

**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**  
Sunday, August 15, 2021, 11:00am In-Person and via ZOOM

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Determine Quorum**

- Grace Constitution:
  - C10.04. Twenty-five percent (58) of the voting members shall constitute a quorum.
  - C.8.02.C. Voting members are confirmed members. Such confirmed members, during the current or preceding calendar year, shall have communed in this congregation and shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Members of this congregation who have satisfied these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of the congregation.

**3. Opening Prayer**

**4. Review IN-PERSON AND ZOOM meeting adjustments and conduct a practice vote.**

- General Information:
  - Every voting member will need to be present in the Sanctuary or logged into the Zoom meeting on their own device or separate phone line in order to be eligible to vote in the meeting.
  - All meeting participants will need to remain quiet or be muted in order to allow everyone to be able to hear the Council President.
  - Please raise your hand or type motions and seconds into the Chat Box.
  - If you have a question, please click to "raise your hand" or type your question into the Chat Box. The meeting host will unmute online participants who desire to speak. If you are on the phone and would like to be recognized for a question, please dial \*9 to let the meeting host know that you would like to speak.
- How to vote online?
  - On the computer, table or phone, the meeting host will launch the vote which will appear as a pop-up multiple-choice question on your screen. Please tap or click your desired vote within the given time limit.
  - Over the phone, participants will dial \*9 when the meeting host reads out the voting choices. Please note that phone votes are visible to everyone who is participating in the meeting.

**5. Review and Approve Meeting Ground Rules**

- When speaking:
  - Please begin with your name and then indicate whether you are speaking in favor of the motion at hand.
  - You can only speak on a motion one time, until everyone else has had an opportunity to speak.
  - Please be succinct and remain on topic.
- When listening:
  - Please remain muted throughout the meeting. If you are recognized by the host to ask a question, please limit background noises.
  - Please be respectful of differing opinions.

**6. Review and Approve Agenda**

**7. Review and Accept 2020-2021 Annual Report**

**8. Receive Report from the Nominating Committee and Elections *(see next page)***

**9. Review and Approve Proposed 2021-2022 Budget *(see other handout)***

**10. Recognize and Thank Outgoing, Ongoing and Newly Elected/Appointed Leaders**

**11. Adjournment with Closing Prayer**

## REPORT FROM 2020-2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### **Trexler Foundation Board**

#### ***Nominated by Columbarium Team, Appointed by Council, Presented to Congregation***

Pastor and 4 at-large members serving 3-year terms:

- Tommy Moretz (Term expires 2024) -- *Presented to the Congregation*
- Gail Lund (Term expires 2022)
- Laura Just (Term expires 2022)
- Gail Hauser (Term expires 2023)

### **Troutman Foundation Board Members**

#### ***Nominated by Finance Team, Approved by Council, Needs Ratification by Congregation***

Pastor, Treasurer and 3 at-large members serving 3-year terms:

- Kevin Patterson (Term expires 2024) -- *Needs Ratification by Congregation*
- Jeff Ramsdell (Term expires 2022)
- Gail Lund (Term expires 2023)

### **Jeffcoat-Proctor Foundation**

#### ***Nominated by Campus Ministry Team, Elected by Council, Needs Confirmation by Congregation***

Pastor and 4 at-large members serving 3-year terms:

- Austin Eggers (Term expires 2024) -- *Needs Confirmation by Congregation*
- Shelley Wainscott-Wallin (Term expires 2024) -- *Needs Confirmation by Congregation*
- Bradley Dowdy (Term Expires 2022)
- Jan Burgess (Term expires 2023)

### **2021-2022 Nominating Committee - Elect 6**

#### ***Includes 2 outgoing Council Members, if possible, and 4 at-large Members, each serving a 1-year term***

- Sandy Moretz
- Catherine Templeton
- Bob Edsell
- Peggy Clemmer
- Jill Venable
- Cinda Williamson

### **Council Members - Elect 4 to a 3-year Term**

Nominees:

- Mary Ballard (*Incumbent*)
- Kristie Evans
- Martha Kreszock
- Gail Lund (*Incumbent*)
- Jesse Lutabingwa
- Wayne Powell

## **2021-2022 Council Nominee Bios**

*The following biographies have been submitted by the 2021 nominees for Council.*

### **Mary Ballard**

I moved to Boone 30 years ago this month. For awhile, I was without a consistent church home. I found Grace during Bishop Tim's tenure as pastor and I knew immediately that I wanted to become a part of this welcoming congregation. Since my entire biological family resides in Kentucky, my friends in Boone - including the people of Grace, those in the Department of Psychology at AppState, and my karate students - are my local family of choice.

