

December 24, 2021

Dear Park Street Church Members,

As required by the bylaws, I write in my role as Church Clerk to give you information on candidates for the 2022 Park Street officers and elders. The annual meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

In the document below, you can view the slate of candidates that has been put forward by the Nominating Committee and the Deacons. Each nominee has provided a short biography, and the Nominating Committee has provided additional notes for some candidates.

Printed copies of this document will be available at the back of the sanctuary during Sunday's worship services.

Please be much in prayer for our congregation as we seek God's direction on leadership positions in our church.

Sincerely,

Deborah Gallagher

Park Street Church Clerk

Deborah Gallagher

# 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

# Introduction from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is grateful to all who provided recommendations and references, all who considered serving but declined, all whom the committee considered but did not nominate, and all who are nominated for service. We are also grateful for all who have prayed on our behalf as we have worked throughout the year. We ask the congregation to join us now in praying for these nominees and the leaders of Park Street Church.

The Committee, consisting of men and women, complementarians and egalitarians, sought candidate recommendations from the congregation and leadership. We considered the potential candidates primarily as individuals rather than explicitly thinking about the overall gender makeup of the slate or the board. Throughout the year, we called on God continually and trusted him to lead us. We deliberated and prayed extensively over each candidate and voted. We trust that this is the slate that God led us to approve, and we now humbly submit the slate to you.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to Nayoon Kim: nayoonkim0331@gmail.com.

Nayoon Kim, Chair; Sheryl Cunningham; Helena Daniel; Margaret Diffenderfer; Sam Ghilardi; Norm Graf; Selwyn Jayakar; Ann-Marie Keltner; Syndi Kim; Sharon Postma; Richard Spinelli; Dianne Wegiel

\*The Nominating Committee has provided additional notes for some of the candidates which will appear below the candidates' biographies.

The following members of Park Street Church are candidates for election at the Annual Meeting, Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

# Officers

\* Candidate for reelection



#### JASON ABRAHAM officer: Moderator (2025)

I grew up in Goa, India. My parents had a strong and abiding faith in God and passed that along to us. I grew in my faith every day with the Lord walking beside me—he is my constant companion. I started attending Park Street Church 30 years ago after listening to a sermon by Daniel Harrell on the radio. I met my wife Acacia at the Winnipesaukee young adult retreat, and we are blessed with three wonderful children—Jadyn, Kaleb and Eliot. I was privileged

to be part of the Senior Minister Search Committee most recently and currently serve on the Board of Elders. I have previously served on the nominating committee, have been involved with PSIF, pastoral searches, membership committee, and was director of Sunday Night contemporary services for 7 years. The last two years have been difficult, but also opened up opportunities for us individually and corporately, not only to care for each other, but to share Christ's love and message of salvation with a hurting world. What I love about Park Street Church is its orthodox Christian doctrine, preaching, music, and its focus on missions. Psalm 27:4.

The Moderator (three-year term) presides over the Board of Elders and congregational meetings.



#### **DEBORAH GALLAGHER\*** officer: Clerk (2023)

I was born, raised, and attended college in Cleveland, Ohio, and moved to Boston in 1978 where I discovered Park Street Church—I've been here ever since! I worked in university administration for my entire career, retired 3 years ago, and returned to work part-time this past fall at the Harvard Law School Program on Biblical Law and Christian Legal Studies. I am delighted to stand for Church Clerk for a third year. It has been a joy to work with the PSC staff to keep the

records of our membership and to welcome new members. My husband Charlie and I have three adult children who all grew up at Park Street, and we have two grandchildren; I teach the pre-school Christian Formation class with my daughter Elizabeth. In the past, I have served on the Nominating Committee, the Interim Pastoral Search Committee, and the Family Minister Search Committee. Recently, I have been incredibly blessed to be part of Park Street's Morning Prayers.

The Clerk (one-year term) gives notice of and provides written record of the church's Annual and special meetings. He/she also processes any membership-related correspondence.



#### GABRIEL LING\* officer: Treasurer (2023)

I was raised in a Christian family and have been attending Park Street Church since 2004. My wife Julie and I became members in 2009. A few years ago, I co-founded M33 Growth, where I make investments in innovative technology and healthcare companies. My professional passion is working hand-in-hand with entrepreneurs as they scale their businesses. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for Park Street School, where my daughters Jane and Emily attend

elementary and preschool, as well as on the Board Advisors for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The Treasurer (one-year term) is the chief financial officer of the church.



