

2020 Leadership Directory

This is a directory of 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.

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



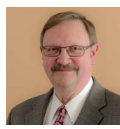
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Associate Pastor

GPC Ruling Elders

GPC has 21 ruling elders, who discern and measure the congregation's fidelity to the Word of God, and strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, with demonstrated leadership skills and being compassionate in spirit, they exercise government, leadership, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a 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. Together, the elders form the Session, which comprises 3 classes, with 7 members in each class.



Rosina Akuseon
Community Engagement



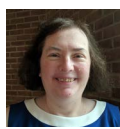
Theodore Farrand
Buildings and Grounds



Grace Ndjongo
Nominating



Asenath Asang
Congregational Life



Ann Hayes
Assistant Stated Clerk



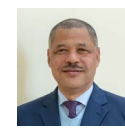
Lucy Nzelle
Human Resources



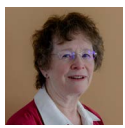
Aaron Caruso
Chair, Nominating



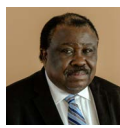
Elba Romero Hildebrant
Chair, Vital Worship



Raymond Raven
Finance



Cynthia Cename
Chair, Communications



Jean Kamba Kabangu
At-Large



Keith Rush
Stewardship



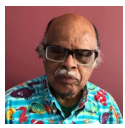
Vivian Ndohsiri Chefor
Community Engagement



Sharon Mastroni
Chair, Administration



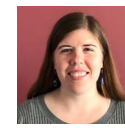
Arfan Azhar Sandhu
Communications



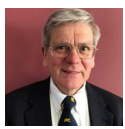
Malvin Duncan
Chair, Congregational Life



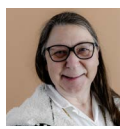
Rob McClelland
Chair, Strategic Planning



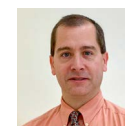
Mary Spencer
Chair, Equipping Disciples



Art Eisenhour
Chair, Buildings and Grounds;
Session Representative
to the Trustees



Johanna Möller
Strategic Planning



Terry Young
Equipping Disciples

Kay Penn – Stated Clerk of Session

Committee chairs who are elders but do not currently serve on Session:

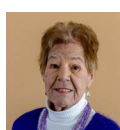
Gary Aller – Finance; **Phil Melberg** – Stewardship; **Denise Schleckser** – Community Engagement; **Steven J. Ward** – Human Resources

GPC Board of Deacons

GPC has a 9-member board of deacons. 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.



Kevin Coit



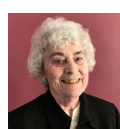
Joyce Deppe



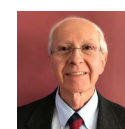
Elisa McClelland



Patricia Cummings



Liz Holdridge



Steve Olin



Emma Afor Agwie Chunga



Kofi Amoa Kumi



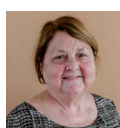
Janis Rex

GPC Board of Trustees

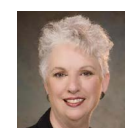
GPC has a 4-member board that represents the congregation in legal matters. Trustees are elected to a 3-year term, must be members of GPC, and are subject to the authority of the Session.



Art Eisenhour



Nancy Sanders



Francie Whitlock

(One position is currently vacant.)

