

Office of Deacon

"The office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ."

Book of Order G-6.0401 The title of Deacon comes from a word with roots in Greek history, *diakone*. In its most basic form it means "to serve," "to wait on table," or "to be a slave." It is this concept of service that the early church adopted to describe the function of the compassionate, caring arm of Christian mission. The Deacons are organized into a board, called the Diaconate, under the jurisdiction of the Session and of which the pastors are advisory members. The Diaconate seeks to ensure the development and continuation of caring and nurturing ministries that provide personal support and a sense of family to those both within and beyond the community of faith. Each Deacon serves a three-year term. The Youth Deacon serves a one-year term. Each will serve on one or more of the Diaconate program committees, all of which are designed to foster and support the vision and mission of PHPC. **Deacons presently serving: Class of 2010** - Rob Armstrong, Caroline Homan, Wilma Honea, Marty Loman, Julie Whorton; **Class of 2011** - James Anderson, Travis Bittner, Lisa Centala, Christy Connor, Hugh Griffith.



Alice Bacak

Alice and husband Hank joined PHPC in September 1989 and are members of Love Your Neighbor (LYN) neighborhood #24. Alice serves on the Malawi Mission Team and Outreach Communion Team and volunteers as a receptionist on the PHPC front desk. She has also served as an usher and red-aproned ambassador. In addition, Alice is a member of the Fellowship Sunday School class, Presbyterian Women, and the PHPC Reading Group and has been active in Stephen Ministry and Diaconate CARE Groups. Alice is actively involved with North Dallas Shared Ministries, serving as the PHPC liaison and volunteering as a weekly interviewer. She also serves on NDSM's advisory council. Alice and Hank have two grown children. Their son Brian and his wife, Laura, live in Denver; daughter Julie Hydock and her husband, Michael live in Sanger, Texas, with children Michael and Samantha. Alice is retired from McCormick and Co. Inc. after a career in human resource management. Alice hopes *"PHPC will continue to be a place of spiritual growth, renewal, and service and will be a place in the community where those searching for a meaningful life and a place to belong can find welcoming and caring people who are led by the Holy Spirit."*



Anne Edwards

Anne Edwards joined PHPC in June 2003. She's married to Dr. Bill Edwards, an ordained Presbyterian minister and member of Grace Presbytery. Anne, who is a kindergarten teacher, also teaches Children's Sunday School here at PHPC. She serves on the Malawi Mission Team, is an active member of the Women's Evening Bible Study (WEBS) group, and is a past LYN leader for neighborhood #178. Anne volunteers in the computer lab at Vickery Meadow Learning Center on Monday evenings. She also volunteers monthly at Body and Soul, a ministry that feeds the homeless in Dallas on Saturday mornings. Anne and Bill have three children: William, Maggie, and Trigg. Anne hopes *"PHPC will continue to encourage its members to seek Christ in their lives, to discover Christ in their relationships and work places, and use the Spirit to make a difference in Dallas and beyond. My dream would be that PHPC could be the vehicle or conduit that challenges and encourages all who would endeavor in the journey of grace."*



Stephanie Flores

Stephanie and husband John joined PHPC in May 2005 and are members of LYN neighborhood #36. Stephanie is a member of the PHPC Strategic Planning Team and is actively involved with Young Adult Ministries. She has helped with Children's Sunday School, served as a youth sponsor, and taught Vacation Bible School. Stephanie is a special education teacher in the Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD. She also coaches a running club for 4th and 5th grade girls with a focus on fitness, body image, and self esteem. She and James have two daughters: two-year-old Avery and newborn Carly. James is a firefighter for the City of Dallas. Stephanie hopes *"to see Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church continue to grow as a church that nurtures its members through fellowship and service opportunities. I hope that every member and visitor feels welcome and cared for by their church family and finds ways to care for one another and our neighbors."*



Kevin Green

Kevin and wife Cynthia joined PHPC in June 1999 and are members and past leaders of LYN neighborhood #48. He serves on a 9:30 a.m. usher team, is a member of the Holy Joe's coffee team, and enjoys attending the Fellowship Sunday School class. Kevin, an attorney, serves on several community boards and committees including: Real Estate Financial Executives Association (REFEA), Richardson Chamber of Commerce, Tri-Chair Small Business Roundtable, and JJ Pearce High School. Kevin and Cynthia have three children: Benjamin, Jenna, and Caroline.

