

NOMINEE BIOS

DATES

March 24 - 30
Elections/Voting

By April 21
YE Financials &
Proposed budget available

April 25
Financial Q & A

April 28
Annual Meeting

ELDER BOARD

3 YEAR POSITION (RATIFY 3 CANDIDATES FOR 3 OPEN POSITIONS)

ADAM HARDY



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

I have attended Grace for over 5 years.

What do you do as a career?

I used to be a bank examiner and tax accountant. Now I own my own real estate and general contracting business. I buy distressed properties, rehab them, and then rent them out.

Could you tell us about your family?

My wife, Adria, and I have been married for 11 years. We have two young children, Ben (9) and Grace (7). They attend Heritage Christian Academy in Maple Grove.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

I have served in multiple roles throughout the years. These included helping in children's ministry, Awana, and VBS as the game guy.

What are your passions?

I love spending time with my family, volunteering at church, and we enjoy traveling. We are taking our first international trip to Canada this summer. We also have enjoyed using our Boat Club membership the last 3 years.

Why do you want to serve as an Elder at Grace Fellowship?

God has given me leadership qualities that I believe can be used to guide and support Grace Fellowship. I have felt the last 3 years that I wanted to get more involved with our church, but I could not quite figure out where. I believe our church is in a great financial position, and as an elder, I can help be part of the vision for our future.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I accepted Christ 4/5/09. The last 15 years have been amazing. I hope everyone has a chance to experience his Grace.

TONIA HUFNAGEL



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

We've been coming to Grace Fellowship for about 11 years and have been members for a little less than that.

What do you do as a career?

I am a School Counselor at Andover High School. I've been a Counselor for about 24 years and in education for over 27 years. I work with high school students on their academic, social/personal, and post-secondary goals.

Could you tell us about your family?

I've been married to my husband Dave for almost 27 years. We have 2 daughters and a son-in-law. Quinn is married and is moving to Florida with her husband Andrew. Reese is a senior this year and is headed to the University of Wisconsin-Stout in the fall.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship? I currently serve in Guest Services and welcome visitors at the "I'm New" kiosks. I've had a few other roles, including 3 years as Clerk of the Elder Board. My husband and I attend Small Group and he is part of the Security Team.

What are your passions?

I love spending time with my immediate and extended family. I recently got my dog certified as a Therapy Dog and have been able to introduce him into my work as a School Counselor. Animals are amazing! I'm transitioning to being an empty-nester and am open to new experiences as I move to this new chapter in my life.

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TONYA HUFNAGEL CONT.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader/Elder at Grace Fellowship?

I believe that God calls us into roles to be servant leaders and to bring our own unique voices and experiences to further His Kingdom. I don't necessarily feel fully equipped to take on this leadership opportunity, but trust that God will make a way. I'm focused on helping Grace Fellowship be the church its parishioners need to stretch and grow us as a faith community.

Is there anything else you would like to share? Here is my verse leading into this time:

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you (James 1:5).

PAUL SJOLUND



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

Charter member in 1988 when membership started – attended since 1987.

What do you do as a career?

I am retired. I was a mechanical engineer. After working for Honeywell for 5 years, I co-founded MicroVision in 1987, which designed and built automated inspection equipment for the semi-conductor industry. We sold the business in 1999. After working for the new owners for a couple of years, I left to focus on family, church, and missions.

Could you tell us about your family?

I have been married to Dawn for 43+ years. We have 3 married daughters, and 7 grandchildren.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

I serve on the Missions committee, where I am currently leading the Guatemala effort. We are working with business people to help them succeed and build their businesses in order to help lift them and their employees out of poverty. The effort is Christ centered and also focuses on their faith. We partner with Partners Worldwide in this ministry.

What are your passions? .

Reaching the unengaged / unreached people in the world – which is the focus of Frontiers, a mission organization that is focused on unengaged muslim people groups. I have been on their board since 2006. I also am passionate about getting people out of poverty – which is the focus of Partners Worldwide. I was on their board from 2017 to 2023. I am still on the board of their investment fund.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader (Elder Board) at Grace Fellowship ?

To serve the church where I am able. I have been on the Grace Elder Board, and have been blessed by serving in this position.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

AMY ANDERSON



I am Amy Anderson and been attending Grace for approximately 18 years.

I currently work part time as a Registered Nurse at Surgical Care Associates in St Louis Park. I have been a nurse for 40 years.

My husband Randy and I have been married 36 years. We have 3 adult children and two grandchildren that all live close to us.

Our days are full with basketball, soccer and baseball games and helping with our children's families.

I have volunteered on the Dream Team as a greeter, I am a small group facilitator in woman's ministry. I was a small group leader for 12 years in our home, worked with discipleship classes on Sunday mornings and various other activities.

