

from the
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

December 18, 2025

The 2025/26 Nominating Committee is grateful to all who provided recommendations and references, all who considered serving but declined, and all who are nominated for service. We are also grateful for those who provided counsel and for all who have prayed on our behalf, faithfully and diligently, as we have worked throughout the year. While the Scriptures and the church's Bylaws are the foundation upon which we conduct our work, prayer is the framework. We are convinced that nothing can be or is accomplished according to God's will for his kingdom without calling on him continually and seeking the Spirit to guide and protect us. We ask the congregation to join us now in praying for these nominees and the leaders of Park Street Church.

The twelve committee members sought potential candidate recommendations for the role of elder and officer from the congregation and the church leadership. We considered the potential candidates primarily as followers of Christ and then in terms of leadership in this season of the church's ministry. We considered eligible elders up for reelection together with other potential candidates, affirming their gifts and acknowledging their service to the church. The committee engaged in lengthy discussions, prayed extensively over each potential candidate, spent hours discerning the candidates, voted, and reached a collective agreement. Having completed our review, we are confident that these nominees have the character, skills, and deep love for God and his church to faithfully and capably serve as elders and officers of Park Street Church. Please pray that God would bless them and enable them to serve his church for his glory. If you have any questions, please reach out to Marana Avant, marana.avant@gmail.com.

The Nominating Committee

The following members of Park Street Church are candidates for election at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026. There are four elder positions, four officer positions, and four Nominating Committee positions to be filled by election. All candidates for officers and elders have been nominated by the Nominating Committee. All candidates for the Nominating Committee have been nominated by the deacons.

OFFICER CANDIDATES

Treasurer—Drake Richey
Treasurer of Missions—Julianne White*
Assistant Treasurer—Gregg Hansen*
Clerk—Margaret Sloat

ELDER CANDIDATES

Julie Halvorsen*
Mary Harvey*
Kirstin Peltz*
Andrew Ziegler*

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE
CANDIDATES**

Dahlia Hilario
Joe Koon
Joshua Morla
Paul Burke

** Candidate for re-election*

ELDER CANDIDATES



Julie Halvorsen *(Candidate for Re-election)*

“Raised in a Christian home, I have called Jesus my Savior since childhood and have been blessed to walk through life with Him. Park Street became my church home in the late 1990s, and I was actively involved until Mark and I were married and moved to Easton, where we worshiped locally while raising our family. In 2016, the Lord graciously led us back to Park Street, and we have been a part of this community since then.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving in a variety of leadership roles both within the church and with several Christian organizations. Serving on the Board of Elders at Park Street over the past two years has been both a blessing and a privilege. I stand for reelection in obedience trusting in a faithful God who promises to equip those He calls, and relying on Him for all I need to serve faithfully.”

NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Julie has followed Jesus for as long as she can remember. She has seen God’s hand in all aspects of her life and is learning to trust the Lord completely in all things. She became a member of PSC in 1997 and cherishes the way the Word is taught and preached at PSC, along with the rich Christian traditions of worship. She has served in various capacities at PSC, most recently on the Elder Board (2024 to present); she has also been a part of event planning teams, hosted missionary dinners and weekly Bible studies. Julie has served on church advisory councils before, making decisions on staffing, budgetary matters, church maintenance and event planning and has served on the board at Boston Trinity Academy.
- Julie lives in North Easton with her husband Mark, and they are the parents of Peter and Maggie. Julie is naturally gifted at taking initiative, serving as a spokesperson and organizing teams. She believes in serving as a member of a team, listening to others in humility, and prayerfully desiring that hearts would be united in serving the Lord. Julie is judicious, kind, self-controlled and has demonstrated a keen ability as a peacemaker.



Mary Harvey *(Candidate for Re-election)*

“I was born and raised in Northern California and came to Massachusetts in 1982 to attend college and began attending Park Street Church. During that time, I also became involved in the Seekers college ministry and choir. Throughout my journey at Park Street, I have been involved in Young Adult ministries as a music leader and on the leadership team, have participated in Small Group Bible Studies, and have

been teaching Christian Formation Classes for over 20 years. I love this church, its commitment to God and his Word and its congregation. It has been a home and a family to me, and it would be a true privilege to continue to serve this church I love so much as an elder.”

NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Mary came to know Jesus at a young age and has been an active and faithful member of Park Street Church for over 40 years. Mary has faithfully served at PSC in many ways over the years. She has twice served on the Nominating Committee, taught numerous small group Bible studies and LDI sessions, co-taught Christian Formation classes for over 25 years, prayed with those in need after the 11 am service, and currently serves on the Board of Elders (2023 to present).
- She lives in Woburn and is a computer software architect with a deep desire for the gospel to be preached to a world that’s hurting, and for the people of God to hear, learn and love God’s word. She is a skilled teacher and a serious student of scripture.



Kirstin Peltz (*Candidate for Re-election*)

“God mercifully uses Park Street Church in my life as he draws me closer to him, while I humbly seek His wisdom. (Philippians 2:1-4) I grew up in Ithaca, NY, and was fortunate to be raised in a family of believers. My husband Charles and I have been married since 1996; we moved to Boston in the autumn of 2000 and have been PSC members since 2002. God blessed us with the birth of our daughter Ellie in 2004. I have been privileged to serve in various capacities at PSC, including two terms on the Nominating Committee, and many years on the Deacons’ Committee, specifically as Chair of the Deacons’ Subcommittee (to search for Nominating Committee candidates). I have not sought the role of elder. I continue to be spiritually challenged by that idea. Yet, the Holy Spirit has pricked my mind and heart to continue to serve Him in this way. I pray that I cheerfully and willingly accept *His* will, whatever it might be. May God be glorified.”

NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Kirstin came to know Jesus at a young age and has been a member of PSC since 2002. Kirstin has demonstrated a strong commitment to the spiritual health and flourishing of the church. She has served twice as a member of the Nominating Committee, participated in the Women’s Bible Study, chaired the Deacons Subcommittee, was Deacon for the Music Ministry, and currently serves on the Elder Board (2023 to present).
- Kirstin is a professional cellist and teaches at Boston Trinity Academy and The Rivers School. She and her husband Charles live in Roslindale and are the parents of Ellie. Kirstin is humble, meek, and compassionate and yet is also direct, courageous and highly principled.



Andrew Ziegler (*Candidate for Re-election*)

“I was born and raised in Massachusetts and became a Christian at a very early age. I met my wife, Bonnie, in high school, and we have been happily married for 28 years. We have been blessed with three wonderful daughters—Liana, Heidi, and Josephine. We started attending Park Street in 1999 when I was at seminary and have been members since 2005. I chair the Membership Committee, and several subcommittees of the Board of Elders. In the past few years, I have taught adult Sunday Schools on the Resurrection, the Ten Commandments and Communion. Bonnie and I also enjoy serving in nursery. I love Park Street Church and am honored to be nominated for elder.”

NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Andrew came to faith at an early age, growing up with believing family and friends. He and his wife, Bonnie, first started attending Park Street Church in 1999 and became members in 2005. They returned to Park Street with their family in 2020, after having been away from the Boston area for several years. Andrew has been an active member ever since, serving as a member of the Personnel Committee, leading LDI groups, and being a regular participant and occasional leader of Morning Prayer. He has been a member of the Board of Elders since 2023 and, among other things, chairs the Membership and Christian Formation committees.
- Andrew is a thoughtful leader. He is theologically strong and well-read, with a deep reverence for God’s word. He has led several Bible studies and community groups and has good insight in the areas of Christian education and formation, for adults as well as for children. In recent years, he has taught several well-attended PSC classes on a range of spiritual topics.
- He lives in Southborough and runs a legal recruiting business with his wife. He views shepherding his family as his most important job. He and Bonnie have raised three daughters who are now young adults.

OFFICER CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee generally re-nominates officers serving in the positions with a one-year term if they are willing to continue to serve. The committee aims to meet with each officer once every three years. This year, the committee is nominating a new Clerk and a new Treasurer.



Drake Richey, *Treasurer*

“My wife and I have been members of Park Street Church since 2020, and we live in Charlestown with our four children, ages 13 to 1. I came to faith through the ministry of FOCUS, which serves students in private and boarding schools, and I remain grateful for the thoughtful presentation of the Gospel I heard through college students and caring adults. I run a small financial advisory business that helps individuals and small businesses think about insurance, investments, and planning in ways that align with their values. At Park Street, my favorite ministry is the Men’s Bible Study, where we believe that the Gospel needs to be heard again and again, every week (really every day). I am honored to be nominated for Treasurer and hope to serve the church with wisdom, clarity, and faithful stewardship.”