Kevin hopes *"for continued growth and development of adult education and Sunday morning class offerings. Having three children in the youth program, I also look forward to the development of regular pilgrimage and service opportunities such as the 2005 trip to Scotland. I would also like to see the continued growth and involvement of church members in the PHPC Foundation and other financial ministries to enhance the church's long-term financial standing."*



Alex Vaught

Alex and wife Ann joined PHPC in December 1988 and are members of LYN neighborhood #82. He previously served as a Deacon from 2003-2006 and is currently a Stephen Minister and Sunday morning usher. Alex heads up the PHPC ministry to Stewpot, is a van driver for Presbyterian Village North, and is captain for one of PHPC's Meals on Wheels routes. Alex is a retired sales manager who supports Dallas youth baseball and soccer groups, is a block captain for the American Heart Association, and participates in his Neighborhood Crime Watch. Alex and Ann have three grown daughters: Melinda Cleaveland and her husband, Paul; Nancy Vaught; and Molly Heironimus and her husband, Lee. Their grandchildren are Mac, Brock, Taylor, Annie, and Emily.

Alex hopes *"that every member of the congregation would be involved in some way to further our growth in Christian caring and to be visible in our ministries."*



Valirie Morgan (Youth Deacon)

Valirie and her parents Laurie and Brian and brother Cole have been involved at PHPC since 1998 and are members of LYN neighborhood #98. She is a member of the 2008 confirmation class. The Hillcrest High School junior serves on the PHPC Youth Council and Mission Board and is one of five PHPC participants in the 2009 Mo Ranch Teen Leadership Conference. She spent her summer participating in youth trips and missions to New Orleans, Mo Ranch, and Montreat. During the school year Valirie assists her mom in children's Sunday School. Outside of PHPC, Valirie is editor-in-chief of the *Hillcrest Hurricane* student newspaper and also reports for Scholastic News and Pearl World Youth News Organization. She serves on student council, is on the varsity swim team, and is a member of Hillcrest's Green Club and Art Club.

Valirie hopes *"that our church can continue its growth and outreach to others, especially those in the congregation and in our community. I would love to help with finding a way to bridge the gap between young and old within our congregation ... and to include everyone, regardless of age or gender."*

Whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. -1 Peter 4:11



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2009 REPORT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



MISSION STATEMENT

of Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), called by God, redeemed by Jesus Christ, sustained by the Holy Spirit, seeking to grow in faith and Christian discipleship.

PHPC is a welcoming family of faith, seeking unity as we follow Christ, loving and supporting each other and serving those in need within and beyond our community of faith.

By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, all we are and all we do are to the greater glory of God.

Adopted by the Session April 26, 2009

Dear PHPC Members,

We are pleased to present five nominees for the Elder Class of 2012, a Youth Elder to serve for a one-year term, five nominees for the Deacon Class of 2012, a Youth Deacon to serve for a one-year term, and four nominees for the PHPC Foundation Board.

These individuals were chosen from the many names suggested by the congregation and by the Congregational Nominating Committee. The selection criteria include worship attendance; participation and leadership in church activities; evidence of commitment to the Church and its mission; understanding of and commitment to Presbyterian polity; evidence of Christian living in daily life; pledging or other identifiable forms of financial support; length of membership at PHPC; and willingness to listen, learn, and serve together. In addition, we selected these nominees with an eye toward matching particular talents with the needs of each assignment.

We thank you for your involvement in the nominating process.

Respectfully submitted,
PHPC 2009 Congregational Nominating Committee

Clare Chaney, <i>Chair</i>	Betty Muse
Bill Davis, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Edie Owen
Greg Asher	Jim Watkins
Gretchen Hamm	Amy Moore, <i>Alternate</i>

Office of Elder

“Elders exercise leadership, government and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of the church.” Book of Order G-6.0302