I love being with my husband Randy, children and grandchildren. I love hiking, walking and reading.

I am willing to be on the nominating committee as a member of Grace Fellowship to help as God leads.

CATHY HERME



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

2 years

What do you do as a career?

Retired

Could you tell us about your family?

I have been married to Duane for 50 years. We still enjoy spending time together. We have been blessed with three daughters. All three attend Bible believing churches.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

Partners in Prayer, Prayer Team, (making prayer calls), Helping Kris Jester with projects.

What are your passions?

Serving the Lord with gladness. Supporting my husband, with his bread ministry. Wednesday Morning Bible Study. Golfing.

Why do you want to serve as an elected (Position) at Grace Fellowship?

I feel it would be a privilege to serve the Lord on the committee. Also, to help nominate strong Christians to serve the Lord at Grace Fellowship.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I look forward to the Lord using me in this capacity.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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KARL- CHRISTIAN JOHANNESSEN



How long have I been a member at Grace Fellowship:

I have been a member and Grace Fellowship for 6 years, but have been a regular attendee for 24.

What do you do as a career: I am an attorney - currently, I work at the Dakota County Attorney's office in the civil division.

Could you tell me about you family? My wife, Vada, and I just got married last September and we live in Minneapolis. I have two siblings and two siblings-in-law, one of which works for Grace, as well as my mother-in-law.

Where do you serve at Grace:

I serve mainly on the worship team - but I also hold a leadership role in the young adults ministry and assist in other areas when able.

What are my passions?

I love spending time with my wife, and doing any of the following things with her is the best thing in the world! I enjoy being active, playing sports throughout the year and doing other general outdoor activities, like mountain biking, fishing, or going for walks. I also love to play guitar. But mostly, continuing to strengthen my relationship with Christ is a very large part of my life.

Why do I want to serve on the Nominating Committee?

I believe I could assist in discerning who are best suited for leadership roles at Grace through both my understanding of the Word of God and my perspective as being a young(er) adult.

MYLES LEMBKE



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

Amanda and I became members shortly after we began attending 23 years ago.

What do you do as a career?

I'm a Union electrician with Hunt electric.

Could you tell us about your family?

Married Amanda almost 23 years ago, 6 kids: Corynne (21) Jordyn (20) Mycah(18) Acaycia (15) Edyn(10) Shyloh(7)

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

Men's ministry, kids ministry, dry bones bbq ministry

What are your passions?

Discipleship, Brotherhood, Fellowship, Food, Family, Motorcycles

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader (Position) at Grace Fellowship?

I want to do whatever I can to grow God's kingdom, I am happy to serve Grace in whatever capacity that includes.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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SCOTT RIPLEY



I have been a member of Grace Fellowship for about 12 years.

As a career I am an Electrical Designer. I create electrical schematics for custom machines for the medical industry.

I have been married to my wife Katie for 19 years. We have 2 girls. Emily (14), Allison (11). We also have 3 Cats. We have been attending Grace for about 16 years.

I am currently not actively serving at Grace. Until this season I have been coordinator for the Softball teams at Grace. I have also been a coach for one of the teams for about 13 years. I used to be on the men's ministry team. I have served as the gym guy for Awana and a leader. I have also been on the men's retreat planning committee in the past.

The past couple of years I have been coaching my kids in there sports. I have felt like God has been calling me to share love of sport and hopefully the love of Jesus with other kids and families outside of Grace. I am passionate about about helping kids have fun and learning new things and building relationships with their teammates. In the past I have helped put together fun events at church like couples Bowling night and Floor Hockey nights and game nights. I've always thought that God wants us to play and build relationships through games.

I would like to serve on the Nominating committee because I think I could be helpful in finding the next leaders at Grace. Maybe help find different people.

About 5 years ago I was heavily involved at Grace. That was during all the changes. After the dust had settled on all the changes I believe God was telling me to step back and wait, so I have been waiting for what God has next. When I got the phone call the other night and the lady asked if I would be on the nominating committee I immediately got the feeling that I should say yes. I've been praying about it the last few days and I believe I'm at least supposed to write this. I don't have a clear answer to if I will be excepted or not but I know I was supposed to write this. I am also currently in a small group with 4-5 men on Wednesday mornings.

CORISSA ROBERTS



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

My husband and I became members of Grace Fellowship in Spring of 2022. I have attended the church since moving to the area in 2018.

What do you do as a career?

I am a Product Marketing Manager for Medical Technologies. I lead product development, customer relationships, product promotion, launching of new products, messaging, training, and strategy.

Could you tell us about your family?

