Born and raised in Ohio, I moved to Boston in 1978 after graduating from college, and to my joy discovered Park Street Church. I worked as a university administrator for my entire career and retired five years ago. I have been honored to serve the Lord as Park Street's Clerk for the last four years. It is a blessing to work with PSC staff, our Moderator and Elders, and the Membership Committee. I keep records of membership and reaffirmations, attend New Members classes, welcome new members, and prepare notes for the Annual Meeting. My husband Charlie and I have three adult children who grew up at Park Street, and two grandchildren. I have the great delight of serving our 3-5-year-olds as a Sunday School teacher; in the past, I have served on the Nominating Committee, the Interim Pastoral Search Committee, and the Family Minister Search Committee. I am grateful and blessed to be a regular attender at Park Street's online Morning Prayers.

*Clerk Officer*

*The Clerk (one-year term) gives notice of and provides written record of the church's annual and special meetings. He or she also processes any membership-related correspondence.*



Gregg Hansen, *Assistant Treasurer (candidate for re-election; 2025)*

I was raised in a Christian family and accepted Christ as a child. Following Christ has led me to a life of service and adventure; first in the Air Force, then in public accounting as a CPA, and now at Gordon-Conwell



# OFFICER CANDIDATES *cont'd*

Theological Seminary where I am the Chief Financial Officer. I started attending Park Street Church when the Air Force moved me to Boston in 1997 and I became a member of the church in 1999. I have served on the Missions Committee, participated in multiple short-term missions trips, and am currently serving on the Finance and Administration Committee. It is my passion to help Gordon-Conwell and Park Street to be faithful stewards of the financial resources with which God has blessed them. In addition, I thoroughly enjoy outdoor adventures with my wife, Rebecca, and children, Andrew and Elizabeth!

## *Assistant Treasurer Officer*

*The Assistant Treasurer (one-year term) serves as a second backup to the Treasurer and assists both Treasurers with their responsibilities.*



## Gabriel Ling, *Treasurer (candidate for re-election; 2025)*

I was raised in a Christian family and have been attending Park Street Church since 2004. My wife Julie and I became members in 2009. A few years ago, I co-founded M33 Growth, where I make investments in innovative technology and healthcare companies. My professional passion is working hand-in-hand with entrepreneurs as they scale their businesses. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for Park Street School, where my daughters Jane, Emily, and Clara attend, as well as on the Board of Advisors for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

## *Treasurer Officer*

*The Treasurer (one-year term) oversees financial responsibilities for the church.*



## Geoffrey Raux, *Moderator-Elect (2025)*

I made a personal commitment to Christ at an early age. I moved to Boston in 2003, where I met my wife and best friend Sarah. We have been attending Park Street Church since 2008 and have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, Adelaide and Annabelle. My relationship with the Lord is central to every aspect of my life. I believe that life—in its fullest sense—can only be realized through union with Him. I have had the opportunity to share that message through personal relationships and on missions trips to East Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. During college, I was involved with CRU and served as president of my campus chapter. In law school, I was involved with Intervarsity and served on the leadership team. Since becoming a member of Park Street Church, I have served as a deacon for communion, co-captain of our softball team, on the Nominating Committee, and on the Interim Senior Minister Search Committee (which hired Dr. Thorne). I am currently serving on the Board of Elders. Outside of the church, I am a



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Trustee to Park Street School and am on the Board of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Professionally, I am a partner at the law firm Foley & Lardner LLP.

Moderator-Elect is not a position that I was seeking, but I have tried to be faithful to God's leading throughout the nominating process. I love Park Street Church and see so much good in her. While this has been a difficult season for us, I firmly believe that the Lord is working to strengthen and refine us for His glory. I am excited about what He has in store for our future.

## *Passion Statement\**

My desire is to see Park Street Church remain committed to the truth as revealed in Scripture while effectively and lovingly engaging with a culture that is often at odds with it. In a time of so much confusion and uncertainty, I pray that Park Street Church will be a place where those who are lost can find answers spoken with conviction and humility. My heart is that we would be a community united in Christ, and that Park Street Church would be a place where the gospel is lived, not just preached.