I have served on the congregational Council for the past three years. I have been Council president for the past two years. Most of my tenure as Council president has been during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is not what I expected when I took on the role, but I have learned and grown as a person and as a leader as a result of the challenges this presented.

In addition to my service on Council, I have been a member of the internship committee for the Vicar for the past two years. Again, this was challenging, as we had to learn how to mentor Vicar Christopher online! I am looking forward to working with Vicar Randy in this roll.

I am on the local Back 2 School Festival supplies committee and liaison with Grace and other local churches and businesses to collect supplies for the festival.

I have been an LSA "parent" for two students over the past several years. I have also led a self-defense workshop for LSA students and hope to do this again in the future.

Finally, I serve on the NC Synod Refugee and Immigrant Committee and on the local Immigrant Justice Committee. I see social justice as a primary call for Christians and am passionate about this work.

### **Kristie Evans**

I've lived in the Boone area and been a member of Grace for 21 years. My husband is Scott Evans and I have 2 children, Thad (19) and Eli (15). I help run a local, family-owned, company that supplies pharmaceutical, research, and other scientific institutions around the world with testing materials. I've served as a Sunday School teacher and been a part of Youth and Family Ministries and its activities for many years, served previously on Grace Council as Secretary, participated as a member of Dorcas and on the Intern Committee, and most recently served on the Growing Grace Capital Campaign Committee. I enjoy audiobooks, gardening, cooking, and boating.

### **Martha Hudson Kreszock**

I retired from Appalachian State University in 2012 with over 20 years as a faculty librarian and distance education specialist. My husband and I are blessed to continue to call Boone our home.

When a close friend invited me to join an informal dinner group with some members of the congregation several years ago, I was immediately drawn to their strong sense of community and faith and joy. I began attending worship services soon after. I have participated in Grace's Hospitality House Meal Ministry, Card Ministry, and Coffee Hour Host Ministry; and have served on the Church Personnel Committee. I have assisted in the offering of Healing Prayers and have administered in-home Communion to shut-ins on occasion.

I am honored to have my name on the Council ballot. As the present Council has so faithfully and effectively done, I would work hard to hear, listen, and give thoughtful consideration to ideas and issues that may come before us; and to prayerfully represent our congregation in our decision making.

### **Gail Lund**

I have been a lifelong Lutheran serving in many churches. In 1994 we joined Grace Lutheran Church. I have served on various committees since joining Grace. The past three years I have been active in Lizzie Estelle Circle, Quilters, Troutman Foundation, OPUS, Columbarium Committee, Funeral Committee, Usher and Fellowship Committee. In the past three years I have had the privilege to serve on the Church Council and for the past two years I was a member of the Executive Committee and served as Vice President. As a member of the Church Council, I feel it is important to listen to the members of the church about various issues and vote the way they feel, not my own opinion.

I have two children and three grandchildren. My family expanded when I married Ron Schuette with three more boys and five grandchildren. I am a retired elementary school teacher. When not helping at church I love to make quilts for Mountain Laurel Quilt Guild to give to others in our community.

### **Jesse Lutabingwa**

Originally from Tanzania, Jesse Lutabingwa was born in a Lutheran family. His father worked his entire working life for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT) and ELCT/Northwestern Diocese first as a teacher and later as a lay executive in various levels of the church. Jesse also served for several years as a community development officer of ELCT. He previously served as a consultant for the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland on youth and social justice issues. He has two sons, David (28) and Jonathan (16).

Jesse has been a member of Grace since July 2006. At Grace, he has served as Assisting Minister for worship services and was a member of Pastor Steve's Call Committee. Most recently, Jesse was a member of the Growing Grace 2020 Capital Campaign.

Jesse works at Appalachian State University where is an Associate Vice Chancellor for International Education & Development and Professor of Public Administration. He is responsible for overseeing the global engagement mission of the University. He has been at Appalachian for 15 years.

### **Wayne Powell**

Wayne and his wife Joyce moved to Valle Crucis in 2017 after retiring in Hickory. They are pleased now to be involved at Grace. Wayne has spent a career in higher education and now serves as a consultant to a series of universities. In past lives he has engaged in a variety of church service roles including: Church Council, Sunday School Director, SS teacher, Vacation Bible School Director, VBS teacher, Youth Director, Campus Ministry Director, Head Usher, and Assisting Minister. He has also been active on NC Synod and national ELCA commissions and committees.