My husband and I have been married for 20 years and live in Maple Grove, MN. We previously lived in Cambridge, MN and Los Angeles, CA. We have 3 cats – Yes, I'm a crazy cat lady. I am the eldest sibling and have a brother, sister, niece and nephew, as well as my parents who live in NW Wisconsin. I have experienced personal transformation in my relationship with myself and my husband since being a part of the church.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

We enjoy serving in many capacities at Grace Fellowship. We have served as greeters, ushers, and for various events like the Food Truck Handouts during COVID, the summer BBQ and the Easter Candy Throwdown events. I also promote the church on my social media channels, when able, as I believe we need to fill social media with more positivity (and I LOVE Grace!).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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CORISSA ROBERTS CONT.

What are your passions?

I am passionate about my Lord and Savior and helping others see Him through everyday kindness. I am passionate about reaching out to those around us who are suffering by lending a helping hand and praying for them. I enjoy other activities such as cooking, gardening, bicycling and outdoor power sports. Anything to be one with nature and our creator.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader (Clerk and Nomination Committee Member) at Grace Fellowship?

I believe that my gifts and experience would be well used at Grace due to my tenure in the business world for over 25 years where I have navigated many professional and personal life experiences. I have a good sense about people and can tell when others need help or just a listening ear. I also want to help guide the future of our church to be inclusive of all types of people, have a sound foundation in our leadership, and in making good decisions to benefit the sustainability of the church for generations to come.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

My mother, who is my best friend and mentor, is also very strong in her faith. She has served on the board of her churches and I have grown up learning about the grit and determination it takes to run a successful church and business. She has guided me through many challenges in life and has always loved me unconditionally. If her love is an example of a portion of what God's love is, I want to be able to give back and share this love with others.

God is working through this church. The women's small groups and the friends I have made at Grace will be life long friendships. I truly love the women I have met through the study. They have helped me through difficult times in my life by encouraging and redirecting me back to God rather than my own direction, pity, and fear. I have seen a personal transformation in my relationship with myself and my husband since being a part of the church.

These are all examples of why I believe I would be a good candidate for these roles and bring positive energy, determination, compassion, and a strong business acumen to Grace Fellowship.

Thank you for your consideration and time. May God's blessings be on you and this decision.

CHURCH CLERK

1 YEAR POSITION (VOTE FOR 1)

DEB LADUE



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

I have been a member at Grace Fellowship for more than 24 years.

What do you do as a career?

I am a certified Financial Coach as well as a retired Project Manager/Business Analyst for Medtronic, Inc.

Could you tell us about your family?

My husband, Pat, and I have been married for 32 years. We have two adult children, Marissa and Gunnar. Rosie is our spoiled 15.5-year-old golden doodle. Flicka is our 2-year-old Bernie Doodle.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

Pat and I currently serve in guest services as connectors. I coordinate Financial Peace University. Also, assisting in Global Missions with Maxine Pierson. In the past I have held a variety of volunteer roles such as auditor, small group and rooted leader, junior high leader, women's ministry finances and bible study leader, table lead for Financial Peace, Kindergarten Sunday school teacher and have served on various other committees.

What are your passions?

My passion is leading people to learn and to find transformational solutions to their life's needs. First and foremost, finding Jesus, and beyond that to find servant-based contentment in their lives. I have gifts in leadership, organization and financial management.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader (clerk) at Grace Fellowship?

I believe that since retirement God has been encouraging me to get more involved at Grace Fellowship. The clerk position would utilize my organizational skills and yet the commitment time would allow me to continue to follow other pursuits as God puts them in my path.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I am an extrovert who loves God's amazing outdoors, youth, reading and crafts.

TREASURER

2 YEAR POSTION (VOTE FOR 1)

EMILY ZIESKA



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

My family has attended Grace Fellowship for ten years. I have been a member for 1 year.

What do you do as a career?

My education and background are in accounting and finance. For 24 years I worked for Dougherty Financial Group Companies, most of that time as the Controller, managing the accounting/finance department. Recently I stepped away from working so I could be more present for my kids these last few years they are home. This gives me time during the day to volunteer at their schools, in the community and at Grace.

Could you tell us about your family?

Bill and I were high school sweethearts and have been married for 28 years. We have two teens who are active in the youth group. We reside in Champlin and as a family are active in our schools and community sports.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

I have been a small group leader in the women's ministry for three years, and work on the coordinating team for the women's events. My family also volunteers for various Grace event needs requests.

What are your passions?

I am in the season of my life where my family (especially my kids) and my small group are the primary focus of my life. There is not a lot of time for much else, but I do enjoy travel, watching a variety of sports, spending time at the lake and enjoying nature.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader at Grace Fellowship?