## *Moderator-Elect*

*The Moderator-Elect shall be a member of the Board of Elders and shall assist the Moderator. Individuals may serve as either Moderator or Moderator-elect without regard to previous service as an elected Elder.*

*\*Because the Moderator-Elect role leads the Board of Elders, we asked Geoffrey (along with the other elder candidates) to provide a "passion statement."*



## *Julianne White, Missions Treasurer (2025)*

I was raised in Florida in a Christian home and came to know Christ at a young age. My husband Michael and I began attending Park Street Church in 2019 and have since been blessed with a son, Caleb. Michael and I have taught in the youth ministry since 2019 and I have also recently begun volunteering with the nursery and Care Ministry. We love Park Street Church and its commitment to sharing the hope of the gospel in Boston and around the world. My work experience has involved years of managing large business portfolios and strategy development at both for-profit and non-profit organizations, most recently serving in leadership at the Greater Boston Food Bank. I am grateful to be nominated to serve Park Street Church as Missions Treasurer.

## *Missions Treasurer*

*In addition to supporting Missions, the Missions Treasurer (one-year term) is the Vice Treasurer of the church and as such serves as the first backup when the Treasurer is absent or incapacitated.*

# ELDER CANDIDATES



## Julie Halvorsen, *Elder*

Jesus has been my Savior since I was a young girl and I've had the blessing of walking through most of my life with Him. After college, I moved to Boston and found a wonderful home at PSC. I became a member and attended PSC until Mark and I were married and moved to the suburbs where we raised our children, Peter and Maggie. After worshipping locally for 16 years, God led us back to PSC in 2016. I have attended both the morning and evening services, have been involved with Café leadership, and have co-led the South Shore Community group and several LDI groups. At our former church I served on a few different ministry leadership teams and the Pastor's Advisory Council. I have also been involved with several Christian non-profit boards including Boston Trinity Board of Trustees (2015 - 2022). I am honored to be nominated and my heart's desire is to be obedient to the Lord's call, confident that He equips those He calls.

### *Passion Statement*

My passion for PSC is that we would remain faithful to God's Word, always looking to Scripture as the final authority for discerning truth. My prayer for the community of believers at PSC is that we would be increasingly humbled and united in our brokenness and common need for a Savior and as a result would love one another well. My hope is that through the teaching of God's Word, PSC would faithfully continue to be a church that equips the saints to share the hope we have with the world. I pray that PSC would be a place where God is forever glorified!



## Richard Ibekwe, *Elder*

I grew up in London, England, in a Christian household. I came to Boston for college in 2014, started attending Park Street immediately, and became a member in 2015. I have been a leader in the college and young adults ministries and served on the most recent Senior Minister Search Committee; I am currently a choir member and lay Scripture reader. My wife Megan and I met at Park Street and have been married since 2021. I am honored to be considered for the role of elder in this community that has profoundly blessed me. While I feel called to stand, it is a challenge for which I lean entirely on God's strength and wisdom, because my own are insufficient.

### *Passion Statement*

My passion is that God would cause me and our church to more and more deeply wrestle with and live out the radical and transformational implications of the gospel: in our approach to our home life, studies, work, rest, joy, suf-

# ELDER CANDIDATES *cont'd*



fering, agreements, disagreements; in our conduct of the life of the church; in our ministry to the city and the world; in our behavior both when everyone is watching and when no one but God is; to continually remind one another and show the world that Jesus is Lord of all and that the gospel changes everything.

## Leslie Liu, *Elder (candidate for re-election)*

I accepted Jesus as Lord when I was five and also that year witnessed my atheist father become a believer. When my parents later entered the ministry, I saw God's power transform lives which lay the ground for my own faith to grow. I first came to PSC in the 80's as a college student struggling with depression, sitting anonymously in the back, while the Lord ministered to me through the preaching of the Word. Since the mid-90's, my husband, Ling Yi, and I have made PSC our church home, along with our five children. Over the years I've been encouraged, challenged, comforted, and prayed for as I've served in Family Ministries, PSC Homeschoolers, Women's Bible Study, small group leadership, short-term missions, Nominating Committee, and the Senior Minister Search Committee. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as an elder for the last three years, entrusted with the sacred responsibility of imitating our Chief Shepherd in caring for the flock.