#### LING YI LIU\* officer: Missions Treasurer (2023)

Over the past four years, it has been my privilege to serve as Missions Treasurer and help with PSC's stewardship of our missions' funds. Growing up in Brazil, some of my earliest friends were the children of Wycliff missionaries who worked with the Brazilian Indians. Though I was exposed to the gospel early on, I only came to Christ in graduate school in Cambridge after I met my wife Leslie. Since coming to PSC in 1996, I have served as a deacon of family ministries, in

the nursery, in Barnabas groups, as well as led family and marketplace small groups. I have also served as treasurer for a non-profit organization focused on business incubation and as COO of a Christian real-estate company focused on investing in the inner city. Currently, I manage furnished rental apartment buildings in Cambridge. My passion is to develop communities in which members can thrive and be a blessing to their neighbors.

In addition to supporting Missions, the Missions Treasurer (one-year term) is the Vice Treasurer of the church and as such serves as the first backup when the Treasurer is absent or incapacitated.



#### **GREGG HANSEN** officer: Assistant Treasurer (2023)

I was raised in a Christian family and accepted Christ as a child. Following Christ has led me to a life of service and adventure; first in the Air Force, then in public accounting as a CPA, and now at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary where I am the Chief Financial Officer. I started attending Park Street Church when the Air Force moved me to Boston in 1997 and I became a member of the church in 1999. I have served on the Missions Committee,

participated in multiple short-term missions trips, and am currently serving on the Finance and Administration Committee. It is my passion to help Gordon-Conwell and Park Street to be faithful stewards of the financial resources with which God has blessed them. In addition, I thoroughly enjoy outdoor adventures with my wife, Rebecca, and children, Andrew and Elizabeth!

The Assistant Treasurer (one-year term) serves as a second backup to the Treasurer and assists both Treasurers with their responsibilities.

#### NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Dedicated member of PSC for 22 years. Member of the Missions Committee of PSC for six years.
   Co-leader of a PSC World Relief Partnership. Currently is serving on the Finance & Administration Committee of PSC.
- Serves as the Chief Financial Officer at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (GCTS) with responsibilities including oversight in key areas of Accounting, Finance, Financial Aid at GCTS, and more.
- Expressed that God expects church officers to be servants and ministers to the congregation. Holds together very high standards of fiscal responsibility and biblically mandated principles to guide his services at GCTS and PSC.

# Elders



#### YANNICK ASSOGBA Elder (2025)

I grew up in Kenya and moved to Boston in 2007 and have attended Park Street Church ever since. I grew up in a Christian environment at home and school and accepted Christ at a fairly young age, and have had opportunity to come into my own faith as I grew older and moved away from home. Thankfully, Park Street Church has been a wonderful part of that journey. At Park Street, I have been involved in the Park Street International Fellowship in small group leadership as

well as food ministry coordination (and cooking!). I've also had the opportunity to facilitate small groups as part of the Lenten Discipleship Institute and to serve on the Nominating Committee. I look forward to being able to serve the community in new ways and seeing more of how God leads us in his wisdom and grace.

#### NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Has served at PSC for 14 years in Park Street International Fellowship and as a small group leader, Lenten Discipleship Institute table leader, usher for the 4 PM service, and Racial Justice and Reconciliation Team member.
- As a seventh grader in Kenya, he responded to God's call and subsequently God led him to Boston
  for graduate study and a career as a software developer and designer for a large international
  company.
- A gifted communicator who seeks clarity through study of Scripture, prayer, listening, and open dialogue. He finds solutions by creating manageable processes.



#### ROB BRADLEY\* Elder (2025)

My wife, Nancy, and I came to Christ in London in the 1980's at Holy Trinity Brompton. Nancy and I moved our family to Wellesley in 1985. We began worshipping at PSC in 1987. My passion at PSC has always been missions, reflecting the transformation that Christ worked in my life and our family's. Thus, I joined the Missions Committee at PSC and served for seven years as its Treasurer. In 1991, Nancy and I co-founded Massachusetts Family Institute. In 2000, we

helped to found Boston Trinity Academy, where I continue to serve as Chairman of the Board and PSC deacon for the school. In 2015, I co-founded the NewBostonPost, an online news site with a Christian worldview. I have also served as a Trustee at Park Street School for the past 2 ½ years and worked closely with the leadership of the school and the church to help restore a healthier relationship between the two. Nancy and I are blessed to have 3 married children who are walking with the Lord and 12 grandchildren. I am honored to stand for the position of elder at PSC, our church home for 35 years.

#### NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Has been a faithful part of the PSC community since the 1980s and is currently a member of the Board of Elders
- Demonstrates strong leadership as a Boston Trinity Academy and Massachusetts Family Institute founder and board member, serves as Founder/President and CEO of Boston Private Trust and Book
- Joy-filled and faithful, he loves using his leadership and entrepreneurial gifts to advance the Kingdom of God at PSC and in the city of Boston.



