

Candidates for
Westminster's
**Associate Pastor
Nominating Committee**



Session has called a **rolling congregational meeting** for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) in the search for an installed **Associate Pastor for Spiritual Growth**.

The meeting is Sunday, August 10 at the beginning of both the 9:00 & 10:30 am services, and between services via Zoom at 10:00 am.

Following is the slate of candidates presented to the congregation by the 2025 Nominating Committee of Session:



Betsy Ballantyne

Betsy has been a member of Westminster since 1974. Her late husband David was ordained in pastoral ministry at Westminster in 1978, and they left to serve several churches before returning to Westminster in 1994. Betsy has two children, Liza and David Jr, and 4 grandchildren. Betsy retired after teaching Special Education in various locations throughout Chester County for

37 years and has an antique booth at Cricket's Antiques and Garden Market selling refinished and refurbished furniture and clothing. She has served on Session, is an active member of The Adult Spiritual Growth Committee, Care for Creation Committee, The Women's Retreat Committee, The Book Club, the Tapestry Committee and many more. She is an avid reader and loves spending time on Fishing Creek in her cottage.



Rich Birkenmaier

Rich has been a member of Westminster for about 22 years. Rich and his wife Chris live in Birmingham Township. They raised two kids, Jeff and Anne. Their first grandchild Sullivan (Sully) was recently baptized at Westminster. They have a golden retriever and 3 cats (1 under protest). Rich has served as Sunday School teacher, co-chair of youth director search committee, an Elder, Endowment

manager, and youth volunteer. He attends the Wednesday night men's group - A Gathering of Men. He recently retired from Pfizer as a Statistical Programming manager. He enjoys reading and family history research.



Katie Cloutman

Katie has been a member of Westminster for 8 years. She and spouse Philip Leshock live in West Chester and have 3 children together (Levi, Olive, and Quintin) and 3 children from a previous marriage (Elaina, Devon, and Zoe); Benny, the dog, keeps all of them on their toes. Katie has served Westminster on the Preschool Board, the Strategic Vision Planning Committee, the Children's Spiritual Growth Committee, and Katie has just been trained to work with

Living Waters for the World. Katie is a teacher and currently works as an Educator at Longwood Gardens and supervises student teachers with the University of Phoenix. She has recently picked up mountain-biking.



Lauren Coffey

Lauren has been a member of Westminster since 2015. She and her husband Will live in West Chester and have a son Anderson, who attended Westminster's preschool. They also have a 5-year-old Bernedoodle named Wembley. Lauren is part of the Worship Collective and is also currently on the Worship & Arts committee. Lauren has practiced law in Chester County, but now enjoys her time with her family, photographing families in Chester County and creating art in her studio.



Karen Goldsborough

Karen has been a member of Westminster for over 25 years. Karen and her husband Andy live in Downingtown and have two grown daughters and one grandson. She is currently serving Westminster as an Elder, on the Personnel committee and on several staff selection teams. Karen recently retired from AstraZeneca and enjoys spending time with her family, knitting, reading & traveling.



Geoffrey Smith

Geoff has been a member of Westminster for almost 50 years. Geoff and Laureen live in West Goshen township and have three adult children and two grandchildren. He has served Westminster as an elder, a member of the Personnel Committee and the Youth Vision Team. Geoff and Laureen are retired and enjoy hiking, biking, hanging with their grandkids and soaking up the sun in OCNJ.



Cacilia Rollet

Cacilia has been an active member at Westminster since 2019. She has participated in and helped with youth group, nursery on Sunday mornings, and serving as the Summer Program Coordinator for Camp SPARK. Cacilia is a Junior at the University of Delaware majoring in psychology with a minor in fine arts. In her free time, she enjoys photography, traveling, and spending time with her friends and family.



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