The New Testament tells us that when the apostles planted churches they appointed Elders to govern the congregations in their absence. The name “Presbyterian” comes from the Greek word for elder, which is *presbuteros*. As Presbyterians, each congregation elects ruling Elders and pastors to form the Session, a body charged with the spiritual leadership and administrative oversight of the congregation under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. By the Book of Order (the second part of the PCUSA’s constitution), each Elder is elected to serve for three years. At PHPC, the Youth Elder is elected to serve a one-year term. Elders are assigned to one of five missions as they seek to lead the congregation in doing the work God has laid before us. **Elders presently serving: Class of 2010** - Bill Busker, Allene Cashmore, Clare Chaney, Chuck Gibbs, Jeff Goodell, David Hall, Scurry Johnson, Matt Kinard, Cynthia Rollow, Melissa Tinning; **Class of 2011** - Sharon Balch, Heather Brackett, Sandy Brown, Bill Davis, Kevin Jackson, Jarl Johnson, Susan Roach, Charles Scurry, Kim Vernon, Abbie Watters, Randy Morrison.



Matt Brennan

Matt joined PHPC in September 2004 and is a member of Love Your Neighbor (LYN) neighborhood #32. He is actively involved in building the Young Adults (YA) ministry at PHPC. Matt is a teacher and coordinator for YA Sunday School as well as the organizer and manager of the YA softball team. He sometimes serves as a lay liturgist during Sunday worship services. Matt, a civil engineer, moonlights with a group of PHPCers in a rock ‘n’ roll cover band. He participates in local running/jogging events and is a member of North Texas Mensa. Matt’s mom Marty, dad Mark, and sister Susan Stern and her husband, Tony, are also members of PHPC. Matt hopes *“to see large-scale growth of young adult ministry in the church ... embracing of technology to enhance all aspects of the mission of the church ... continued excellence and growth of all ministries in the church ... expansion and enhancement of the church’s role in the community.”*



Jim Finley

Jim and wife Cindy joined PHPC in October 1983 and are members of LYN neighborhood #132. Jim is a former co-moderator for the Diaconate and a past president of the Sanctuary Choir. He and Cindy co-chaired the 2009 Stewardship campaign, and he is currently working with the 2020 Visioning team. Jim brings his experiences as an organization development consultant to many organizations in the area. He serves on the board of the Church Music Institute. He also sits on corporate stewardship committees for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. Jim and Cindy have two grown daughters, Katie and Pam. They have three grandchildren: 14-year-old J.T., 12-year-old Sarah, and two-year-old Ryan. Jim hopes *“that the ten-year congregational visions for PHPC that will be adopted later this year by the Session become reality by the year 2020.”*



Karen Muennink

Karen joined PHPC in March 1990 and is a member of LYN neighborhood #170. She has served as a Stephen Minister and as an Elder. She is a past chair of the Children’s Ministry Division. Karen is active with the Malawi mission team, Children’s Sunday School, and the Women’s Evening Bible Study. A community advocate, she volunteers at VMLC’s west campus and works with the Elisa Project, a local organization that promotes healthy living and awareness of the signs of disordered eating through educational programs and resources. Karen is mom to 22-year-old Mallory Clair. Karen hopes *“that we challenge each other continuously through study, prayer, and service to become the people God created us to be. In doing so, we will be called to provide worship opportunities that help others explore and cherish their unique responses to God’s majesty and to create a broader, caring community of inclusiveness and love in Christ’s name.”*



Tami Roberts

Tami and husband Matt joined PHPC in February 2000 and are members of LYN neighborhood #26. They are actively involved in the Couples in Faith class for which Tami serves as moderator. She also regularly attends the Wednesday Evening Bible Study. Tami, a physician, teaches the sexuality class that is offered to 4th and 5th graders on a biennial basis. She also teaches Sunday School in the Children’s rotational wing from time to time and has helped with the planning of the All-Church Retreat at Pine Cove for several years. Tami volunteers at health fairs and clinics around the community, is involved in physician leadership at Baylor Carrollton, and supports the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Tami and Matt have two daughters, Anna and Abby. Tami hopes *“that we continue to enhance and expand the opportunities for nurturing the spiritual lives of those involved with the church while keeping a focus on service. Our church is blessed with an array of gifts and talents, and it is exciting when they are used to their full potential.”*



David Vernon

David and wife Peggy joined PHPC in September 1983 and were married here. They are members of LYN neighborhood #74. David previously served as an Elder from 1994-1996. He is involved with the Saturday Morning Men’s Breakfast group and serves on the Springhill Retreat Center Board. David also assists with confirmation class training. David and Peggy have two children, 23-year-old Troy and 20-year-old Kathryn, both of whom grew up sitting on the first pew on Sunday mornings and made life-long friendships through the Children’s and Youth programs at PHPC. David hopes *“to start a church for Vickery Meadow and to build a viable young adult program.”*



