

Annual Congregational Meeting
October 2, 2022
The Rev. Dr. Julia Leeth, moderating

The annual congregational meeting of Grace Presbyterian Church of Houston was held on October 2, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, Julia called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The following items were on the agenda.

1. Election of six Grace covenant partners to the office of ruling Elder
2. Election of 13 Grace covenant partners to the office of Deacon
3. Election of three Grace covenant partners to serve as Church Officer Nominating Committee congregational representatives

ITEM 1: Election of Elders Class of 2025

Julia reminded those present that only Grace Covenant Partners are eligible to vote.

Julia then introduced Karen Welton, Chair of the Church Officer Nominating Committee, who described the election process and presented the report of the committee. Karen introduced and thanked the members of the Church Nominating Committee: Candy Aldridge, Mandy Barrow, Deb Castillo, Paul Craig, Cathy Finck, Martha Hunt, Michelle McGuirt, Matt Meade, Jo Swank, and Karen Welton.

The Church Officer Nominating Committee nominated the following candidates to stand for election to the position of ruling Elder Class of 2025. Candidates' names appeared in the bulletin and were displayed on the screen in the Sanctuary.

Elder nominees are:

- Earl Baudin
- Bert Crump
- Lisa Descant
- Martha Hunt
- Tom Lee
- Keeke Russo

In addition to these candidates, Julia reminded the congregation that they could also nominate candidates from the floor. Any new candidates would be nominated for a specific position, and they would then run against one of the candidates nominated by the Church Officer Nominating Committee.

There were no additional nominations nor discussion from the floor. A vote was called to elect these candidates to the position of Elder for the Class of 2025. The congregation voted in favor of electing these candidates.

ITEM 2: ELECTION OF DEACONS

Karen Welton reported that the Church Officer Nominating Committee nominated the following candidates to stand for election to the position of Deacon Class of 2025:

- Chris Berry
- Terri Berry
- Sharon Collins
- Marcia DeHaven
- Susan Dozier
- Gina Lee
- Jaclyn Luke
- Leslie Nollsch
- Bill Peoples
- Merce Ransom
- Rick Routzon
- Emily Schulz
- Cynthia Walston

Julia reminded the members of the congregation that they may also nominate candidates from the floor. There being no additional nominations, or discussion of the candidates, a vote was called to elect the candidates listed to the position of Deacon for the Class of 2025. The congregation voted in favor of electing these candidates.

ITEM 3: ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Church Officer Nominating Committee is composed of three active elder representatives appointed by the Session along with six representatives elected by the congregation. The six people elected by the Congregation are divided into three Classes of two people, each serving a three-year term. The members of the Congregation were asked to elect three people to the committee. The Session nominated:

1. Matt Meade – Class of 2025
2. Brian Mees – Class of 2025
3. Nnenna Okoro – Class of 2023, to fill a vacancy

Julia reminded the members of the congregation that they may also nominate candidates from the floor. There being no additional nominations or discussion, a vote was called to elect the candidates named to

the Church Officer Nominating Committee Class of 2025. The vote was called, and the congregation voted in favor of electing these candidates.

At the conclusion of these agenda items, Julia introduced two new staff members: Aaron Hansz, part-time Assistant Pastor, Discipleship Formation/Recovery/Outreach, and Jordan Goodie, Director of Disciple Formation/Young Adults. The congregation welcomed them, and Julia accepted a motion to adjourn. She closed the meeting in prayer and dismissed the Congregation.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session