Since I am no longer working, I feel it is my purpose right now to fill church and community needs where I am able and especially when they align with the skillsets God gave me

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2 YEAR POSTION (VOTE FOR 1)

DUANE HERME



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?
Since May 2022.

What do you do as a career?
Retired – Eight (8) years Panera Bread Ministry Under another church.

Could you tell us about your family?
I have been married to my wife, Cathy for 50 years. We have three (3) daughters – church attenders at other churches.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?
I worship on Sundays.

What are your passions?
Helping with the bread ministry, reaching families with quality bread items. Sharing the gospel with Our Daily Bread devotionals.

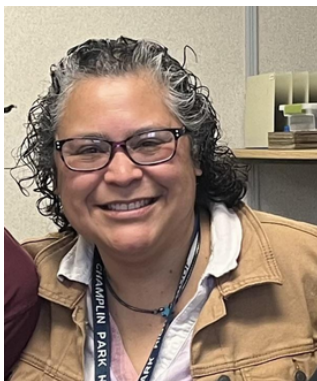
Why do you want to serve as an elected (Position) at Grace Fellowship?
I was asked to serve in a Christian community.

Is there anything else you would like to share?
Always look for opportunities to touch lives as the Holy Spirit directs

AUDIT COMMITTEE

2 YEAR POSTION (VOTE FOR 3)

YADIRA STANFIELD- LANGTON



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?
I have attended Grace for 5 years and have been a member for 3.

What do you do as a career?
Teacher. I teach at Champlin Park High School. I also help run a family business called MN Stripes.

Could you tell us about your family? I have been married to Dan for 5 years. My first husband went to be with Jesus in 2013, but before he did we had 3 children. They are 21, 19, and 16. Dan and I also have 4 dogs whom we love to play with.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?
I serve in Grace YTH, Dry Bones BBQ, and also on the Photo Team. What are your passions? My passion is to tell as many people as I can about Jesus. Everywhere I go, I want to be the hands and feet of Jesus so that everyone can experience grace.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader (Audit Committee) at Grace Fellowship?
Grace is pretty diverse, but I don't feel that the leadership reflects the diversity of Grace as well as it could. Being a female and a person of color, I bring a different perspective that is not present at the moment. My perspective would give more people a voice

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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MARK BICKEL



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

My wife and I have attended for nearly 17 years. Been a member of Grace Fellowship for ~16 years.

What do you do as a career?

I am Group Vice President, Finance & Global Controller for the Cardiology Group of business units at Boston Scientific. The Cardiology Group makes medical devices for Interventional Cardiology, Cardiac Rhythm Management & Diagnostics, Electrophysiology, and Left Atrial Appendage closure devices for Atrial Fibrillation. I have an MBA in Finance from the Kelley School of Business (Indiana University), am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and in my prior career was a Physical Therapist (17yrs ago).

Could you tell us about your family?

My wife and I have been married for 22 years. We have a son (Austin) who is 17yo and daughter (Cara) who is 15yo.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

Pre COVID, my wife and I led or hosted a small group for several years, intermittently served in the Children's ministry (pre-K rooms) when our kids were younger, and occasionally helped at the Simpson Shelter. We also participated in a couple different small groups over the years and am currently in the Smith's small group.

What are your passions?

I enjoy running, fishing, cabin time with family, and mountain biking.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader at Grace Fellowship?

As mentioned above, I have drifted from serving post COVID. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to serve and use some of my professional strengths and interests within the Church

ELIZBETH GESE



How long have you been a member of Grace Fellowship?

I have been attending Grace Fellowship since 2017 and became a member shortly after.

What do you do as a career? I am a partner and owner at a sales management consulting firm. We help business owners grow and scale their businesses. We are dedicated to developing sales leaders to be their best, intentionally building their teams and have a career that leaves a legacy.

Could you tell us about your family?

My husband, Justin, and I have been married for 23 years. We have a two-year-old morkie Diego. We are blessed with three nephews Nate (18), Logan (15) and Archer (12) who bring a lot of joy. My sisters in Christ that I have met at Grace Fellowship are also an important part of my family.

Where do you serve at Grace Fellowship?

I serve in the Women's Ministry and lead a small group.

What are your passions?

I am passionate about helping people (especially women) know how much God loves them. And that having a relationship with Jesus changes everything for the better, for eternity.

Why do you want to serve as an elected leader (Audit Committee) at Grace Fellowship?

I believe it is a privilege to be nominated and that God has a call on each of our lives, mine included. I want to serve in the ways that He has called and equipped me.

Is there anything else you would like to share?

I am grateful for and love Jesus, I enjoy serving others and traveling to explore His beautiful creation.