Caroline Reppe (Youth Elder)

Caroline and her parents Peggy and Rod, sister Allison, and brother Mark have been involved at PHPC since 1998 and are members of LYN neighborhood #94. Caroline is a member of the 2008 confirmation class. The Hockaday School junior serves on the PHPC Youth Council and participates in all youth activities. She was involved in children’s choirs and Westminster Singers for many years. Caroline tutors children at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library at Gooch Elementary. Caroline hopes *“that more people get involved at PHPC, especially in the youth group and that we can become more inclusive ... in the Youth House and even the sanctuary, where we tend to sit in a certain pew, or only talk to a certain group of people. We need to branch outside our comfort zone and include those who are new or who have not worked up the courage to meet new people.”*

Congregational Nominating Committee

“Nominations [for officers of the congregation] shall be made by a representative nominating committee of active members of the church ... At least two members of this committee shall be Elders designated by the Session, one of whom shall be currently on the Session and serve as moderator of the committee. At least one member of this committee shall be designated by and from the Board of Deacons. Other members of the committee, in sufficient number to constitute a majority thereof (exclusive of the pastor), shall be chosen by the congregation ... The pastor shall be a member of this committee, serving ex officio and without vote.” Book of Order G-14.0202 Class of 2010

2010 Congregational Nominating Committee

Bill Davis, *Chair*
Judy Burnett

Virginia Holloway
Caroline Homan

David McBee, *Alternate*
Sarah Beatty Snyder

Shane Sumrow
An active Elder appointee

PHPC Foundation Trustees

Presently Serving:

Class of 2010
Bill Starkey
Dawna Hole
Ann Simmons
Susan Boulden

Class of 2011
Tory Agnich
Bill Bond
Chuck Gall
Anne Smith
Mike Wright



Chuck Gall

Chuck, a Dallas attorney, is completing a partial term as a Foundation Trustee and is being nominated for a full term in the Class of 2012. He is an ordained Elder and has served on PHPC’s Session; he has been a member of the Finance Committee and was its chair in 2008. Chuck has taught Sunday School and has served as an usher team captain for more than 25 years. He and his wife, Margaret, joined PHPC in 1977; they are the parents of three adult children: Lindsay, Brett, and Chase.



Melora Leiser

Melora is being nominated as a Foundation Trustee in the Class of 2012. She and her family joined PHPC in 1997. She is an ordained Elder and served as a member of the Session from 2000 through 2002. As the Leiser children have grown up, she has been involved in both our Children’s and Youth Ministry Divisions; she has also been on the Board of VMLC and has served as co-chair of volunteers at the VMLC golf tournament for several years. Melora served on the Foundation’s Finance Committee for two years before becoming a Trustee as part of the Class of 2009. Melora and her husband, Bill, are the parents of three teenage children: Patrick, Sarah, and Allie.



Jim Meyer

Jim is completing a partial term as a Foundation Trustee and is being nominated for a full term in the Class of 2012. A member of PHPC since 1987, Jim has served as an Elder (1999-2001), a member of the Community Outreach and Evangelism Committees, a teacher for confirmation class and elementary age Sunday School and sex education classes, confirmation sponsor, usher, greeter, stewardship campaign volunteer, participant in Blair’s No Excuses Bible study group, and PHPS board member. During his time on the Foundation Board, he has served as chair of the Governance Committee. Jim is an attorney and partner in the firm Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. He and his wife, Louisa, are parents of two sons, Ben and John. Jim’s brother, Mark, and his family are also PHPC members.



Randy Morrison

Randy is completing a partial term as a Foundation Trustee and is being nominated for a full term in the Class of 2012. Members since 2000, Randy and his wife, Donna, have been teachers for elementary age Sunday School and co-chairs of the 2007-2008 Stewardship Campaign. Randy is an ordained Elder and is currently serving a partial term on PHPC’s Session. During his time on the Foundation Board, Randy has served on the Grants Committee. Randy is Executive Vice President and Managing Director for Corporate Banking at BBVA Compass. He and Donna have two sons, Grant and Blake.