### *Passion Statement*

As we've struggled through trial as a church body, I've taken heart in remembering that during the toughest times of my life, I experienced the nearness of the Lord and the joy of hearing from Him on a daily basis, which I long for all of us. I pray that out of our grounding in the Scriptures we may understand how the Spirit of God speaks to each one of us (1 Cor. 2), directing us, convicting us, and teaching us how to let go of idols to which we cling. It is my deep desire that the gospel message of reconciliation would be lived out palpably in our church body as we confess our sins to each other, so that we may be healed and be a humbled instrument used by the Lord to share His message of reconciliation to the world around us (2 Cor. 5:18-20).



## Daniel Vogelzang, *Elder*

I have attended Park Street since 2003 when I met my wife at a Cafe Connecting Group and became a member after getting married at PSC in 2005. I previously served as Deacon for Union (young married ministry), Elder for 6 years, Missions Committee for 6 years, and a member on the First Senior Minister Search Committee. I have also served as a Trustee at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (GCTS) since 2019. For the last 10+ years I have worked as an independent consultant with expertise in strategy, innovation, brand, and marketing. I live in Reading, MA with my wife Jennifer and three kids.

# ELDER CANDIDATES *cont'd*



## *Passion Statement* (Daniel Vogelzang, previous page)

I am passionate about Biblical training, education, and literacy and have always loved learning the Bible and understanding it. I also care deeply about what it takes to be a healthy and flourishing church in every way, from the pastors and staff to lay leadership, from culture and relationships to vision and strategy.

## Joshua Wang, *Elder*

I was born in southwest Virginia and blessed to grow up in a Christian family. I met my wife, Amanda, in high school, and we are blessed with two amazing daughters, Leila and Vivienne. We came to Massachusetts in 2009 and started attending Park Street soon thereafter. I have led a small group in the West Region for 13 years, where God has been faithful to reform my heart through the pursuit of His Word in community. At Park Street, I am grateful to study and worship with deeply committed Christians from different traditions and perspectives. I am humbled to learn how God is at work through this church, and it would be an honor to support His work by serving as an elder.

## *Passion Statement*

At Park Street, the nations proclaim His works together every Sunday in a foretaste of our ultimate purpose: to enjoy God forever. God gave us an expansive vision for life together – celebrating our Savior’s infinite glory by denying ourselves and embracing our neighbors in humility. We can be confident that God is faithful to deepen our understanding of Him through this body. When this vision seems challenging to reconcile with reality, may we lift our eyes to the stump of Jesse, pursue godly rebuke and counsel, and, in repentance, delight in God’s commandments to labor faithfully in His bounteous harvest.



## Steven Weibley, *Elder*

I married the love of my life in 1983 about a year after being converted from a non-believing, if religious, life in a non-believing family. In 1986, Deb and I left for Gordon-Conwell where I served as a Byington fellow. I joined the pastoral staff at Carlisle Congregational Church (CCCC) and remained at the same church until retirement. Further coursework included two terms at Cambridge University and studies at Reformed Theological Seminary where I studied with R.C. Sproul. I am a member of the Executive Council of the New England Reformed Fellowship and serve part-time as Latin, Music, and Drama teacher at the Imago School, where I have taught and spoken for morning chapel since the 1990’s. Upon retirement, at Park Street my wife and I have found the blend we sought of gospel, biblical theological, expositional preaching and the “well-ordered” and joyful music.