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- Drake came to know Jesus at a young age. He and his family moved to Boston in 2015, and they have been attending Park Street Church since 2020.
- Drake is a gifted teacher and is passionate about the Bible and sharing the gospel. Under his leadership and initiative, a men’s ministry was established at PSC. He leads a thriving and growing weekly men’s Bible study at the church.
- Drake is familiar with PSC finances, having served as chair of the PSC Finance and Administration Committee for the past 2 years. He runs his own business as a financial advisor. He has also served in other leadership roles at PSC and in other churches and organizations.

TREASURER

The Treasurer (one-year term) oversees financial responsibilities for the church.



Julianne White, *Missions Treasurer (Candidate for Re-election)*

“I was raised in Florida in a Christian home and came to know Christ at a young age. My husband, Michael, and I began attending Park Street Church in 2019 and have since been blessed with a son, Caleb. I have served as a youth leader for several years and currently enjoy volunteering in the nursery. We love Park Street Church and its commitment to sharing the hope of the Gospel in Boston and around the world.

My work experience has involved years of managing large business portfolios and strategy development at both for-profit and non-profit organizations, most recently serving in leadership at the Greater Boston Food Bank. I am grateful to be nominated to serve Park Street Church as Missions Treasurer.”

MISSIONS TREASURER

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, *Assistant Treasurer (Candidate for Re-election)*

“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 work in the finance department. 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!”

ASSISTANT TREASURER

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



Margaret Sloat, Clerk

“I grew up part of a Christian family in Germany and Washington, DC, but really made my faith my own during college. Upon graduation, I moved to Boston and have been attending PSC since 2001. I met my husband through Café, and we now live in Stoneham with our two children. I worked at Project Bread—The Walk for Hunger for eleven years and am now a stay-at-home mom and enjoy volunteering in my community and at Park Street. At PSC, I have served in a variety of capacities, including on the Board of Elders and Personnel Committee. As interim Clerk over the last six months, I have really enjoyed getting to know new congregants as they go through the New Members Classes. I feel blessed to have opportunities to use the gifts God has given me to serve the Body of Christ.”

NOTES FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- Margaret grew up in a Christian home where her parents were on staff with the Navigators in Germany. In college, she made her faith her own and learned to place her identity in Christ rather than any academic success, achievement, or the approval of others.
- Margaret has been attending Park Street church for 24 years, where she met her husband and is raising her family. She has been active in her small group during her entire tenure here, enjoys mentoring, served as an Elder for 4 years, and contributed her administrative gifts to the women’s ministry.
- Margaret is gifted in administration and leadership, and she enjoys serving in these ways. She “genuinely enjoys a good spreadsheet, a well-run meeting, and keeping track of details”. Since she became the interim Clerk in late spring, she created a manual for the position, as well as a new member tracker to better understand where various candidates are in the membership process.

CLERK

The Clerk (one-year term) gives notice of and provides written record of the church’s annual and special meetings, and has charge of its membership records.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

A note from the Deacon's Subcommittee

The Deacons' Subcommittee is charged to review candidates for membership on the Nominating Committee, which then reviews candidates for Elder. The Subcommittee has done its work and the four candidates have been presented to you, the congregation, for your consideration. If you are interested in the process by which the Deacon's Subcommittee went about its work, Charles Peltz, Chair, (charles.peltz@necmusic.edu), is eager to share with you information about that process. Contact him and he will answer any questions you may have.



Dahlia Hilario

"I grew up in a Christian household in Guatemala. I first attended Park Street Church during my college years and returned in 2021 after moving back to Boston. I've come to deeply appreciate Park Street's beautiful music, its central presence in the city, and the richness of its intergenerational community. Most of all, I'm grateful for the true-gospel friendships I've found here.

At Park Street, I serve on the hospitality committee and co-lead a small group—both of which have been meaningful ways to connect and grow alongside others. Professionally, I've spent over a decade in the investment management industry, starting in data analytics and now leading a strategy and transformation team. I enjoy solving complex problems and working across teams to build consensus. Outside of work and church, I also volunteer with the Junior League of Boston, which allows me to stay engaged in the broader community."



Joe Koon

I was raised Catholic in Pittsburgh, PA and moved to Boston after graduating. While I did believe in Jesus, I was leading a very secular life. Work and socializing dominated my time and decisions until God intervened.

