

CANDIDATES

Each year the Leadership Selection Committee is tasked with creating a nomination and review process for the election of open positions on the Board of Trustees, Leadership Selection Committee, Missions Action Committee, and Foundation Board. Following is the presentation of candidates for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES CANDIDATES

BARRIE BUCKNER



My wife, Inna, and I have been married for 15 years and have three highly energetic kids that keep us busy: Innessa (11), Braelinn (6), and Braeden (3). We have been in the Vancouver area for about three years and been involved with Vancouver Church for the last two. I have grown up in church and served in the church most of that time. I have memories of singing on the praise and worship team as far back as around 8-10 years old. Since I rededicated my life to Christ in 1999 I have served in many music roles in the church. I was the minister of music for the youth at our church in Chicago, then went on to serve as choir director in Los Angeles, and then eventually on staff as the Minister of Music for four years. I have a BA of Music and Business from DePaul University. My first business was a Christian production company that produced albums for Christian artists of different genres. My second business was a children's lifestyle brand named Lullaby Confessions that created lullaby music that confessed the scriptures over children. I have been on the board of a non-profit, New Hope Children, for the past ten years and have chaired the board for the last four years. Because of all these experiences, I believe I have valuable insights that could be helpful to our church. I am here to serve and be of value to the best of my ability and to help the church achieve its goals in this season.

NANSENG JENG



My wife, Li-Ling and I have been married for 30 years. We have an adult son attending school in the Chicago area. Li-Ling and I both came to the states from Taiwan as a student in the 80's. After school, we decided to stay and have now been in the Vancouver area for 24 years. Professionally, I was trained in semiconductor manufacturing and worked in the industry for 25 years before retirement. Ministry-wise, I have been on the Board of Trustees on and off for a total of 7 years, participated in the Tanzania Mission Trip, serve as a substitute usher, and was a regular part of the Thursday Work Group that helps maintain the facilities. I am hoping to serve this church and its people with my previous Board and corporate administration experience.

RONDA TAYLOR



I have two sons, Brandon and Larry, who grew up in Vancouver Church, went to King's Way through middle school, and are now a part of the local community. I was born and raised in this area and have been at Vancouver Church for 27 years. I have been to numerous work days, carnivals, camps, barbecues, hoe downs etc. throughout the years and have been in a small group for several years that- I am happy to say- also loves to serve! I graduated from Evergreen High School and Warner Pacific College with numerous years in between the two to raise a couple of wonderfully active sons. In the community I've been a soccer coach, part of parent committees with Christian Youth Theater, and a volunteer mentor and board member with the Clark County Teach One to Lead One. For work, I spent many years as a surgery scheduler. And the past two years I have worked remotely for the non profit Teach One to Lead One for their Global Support Center in Atlanta. I was honored to be asked to serve on this committee, and want to serve to the best of my ability.

RYAN NEWTON



We are a family of five, with my wife, Darcy, and I having been married 23 years. My daughter is eighteen and will be attending college out of the state in the fall. My middle son is sixteen and will be a sophomore at Skyview. My youngest is seven and will be a second grader at King's Way. I have lived in the Felida/Salmon Creek area for 25 years and been involved with Vancouver Church the last five years. My wife and I have volunteered with the middle school and high school camps over those years. I have been a general contractor in the Vancouver area for almost two years. I'm looking for an avenue to serve the church and after talking with several other board members I thought this would be a great opportunity to get plugged in and serve.

SANDY RILEY



I have been married to Dan for 47 years and we have four sons and 5 grandchildren. Having lived in Vancouver my whole life, I am a Hudson's Bay and Clark College graduate. I spent most of my career in the medical field in various capacities before retiring last fall, just in time to do remote school with my third-grade grandson. All my sons played sports, so I also spent many nights keeping score and working in concession stands! Since the start of The 6, I have been involved with the children's ministry and hospitality team. I also help usher at the 11:30 service and am looking forward to volunteering with the Good News Truck! I am interested in serving in this capacity because I have more time available since retiring and feel that God is calling me to take on a new role. I hope to have the opportunity to help and contribute to the best of my abilities.

FOUNDATION BOARD CANDIDATES

CAILEN THOMASON



My wife, Katy Thomason (although many of you knew her as a Lander) and I have two kids; Dillion who is four and a half and Jack who is two and a half years old. After getting my BA in Business Management from Whitworth University in 2012, I started my own business and am now the proud owner of Thomason Enterprises LLC dba Thomason Landscaping Co. In the community, I am involved with the HOPE Dementia Support Group and Trillium Family Services which is a disability awareness and employment group. When I was asked to help, I was happy to answer the call and am looking forward to serving the needs of our church.