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## *Passion Statement (Steven Weibley, previous page)*

During my decades of ministry in New England, I have been engaged with struggling churches and pastors and seen the same kind of hardship in our churches today as in the biblical churches; I know the immense value of staying the course for the sake of the gospel, however difficult. I found help in John Owen, the magisterial British Congregationalist who faced his own struggles with the assurance of the Scriptures. Reading Owen, I felt myself drawn in more deeply to understand the immensity and nearness of Who the Triune God is and how His Spirit changes my daily life and relationships with others. I am looking with anticipation to what the Lord may hold for us in the 2020's as we face our calling in Christ AND our disagreements with seriousness, patience, honesty, depth, love and delight.

# NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES



## Lyford Beverage, *Nominating Committee (2027)*

My wife Lori and I started coming to Park Street in 1989, to sing. We joined the church in 1992 and have been here ever since. The church has been a significant contributor to my spiritual growth and development. We have raised four children here, three of whom are active members as adults. (It is a great joy to be best-known to a certain population as “Mr. Sam’s dad.”) I have been a member of the choir, and have also served as a facilitator for an engaged couples class, on the Finance and Administration committee, on the Board of Elders, the interim Sr. Minister Search Committee, and the Deacons Committee. Professionally, I’m a software engineer.



## John Carlson, *Nominating Committee (2027)*

I am fairly confident that I first attended Park Street in the early 1960s with my parents who had driven up from Rhode Island to hear Dr. Ockenga. My father was a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church. He and my southern mother were faithful and loving parents to my younger brother and me. I came to faith at a Billy Graham Crusade in Providence a number of years later. My adult attendance at Park Street began in 1985 while doing graduate studies. I have been attending since and became a member in the early 90s. I have been blessed to serve in Alpha, Christianity Explored and small group leadership over the years and was fortunate to be a member of the building committee during the purchase of 2 and 3 Park Street. In my faith journey I am continually aware of God’s faithfulness and as the writer of Hebrews says, because of His obedience even unto death, He calls me brother and His own. I look forward to God’s leading and ways He might continue to use me for His purposes. My wife Barbara and I live in Cambridge and consider Park Street home.



## Tom Kane, *Nominating Committee (2027)*

I grew up in the Catholic tradition with my family on Long Island, NY and came to faith as a 19-year-old after learning some things about God from a TV show and praying a simple prayer all by myself. I’ve been at PSC since August 2007 after having attended a much smaller church for many years. I am very thankful to God for leading me to Park Street as I had a desire to do more for God’s Kingdom and there were many opportunities to serve at PSC, compared with my former church which had very little in the way of service opportunities. (I did not know what “world missions” was until a few



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months after I started attending PSC!) Here at Park Street I was a member of the Park Street International Fellowship for 8 years where I led small-group Bible studies; helped to run Christianity Explored classes and volunteered for Let It Begin Here; served on the Missions Committee for 6 years; have been a deacon in the FOCUS ministry from 2013 until the present; participated in 9 Park Street sponsored short-term mission trips; served several times on the leadership team that ran the Perspectives class; ran a class on prayer in summer 2022 and served on the Prayer Leadership Team and the All-Church Prayer Team over the past couple years. Professionally, I've worked at John Hancock Financial Services since November 2006, shortly after coming to Boston from New York.



### Bryan Robinson, *Nominating Committee (2027)*

I grew up in Texas and moved to Massachusetts to attend college. I started attending Park Street Church as an undergraduate student. My wife, Sara, and I joined the church shortly after we were married, in 1999, and have been active members ever since. We have been immensely blessed by the teaching at PSC and have enjoyed raising our three children, Nathan, Abigail, and Rebecca, in this community of believers. I was first drawn to PSC because of its dedication to the gospel message and its emphasis on sharing that message with Boston and the world. It has been my joy to join with PSC in this mission through many of the church's ministries through the years—outreach events, small groups, short-term missions, Family Ministry, international outreach, etc. I have served previously on the Nominating Committee and look forward to the possibility of again serving in this capacity as we obediently seek to discern God's will for the future leadership of PSC in this critical time.

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

# CANDIDATES BY PETITION

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The following members of Park Street Church are candidates for election by petition at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2024. There are three officer candidates and four elder candidates. All petitions proposing candidates have been signed by 12 active members, as verified by the Clerk.