I was introduced to my wife, Anna, through friends. After what can only be described as a God-guided courtship, we married a year later. Given our experience, we wanted to be intentional about God's role in our marriage. After settling in our Jamaica Plain condo, we began looking for a church. After trying a few local options, we heard Gordon Hugenberger preaching on the radio. God was intervening again! The very next weekend, we began attending Park Street.

I have now spent nearly half my life at PSC. The community has served us well through tough seasons, and we have tried to give back through a number of ministries. I am grateful for all I have gained through Park Street Church. Anna and I

would not have the marriage we enjoy, the friends we depend on, and the Biblical knowledge we thrive on without this church.



Joshua Morla

“I was born in the Dominican Republic. I grew up in a Christian family where God used my parents to teach me the Bible at an early age. By the grace of God, I was called to salvation during my high school years at Logos Christian Academy. I got baptized and immediately became a member of Iglesia Biblica del Señor Jesucristo, the very first and largest Reformed Baptist Church in the Dominican Republic. Since then, I have been involved in serving on several ministries, including Sunday school teacher, the church worship team, local mission trips, and Young Adult Small Group Coordinator, among others. Later on, I moved to Florida in 2015 to continue my studies in Miami, where I regularly attended Christ Fellowship Church, and then continued serving the Lord at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.

Since moving to Boston in September 2023, Park Street Church has been my church home, where God has called me to contribute, given me the opportunity to serve in the Young Adults Cafe Ministry, and has been an instrument to share the good news of the gospel with the Hispanic community in Boston, bringing some of them to visit the church. I believe that being an active member of the church, rather than a passive receiver, is a sign of Christ’s love in my life. What I love the most about Park Street Church is its commitment to the non-negotiable cornerstone beliefs of the Scriptures and its passion for missions.

“I Resolved, that I will live so, as I shall wish I had done when I come to die.” — Jonathan Edwards.”



Paul Burke

“I grew up in a Christian home in San Diego, moving to Boston in 1986 to attend graduate school at MIT. Except for a hiatus from 1997-2010, when I lived out of the area, I have attended Park Street Church since then. I currently live downtown, and work in the biotech sector. Over the years I have been involved in various ministries ranging from Sunday school and small groups; teaching English through FOCUS; and the pandemic-era Fireside Chats. I have also had the privilege of being able to support some of our missionaries in various ways. Some of the many things I appreciate about Park Street are its doctrinal integrity, and the centrality of the Sunday worship service in our church life. As stated in John 4:24, “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” My hope for our church is that we live up to the high calling that we have in Christ (Titus 2:11-14).”

CURRENT OFFICERS, ELDERS & MEMBERS *of the* NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHURCH OFFICERS

Gregg Hansen—is currently serving as Assistant Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Assistant Treasurer on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

Gabriel Ling—is currently serving as Treasurer and his term will be complete at the 2026 Annual Meeting.

Geoffrey Raux—is currently serving as Moderator. Having been elected to that position in 2025, Geoff's term as Moderator is completed at the 2028 Annual Meeting.

Margaret Sloat—is currently serving as interim Church Clerk and is a candidate for a one-year term as Clerk on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

Julianne White—is currently serving as Missions Treasurer and is a candidate for another one-year term as Missions Treasurer on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

BOARD OF ELDERS

The following members of the Board of Elders, Class of 2026, are serving terms which expire as of the 2026 Annual Meeting:

Julie Halvorsen—is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

Mary Harvey—is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

Kirstin Peltz—is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

Andrew Ziegler—is currently serving as Elder and is a candidate for another term on the 2026 Annual Meeting ballot.

The following members of the Board of Elders are serving terms which continue, respectively, until the 2027 or 2028 Annual Meeting as indicated below:

Class of 2027

Richard Ibekwe
Jake Lubinski
Daniel Vogelzang
Joshua Wang

Class of 2028

Andrew Buckler
David Murgatroyd
Steven Weibley
John Yee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members of the Nominating Committee, Class of 2026, are serving terms which expire as of the 2026 Annual Meeting:

Class of 2026

Marana Avant
Debra Mulley
Greg O'Brien
Bonnie Ziegler

The following members of the Nominating Committee are serving terms which continue, respectively, until the 2027 or 2028 Annual Meeting as indicated below:

Class of 2027

Lyford Beverage
John Carlson
Tom Kane
Bryan Robinson

Class of 2028

Acacia Abraham
Sam Greydanus III
Mark Halvorsen
Sabina Yungton