TREY HOLLIBAUGH



I was married to Diane Hollibaugh, who passed away in 2020, and have two married children and two grandsons. In my 44 years at Vancouver Church, I've been on the Music and Worship Committee, been a member of the choir, and served on the sounds and tech teams for many years. I am a graduate of Clark Community College, IT professional, and an employee of Vancouver Public Schools for 40 years. I want to serve on this committee because I believe in the mission of the church and the investment in its future that is overseen by the Foundation.

LEADERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

GUY CONGER



My wife Abby and I have been married 8 years this year. We have two sons: Malachi who is six, and Forest who is turning five soon. I grew up in Northern California and moved to Washington when I attended Whitworth University. Once Abby and I got married, we jumped right into serving and have been involved ever since. My wife runs the middle school ministry at Vancouver Church and it has been an honor to serve alongside her with students since 2013. I've also enjoyed serving in VCKIDS as needed. In a professional context, I've been working at Brady's Auto Body for the past five years and previously worked for the King's Way Learning Center and the Vancouver Church Shop Team. I would love to be a part of bringing the best leaders to our teams at Vancouver Church. It's my hope that my connections with young families and leaders would be able to assist in bringing names and faces to attention that may otherwise be missed.

JILL UNDERWOOD



I am married to Jim Underwood and between us we have four daughters and six grandchildren. We've been in the Vancouver area for 50 years and have spent the last 35 of those as part of Vancouver Church. During our time here, I have served on the Executive Team, Board of Trustees and Mission Action Committee. I also serve as a Life Group leader and host, have taught in children's Sunday school, and have facilitated women's Bible studies. Jim and I have also actively participated in service opportunities throughout the years. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from PSU and have retired after a career in Accounting Management, which included 25 years as Accounting Manager for Peace Health. I want to serve in this role because I love this church! It is imperative to have the right people in the right positions as we go forward. God has plans for us and I welcome the opportunity to assist in following his lead.

MISSION ACTION COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

DARCY NEWTON



I have been married for 23 years to my high school sweetheart, Ryan. We have three great kids ages seven, fifteen, and eighteen. We have been in Vancouver for 25 years and have been part of Vancouver Church for the last five years. In that time, our kids have been involved with the Youth Collective and I have enjoyed helping out with both middle school and high school youth groups. I have worked as a registered nurse for the past 20 years in many different fields. And I try to take every opportunity to help out at my kids' schools and be involved in their activities. I want to be part of this committee because I enjoy serving and helping others!

DARRELL HOSSLER



My wonderful wife and I just celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last month. We have two boys ages 26 and 22. Our oldest is married and lives in Arizona. Our youngest is almost done with his BS degree from Multnomah University. He can often be seen ushering or helping with children's ministry. We've spent the last 22 years in Vancouver, WA and at Vancouver Church. I have been helping with children's Sunday School for over 10 years in any capacity needed. I've been on the worship team, and spent a winter traveling to St. Helen's to lead worship at the Church of God there as an interim worship leader. In more recent years I've been involved with the traditional worship service playing the saxophone and piano. I have a BS in Music Education from Warner Pacific University. I am the Music teacher at a private Christian school. I also give piano lessons and have a small landscape maintenance company. I volunteered as an assistant scout master with our church's Boy Scout troop and before that was a den leader. I want to serve on this committee because of the way missions have impacted me. I went on a mission trip to Belize in my teens, and my understanding of what God meant when he said to look after the orphans and widows, and tell everyone about Jesus, took on a whole new level of importance. I also began to realize that those same needs and hearts are right around me. I want other people to see the importance of getting involved just like I did, and believe this committee will help facilitate that.

VIKKI JENSEN



Steve and I have been married for almost 28 years, the last eight of those spent as part of the Vancouver Church community. We met while serving in youth ministry, and enjoy partnering with each other in ministry. We have three kids: Jake is 23, Tori is 18, and Luke who went to be with Jesus in 2010. After graduating from Columbia River High School, I attended Capenwray Bible School on Thetis Island, BC, and am now a real estate broker for Remax Equity Group. I have served in youth ministry much of the last 30 years, including the past four years in Vancouver Church. As a parent at King's Way, I started and coordinated the women's Bible study that runs on Tuesdays. I also have helped lead three King's Way / Forward Edge mission trips: two to inner-city Baltimore, and one to Guatemala. Because of Luke's journey with leukemia, we have also been active supporters of Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Children's Cancer Association. After going on mission trips in the last few years, the Lord opened my eyes to the need both "across the street, and around the world". I know the need for missions exists in my own community, and work to make my daily life a mission. But beyond that, I have experienced the privilege of serving in cultures very different from my own, and love seeing what the Lord is actively doing around the world.