# OFFICER CANDIDATES *BY PETITION*



## Brian Winey, *Moderator-Elect (2025; by petition)*\*\*

The Lord blessed me with a Christian heritage. I actively participated in church youth group, but it was not until college that my faith was stretched. God used hardships to reveal Himself and deepen my walk with Him. It yielded wonderful fruit - Karen, my wife, who has been my faithful, encouraging partner in Christ. We have labored together, depended on the Lord, and relied on our church community to raise our three children. Our heart is that Isabella, Daniel, and David would know, honor, and love Jesus as Lord and Savior all the days of their lives. We desire this godly heritage for all families at PSC.

God led us to Boston and PSC in 2007. We were captivated by PSC's strong missions emphasis and solid Biblical preaching. I set about serving where God placed me. I am in my 6th year of chairing the Missions Committee. We opened our home to medical students and scholars by living in the Longwood Christian Community for the past decade. I previously served on the Board of Elders for 6 years over 2 terms, the first Senior Minister Search Committee, and over 14 years on the Missions Committee. Professionally, I work as an Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School and a Medical Physicist at Massachusetts General Hospital.

My leadership style is to gently shepherd, listen, and understand others before speaking, skills which I would apply frequently as moderator-elect. I value different opinions and believe the Holy Spirit speaks through the members of His body. In my professional and church leadership experience, I have led many committees and discussions through challenging and complex issues, ensuring that each person has opportunity and feels empowered to contribute.

I pray that our church will grow in both the knowledge and personal experience of God's long-suffering and patient love, filled with grace and kindness that leads us to repentance. May we abide in Christ's love, so that we serve in the grace and humility of Christ. As the body of Christ, we are built into the priesthood of all believers, beautifully demonstrated in our congregational church, where the Holy Spirit, being the chief gift, can equip each with gifts to form a diverse, yet united congregation (Ephesians 4:1-7), fulfilling the Great Commission in Boston and to the ends of the Earth.

\*\* *The Nominating Committee interviewed this candidate and found this person did not best exemplify the qualities of Moderator-Elect.*

# OFFICER CANDIDATES *BY PETITION*,

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## Grant Means, *Missions Treasurer (2025; by petition)* \*

My brother was born prematurely (~2lbs). As I met him to say good-bye, I sang “You are my Sunshine” and ended with a prayer of “Please don’t take my baby brother away.” I touched his translucent foot, and his heart rate instantly regulated. God heard my prayer and healed Tyler miraculously. This same Gentle Healer is at work at PSC today.

I attend PSIF and small group. I live at the Wilson House, teach Biblical finances, and serve on the College Ministry leadership team. God has led me on missions trips to Peru (2010) and Uganda (2019). Pursuing a MDiv at Gordon Conwell continues to grow my heart for the lost (Luke 15). My interest in finance led to pursuing a master’s and founding a children’s financial literacy nonprofit. I have served on multiple nonprofit finance committees. I seek to honor the Lord as Missions Treasurer, combining financial stewardship with the Father’s heart for all nations (Psalm 2:8).

*\* The Nominating Committee cannot endorse this candidate because we were not able to vet this person on behalf of the congregation.*



## Lisa Hui, *Clerk (2025; by petition)* \*

I came to Christ at a Cru retreat, choosing to live for Jesus instead of worldly achievements. A decade later, I married Miller and joined PSC in 2016. We found community at Union and eventually became the leaders (organizing events and facilitating a community group). I’ve served at HOME (tracking attendance, making precisely-calibrated hot chocolate) and co-led the COVID-response Food Bank (coordinating purchase, packing, and delivery). We have two children, Hallie and Judson.

My professional experience aligns with the Clerk’s duties (managing membership, taking minutes). I oversee enrollment data for 20K students and transitioned my organization from paper reporting to databases/dashboards. I’ve taken formal meeting minutes as a project manager and have experience with Robert’s Rules (parliamentary procedure used at PSC).

