

Countryside Church

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2025-26 Leadership Slate Announced

It is with great pleasure that the Nominating Committee submits to the Congregation the following slate of candidates for various terms beginning church year 2025-26.

The church membership will vote at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 am. The nominees, if elected, will assume their positions on July 1. These candidates were thoughtfully selected and recruited by our Nominating Committee, and we are confident that they will serve our church well, with both skill and compassion.

From the By-Laws, Article X-3: Additional nominations for all elected positions may be made by petition of at least ten percent (10%) of CCUU membership. Petitions shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to the business meeting convened for their election.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominees for the Board of Trustees:

- President: Gary LaBedz [1st year of 2-year term]
- Secretary: Pat Wydell [1st year of 2-year term]
- Treasurer: Rick Rayborn [1st year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Ryan Schaeffges [1st year of second 2-year term]
- Trustee: Elizabeth Van Orden [1st year of 2-year term]

Continuing on the Board of Trustees:

- Vice President: Mike Berry [2nd year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Nancy Frenk [2nd year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Peggy Simonsen [2nd year of 2-year term]
- Trustee: Dan Yokas [2nd year of 2-year term]

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

from the By-Laws, Article VII, Sec.5: The Endowment Committee shall consist of five voting members, members of the Congregation, elected at an Annual Meeting of the Congregation for five-year (5) staggered terms such that one member is elected each year and no member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. Nominations to the Committee shall be made in the same manner as for members of the Board of Trustees. The Parish Minister and President of the Board of Trustees shall be nonvoting members of the Committee. In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting.

Nominees for the Endowment Committee:

1. Margaret Myren [1st year of 5-year term]

Continuing on the Endowment Committee:

2. Ed Monson [4th yr of 5-year term]
3. Bob Anders [2nd year of 3-year term]
4. Linda Segall [2nd yr of 4-year term]
5. Kevin Christensen [2nd year of a 5-year term]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

From the By-Laws, Article X-4: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) to seven (7) members. Between four (4) and six (6) members shall be elected to serve for a term of two (2) years. Each shall be eligible for reelection to one (1) additional term. One member shall be appointed each year by the Board of Trustees to serve for a one-year term. No Nominating Committee member may serve more than four years of continuous service. Elections shall be held at the Annual Congregational Meeting each year. The Convener of the Nominating Committee shall be selected by the President from those directly elected by the Congregation to the Nominating Committee.

Nominees for the Nominating Committee:

1. Margaret Myren [1st year of a second 2-year term]
2. Hayden Pierce [1st year of a second 2-year term]
3. Joy Simon [1st year of a 2-year term]

Continuing on the Nominating Committee:

1. Linda Berry [2nd year of second 2-year term]
2. Ellen Vinzani [2nd year of 2-year term]

The Nominating Committee would like to thank these members completing terms for their commitment to the work of Countryside Church:

- Lisa Gilley, President
- Debbie Lee, Treasurer
- Jerome McDonnell, Trustee
- Craig Wydell, Endowment Committee
- Crystina Smith, Nominating Committee