

## **Nominations Committee Report**

November 5, 2020

The Nominations Committee is comprised of the outgoing council members and the pastors and three other congregation members appointed by the council president. Outgoing council members are Matt Fuehrmeyer, Eleanor Grant, Bryan Anderson, Corey Petree, and Bonnie Franklin. Additional committee members were Matt Fouse, Matt Aviles, and Caitlin Jacobs.

There are five open seats on the 13-member congregation council. Four seats have three-year terms. One seat is reserved for a confirmed member who is under 18 at the time of the election; this has a one-year term. The council serves as the congregation's board of directors. The election for new council members will take place at the Annual Congregational Meeting on November 22, 2020, at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom conference call.

The Congregation Council shapes the congregation's vision for ministry, sets congregational goals for invitation and service, builds a congregational climate where we know and care for one another, helps us steward our finances and property, and works to dismantle racism in church and society. The Council also oversees and leads work on the strategic directions of the congregation. The council meets monthly (on the third Tuesday) for bible study, prayer, visioning and decision-making.

The Nominations Committee will nominate the following persons. They are listed in alphabetical order and with biographies in their own words. Nominations from the floor can also be made at the congregational meeting.

**Emily Andre** lives in SW DC with two roommates. She moved to DC in 2018 from Virginia. Emily is a scientist, and used to study brain disorders like Huntington's and Alzheimer's diseases in a lab. Last year she started a job as a contractor for the National Institutes of Health managing clinical trials for HIV/AIDS. Emily grew up attending a Lutheran church in Virginia Beach, and joined Reformation in May of 2019. Since then she has been involved with the Youth Group and the Navy Yard bible study. She is also very excited to be a new supporter of WIN!

**Ivy Finkenstadt** is a long-time member of Reformation. Ivy started attending in 1999 when she moved to DC from Michigan for law school. This will be Ivy's second appointment to the Council, having first served from 2004-2006 and as Council President in 2005-2006. Ivy has been part of many other committees and groups at Reformation including the choir, call committee, and currently the Spiritual Growth committee. She is staying safe during Covid-19 by attending the church on Facebook and coffee hour zooms.

**Lei Lei Middlebrook.** I'm a junior at the Washington Waldorf School. I enjoy math, origami, and the outdoors. I love animals and have two cats and a dog. I'm quiet, but thoughtful, and I listen well. I look forward to understanding this church community that I have grown up in through a new experience.

**Judith Mangubat** is a Washington DC native, christened and Sunday-schooled at Reformation. She is an IT information security engineer with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Twice she attended the ELCA Churchwide Assembly as a voting member for the DC synod, and served as one of Reformation's congregational trustees. She is a lifelong animal lover, voracious reader, competent knitter, and was a regular presence at 8:30 worship service. She also participates in an array of church activities, continually adopting new ones.

**Lyndon Smith** moved from New York City to Washington in 2019. In NYC he had built a twenty-year career of successful engagement in the restaurant world that included prominent leadership roles in acclaimed fine dining establishments, managing service teams under such highly regarded chefs as Thomas Keller, Daniel Boulud and Eric Ripert. In 2016, Lyndon started a diversity-oriented hospitality consulting group, and his move to DC was based on plans to found a hospitality school and a non-profit organization focused on creating mentorship programs and job opportunities for African Americans within the fine dining realm of the restaurant industry. Lyndon became a member of Reformation in 2019 and has been actively involved with the Washington Interfaith Network, advocating for the inclusion of affordable housing in the redevelopment of Reservation 13 in SE. Other projects he is committed to supporting are food programs in lower income communities and the improvement of pathways toward achievement for individuals with dyslexia.