I pray that PSC will “trust in the Lord... and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

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# ELDER CANDIDATES *BY PETITION*



## Robert Andersen, *Elder Candidate by petition* \*

I was born in Brooklyn, NY, before Brooklyn became fashionable. I'm grateful for my Norwegian Christian family who taught me about the love of Jesus. I came to faith in the Evangelical Free Church and got to know Lois at their camp in Spofford, NH. Following Lois's art scholarship in Europe, we married, and she joined me in Boston where I worked at Lincoln Lab. We enjoyed learning and growing in our faith attending Park Street Church.

Later we moved to Paris where we taught and sold Christian literature in English at The American Church. Working for United Technologies Corp., I negotiated development and manufacturing agreements between the major European countries, learning how to bring people together, often over good food, to reach agreement.

Returning to the US, Lois and I joined 12 families to plant Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Concord, MA, where I served as the organizing Elder. After working as CFO at two Boston based start-ups (biotech and energy), I felt called to work at PSC as Church Administrator, serving from 2011 to 2019. My PSC motto became: "The numbers part is easy, the people part is hard." I am grateful for all the opportunities that this afforded to strengthen our church and bring people together around our shared goals and our common love for Christ.

Lois and I now serve on two Missionary Care Teams and the Membership Committee. Lois also hosts the Artist Fellowship group each month. It would be a privilege to serve as an Elder and help to bring people together.

The Lord has blessed our 48 years of marriage with two daughters, Laura and Becca, now married, and four grandsons: 48 years of reaching agreement over great food.

I'm passionate about Missions and working to support, encourage, and grow the Ministry to Internationals and World Missions program at PSC.

While working in Shenzhen, China, I attended the morning service at a start-up church in Hong Kong. I offered greetings to the congregation on behalf of PSC. After the service, the woman in front of me said that as a new student in Boston she was approached by a man who handed her a brochure and told her to go to Park Street Church and they would help her learn to speak English. She went, she learned, she came to faith in Christ, she went back to China, then to Hong Kong, then helped start that church. She asked me to thank the people at Park Street Church. "Their program changed my life." Let us continue to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19).

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# ELDER CANDIDATES *BY PETITION*, *cont'd*



## Nick Dedeker, *Elder Candidate for re-election by petition* \*\*

I grew up in Africa and made a commitment to follow Christ at age 13. After doctoral training in Germany, I moved to the US. I have been a member of Park Street Church (PSC) for over twenty years. I was drawn to PSC because of its commitment to the faithful interpretation of scriptures, its vibrant small group communities, and a culture that empowers volunteers to lead and grow in Christ. Education classes and serving as a small group leader, worship team members, deacon, usher, and Kids Week helper, I've also had the honor of serving on the Board of Elders. I met my wife Sarah at PSC, and we have two children, Anna and Joshua. I am a professor at a local university. It would be an honor to serve God and you again as an Elder.

By God's graciousness to our church, the name "Park Street Church" is connected with revival, faithfulness, spiritual leadership, and missions. Elders are called to serve the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our church by feeding, protecting and encouraging the congregation. I desire, by God's enabling, to serve our congregation in this manner. I pray for humility to repent of my sins, courage to do the right thing, and the faith to entrust God with the consequences. My favorite verse is, "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6).

*\*\* The Nominating Committee interviewed this candidate and found this person did not best exemplify the qualities of Elder.*



## Alana Howland, *Elder Candidate by petition* \*

I was raised in a church-going family with a solid foundation in the Bible and service. I accepted the Lord in VBS at 11. One of my older brothers, Jim, came to know the Lord through PSC witnessing on the Common. He gave me my first NASB (which I still treasure) and he, among others, prayed and loved me into the Kingdom. My college years in InterVarsity taught me the high value of correct Bible study. A PSC weekend Missions Conference for students sparked my desire to make Boston my home. I eventually overcame being "Jim Howland's sister", and PSC has been my church home for the past 30+ years. I have sung in choir (hospitality chair & president), been part of Marketplace Network, the Women's Ministry, cooked countless meals for both FOCUS and PSIF and taught FOCUS ESL for more than 13 years. I am presently one of the FOCUS/PSIF Deacons.