#### **DAVID MURGATROYD** Elder (2025)

God has used over two decades at PSC to draw me deeper in relationship with Christ and an understanding of His wisdom (Col. 2:3). My wife Amy and I met in Café in 2001 and are blessed with two daughters, Brenna (13) and Cora (11). I have served in various capacities from the Board of Elders, to the nursery, to DJing parties at All Church Camp. Whether discerning through long-term decisions, changing diapers, or spinning dance tunes, I've sought to love our church

and our neighbors in Boston and around the world to the glory of God. I'm standing again for the Board of Elders to support our healthy, united pursuit of the next chapter God has for our church. May He make us one. John 17:23

#### NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Dedicated member of PSC for over 20 years; has served on the Board of Elders, the Nominating Committee, Personnel Committee, and Café's leadership team.
- Has demonstrated leadership abilities outside PSC as Engineering Director at a technology company, providing leadership to large teams; appreciated for the capacity to set clear goals and formulate plans to achieve them.
- Exhibits discernment, sincere faith, and genuine humility, intentionally making people feel
  welcomed and valued.



#### **GEOFFREY RAUX** Elder (2025)

I made a personal commitment to Christ at an early age. I moved to Boston in 2003, where I met my wife and best friend Sarah. We have been attending Park Street since 2008 and have been blessed with two wonderful daughters, Adelaide and Annabelle. My relationship with the Lord is central to every aspect of my life. I believe that life-in its fullest sense-can only be realized through union with Him.

I have had the opportunity to share that message through personal relationships and on missions trips to East Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. During college, I was involved with CRU and served as president of my campus chapter. In law school, I was involved with Intervarsity and served on the leadership team. Since becoming a member of Park Street, I have served as a Deacon for communion, co-captain of our softball team, on the Nominating Committee, and on the Interim Senior Minister Search Committee (which hired Dr. Thorne). I am also a Trustee to Park Street School and am on the Board of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Professionally, I am a partner at the law firm Foley & Lardner LLP. I am honored to be considered as a candidate for Elder.

#### NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- Member of PSC for 12 years; serving as a Deacon for Communion, small group leader, cocaptain of PSC softball team, member of Interim Senior Minister Search Committee, and previous member of Nominating Committee.
- Devoted to seeking God's direction in his life and his family's life through the earnest study of scripture and prayer; he values the importance of discipleship.
- Demonstrates passion and great excitement for God's work in and through PSC; a partner and commercial litigator at an international law firm, he is gifted in listening, open communication, and teaching.

# Nominating Committee



## **JULIANNE JOHNSTON** Nominating Committee (2025)

My family moved to Boston in 1997 and began attending Park Street Church shortly thereafter. I have been involved in the choir and the music ministry for much of that time. My commitment to the body of believers at Park Street comes from the clear preaching and teaching of God's Word. Having been saved as a teenager through His word, especially the Psalms and the Gospel of John, I would be humbled now to serve to support God's work at PSC.



### **DRAKE RICHEY** Nominating Committee (2025)

I live in Charlestown with my wife, Sarah and our three children, Draper (9), George (7), and Beatrice (5). We moved to Boston six years ago from New York City where we attended Redeemer Presbyterian Church and helped plant a church. I run a financial advisory business with an office downtown and love to ride my bike whenever possible. My favorite theological book is "On Being a Theologian of the Cross" and I love reading and teaching the Bible to my kids.



## LAURA ROSCOE Nominating Committee (2025)

I began attending Park Street Church in 2006. Believing, Bible based churches are crucial for the teaching, keeping and following of God's word and truth–I was delighted to find a Bible believing church in Boston and formally joined in 2009. I have served Park Street Church in various capacities over the years; two 1-year terms as church Clerk, on the New Members Committee, preparing and serving Communion, ushering, assisting with annual meeting check-in and counting bal-

lots. I am humbled to be considered to serve on the Nominating Committee. If chosen, it would be a privilege to serve God and support Park Street in this way.



### JONATHAN VERRENGIA Nominating Committee (2025)

My first introduction to Park Street Church occurred in 1998, when a friend invited me to attend a Café small group. Several months later, I attended my first worship service. Immediately, I was drawn into the church's philosophy of "major in the majors and minor in the minors." This was a refreshing perspective to me. My wife and I were married at Park Street in 2001, and our three daughters were baptized here as well. I have been involved at Park Street by

serving in the nursery, Sunday school, Tweens, Children's Choir Cantata, Honeymooner's class, and most recently youth group. I have been a member since 2007. When this opportunity was presented, I was reminded of what Paul wrote to the believers in Rome: "So as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." (Romans 12:4) I'm humbled that God has led me to this opportunity and pray His guidance, on all involved during this process.