I am passionate about accurately interpreting the word of God, and my 'watch' verses have always been Psalm 1:1-3 and Jeremiah 29:11. I am



# ELDER CANDIDATES *BY PETITION*, *cont'd*

also passionate about spreading the gospel amongst the nations not just by sending out missionaries but through loving hospitality. This is why I've spent so much time cooking! Boston is one of the great American cities where the nations come. Here, I've been able to spend time and make friends with people from more countries that I could ever hope to visit!

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## William Wellman, *Elder Candidate by petition* \*

I unconditionally surrendered my life to Christ while in college. God's first call to me was to inner-city ministry in Chicago, tutoring minority school children and developing mixed income housing. God later called me to Moldova to advance the gospel across the former Soviet Union and Turkey by teaching pastors and members the potential of business development to bring glory to God. I have served as Chief Information Officer at several healthcare organizations and taught business innovation. I have been a member of PSC since 2018. I've led a Thursday night PSC ZOOM bible study for the past 3 years, served as an LDI group leader, and facilitator. I desire to be holy; to faithfully walk with the Lord every day like Enoch.

My passion is to be holy as God is holy that I might be used of God. My passion is to fear God and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12: 13) so that one day He might say to me, "well done, good and faithful servant". My vision for PSC is for its people to humble themselves, repent and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14). To end the hurt and discouragement of the past year, and usher in a time of healing and restoration, I yearn for the day when PSC is overflowing with people desiring to enter into the presence of God and be filled with His Holy Spirit. I yearn that in 2024 PSC will become an epicenter for revival in New England, as we have been in the past.

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# CURRENT OFFICERS, ELDERS & MEMBERS of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

## CHURCH OFFICERS

**Jason Abraham**—is currently serving as Moderator. Having been elected to that position in 2022, Jason’s term as Moderator is completed at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

**Deborah Gallagher**—is currently serving as Church Clerk and is a candidate for another one-year term as Clerk on the 2024 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Gregg Hansen**—is currently serving as Assistant Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Assistant Treasurer on the 2024 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Gabriel Ling**—is currently serving as Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Treasurer on the 2024 Annual Meeting ballot.

**Ling Yi Liu**—is currently serving as Missions Treasurer and he is retiring from that office as of the 2024 Annual Meeting.

## BOARD OF ELDERS

*The following members of the Board of Elders, Class of 2024, are serving terms which expire as of the 2024 Annual Meeting:*

**Stephen Adams** — is currently serving as Elder and is stepping down, having served the term to which he was elected.

**Nick Dedeke** — is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term by petition on the 2024 Annual Meeting ballot.

**John Liu** — is currently serving as Elder and is stepping down, having served the term to which he was elected.

**Leslie Liu** — is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2024 Annual Meeting ballot.

The following members of the Board of Elders are serving terms which continue, respectively, until the 2025 or 2026 Annual Meeting as indicated below:

### Class of 2025

Yannick Assogba  
Linda Herman  
David Murgatroyd

### Class of 2026

Mary Harvey  
Kirstin Peltz  
Geoffrey Raux<sup>1</sup>  
Andrew Ziegler

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<sup>1</sup> Nominated for the office of Moderator-Elect and on the ballot for that office at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Current Members of the Nominating Committee: Selwyn Jayakar, Chair; Helena Daniel; Norm Graf; Richard Spinelli; Julianne Johnston; Drake Richey; Laura Roscoe; Jonathan Verrengia; Marana Avant; Debra Mulley; Greg O’Brien; Bonnie Ziegler

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### Class of 2024

Helena Daniel  
Norman Graf  
Selwyn Jayakar  
Rich Spinelli

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### Class of 2025

Julianne Johnston  
Drake Richey  
Laura Roscoe  
Jonathan Verrengia

### Class of 2026

Marana Avant  
Debra Mulley  
Greg O’Brien  
Bonnie Ziegler