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Kevin Astor
Human Resources Elder

From a very young age I experienced the Lord in my life – I can see that He carried me, even before I had a relationship with Jesus Christ. I grew up spending time in the Catholic Church with my grandparents and my mom – I went up through my first communion. During that part of my life, time with God was not regular or frequent, but there were special moments that left me with a sense of God’s wonder. As I aged into high school, church became more infrequent, but I also believe a sense of what I was missing grew inside me. Friends brought me to Trinity just as my senior year started. The experience of joining this vibrant group of believers made complete sense to me and filled what I hadn’t fully realized was empty. That summer, Dave Ujifusa led me in committing my life to Jesus Christ – at that moment at summer camp, it was simple, it made total sense. My senior year of high school I was “all in.” The culminating experience for me was going on a spring break Urban Plunge deputation to serve the least of our neighbors. I went away to college and struggled leaving my close Christian friends and my home church. At that time, many aspects of worship and church were very different on the East Coast where I was attending school. Towards the end, though, through experiences with Intervarsity and through brothers and sisters with whom God blessed me, I found a more intimate and powerful relationship with Jesus. Returning home to Tustin, I was ready to serve and found that opportunity in Trinity’s Junior High Ministry. Serving in youth ministry was a profound place where I was able to learn deeply about the Lord and do significantly for Him. Since then, I have served as a Deacon and an Elder. I was able to participate on multiple committees including working with amazing teams to call our Head of Staff and multiple Associate Pastors. Most recently, I have had the pleasure to support Trinity on the HR team. I have enjoyed the opportunities to serve the congregation and have had a wife, Diane, who is amazing enough to support me in those efforts. I’m a husband, a father of four and a high school principal. I struggle with each of those responsibilities and fully realize that whatever I do well is by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is who helps me make sense of my call in an often troubled and troubling world. I am humbled to be in a position to serve and will do so relying on the Lord’s help.



Gayle Bradford
Care Ministry Elder

I was told as early as a toddler about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I don’t remember a time when Jesus was not a part of my life. My parents, wonderful Sunday school teachers, camp counselors, choir directors, youth leaders, and more we’re always there guiding and teaching me. As a third grader at Forest home, I made my first public confirmation of my faith. As a 13-year-old, I again declared my face before the congregation of Trinity and became a member. I first came to Trinity when I was six weeks old, brought by parents along with my older brother. I grew up here, got married here, and raised my daughter here. I stay here because I am challenged to be who God wants me to be. I always grow through what is taught from the pulpit, sung from the choirs, and from a multitude of other opportunities provided here at Trinity.

Through the example of my family, I have always known that serving is an important part of the church family. I have been an elder and a deacon. I have taught Sunday school, and I worked with both junior high and high school. I have participated in many of the choirs at church. I have also counseled at camp, worked with VBS, and been a small group leader. I am currently on the Health Ministry Team and the Worship & Music Ministry Team. God has given me a passion for His church, and I want to serve Him.

My life right now is in a time of transition. My daughter is in her sophomore year of college, away in Colorado, so my husband and I are empty nesters. Then, after over 33 years of being a nurse at UCI Medical Center, I retired at the end of April. My life is very different now, but I am often turning to God for guidance, and He is ever faithful in showing me the path for my spiritual journey.

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Evan Jansen
Finance Elder

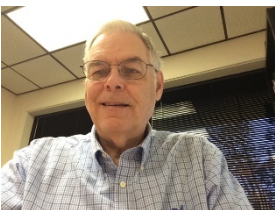
I grew up in the mid-west and was blessed to grow up in a family and a greater church community that loved the Lord and lived it. My parents sacrificed greatly to send me to Christian Schools and for me that helped form pillars that strengthened my faith journey. Though I considered myself a Christian to that point, I made a public profession of my faith in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior when I was 18.

When I met my wife at the University, we thought one of the challenges in our life ahead would be that I had a Calvinist background, and she came from the Baptist tradition. I think God laughed. We have been married 38 years now and I have had innumerable opportunities to see God's hand in the challenges and blessings of life. Through each one of those trials my faith in God and his good plan for me is the rock that I count on, and that I do not understand how folks can live without. My wife and I are parents to two adult children, a son, and a daughter. We have three grandchildren; a grandson whom God called home, and two grand girls who keep us occupied many weekends.

We have attended Trinity since our first visit which happened to be Doug's installation service. Though we loved Doug's sermon that day, what really impressed us about Trinity was the youth choir. Any church that had that many teenagers involved in service had something going right. Prior to attending Trinity, I served as deacon at other churches and was involved in missionary support committees. Here at Trinity, I have been a deacon with the communion ministry and served a year as Deacon Moderator. In addition, I have been involved on the Community Ministries committee for a number of years and a member of the Trinity softball team for about 10 years (teaches perseverance).

My career path has primarily been in the University arena. After 20 years in student housing operations, I have spent another 20 in the design and construction sector primarily managing project financial performance and the tools that tracked that at UCI and now in consulting with other University owners.

When I received the phone call regarding a leadership role at Trinity, I wouldn't be honest if I didn't say I feel inadequate. But I know that there is a wonderful support committee and team that I will be working long with. Even with that I know I can rely on God's promise to strengthen me for what lies ahead.



Dick Lee
Facilities Elder

I grew up in a casually religious home. My Dad and I attended church most Sundays, my mother and siblings did not often attend. I came to accept God during 6th grade confirmation classes; at that point I understood that Jesus is my personal Lord and Savior.

But the turning point, I think, in terms of real understanding and growth was after my wife Karol and I moved to Minnesota, joined a church and started to get involved. Soon after that, we became pregnant. Tragically, we lost our first child after 33 days; I do not know how we would have made it through the time after that without our Lord and the support of our church. I do not understand how people can sanely make it through tragedies without God. At that point we became much more involved in learning about God and have been part of Bible studies pretty much ever since then. I understand that God is with me at all times, through the day and night. This gives me great assurance, not only of my earthly life, but for the life that is yet to come.

At Trinity, I've been an usher, an elder, and chair of the nominating committee. I also serve in many behind-the-scenes support functions such as A/V operations, the Welcome Cart, and the Double R Ranch work. I'm honored to be asked to serve again.

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My wife Karol is also active at Trinity and is currently serving as a Deacon. We are both retired (Karol as a teacher, me in sales, finance, technical, and management roles). We have two grown daughters, happily married to Christian men. It's a blessing to see how the four of them are raising our four grandchildren to love and understand our Lord.



Nancy Mosqueira
Children's Ministry Elder

I was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1973 of Egyptian immigrant parents. All my family are Christians on both sides and, as a matter of fact, I recently discovered that I come from a very long line of faithful Christians. We were Abd-El-Nessih (“adoring the Messiah”) and Antaki (from Antioch) on my mom’s side by way of Palestine and El-Issa (Jesus) on my father’s side by way of Crete and Cypress. However, growing up, all I knew was that my grandmothers had lanterns and icons and we were Greek Orthodox but little else. My father has always prayed every day, but it seemed to me it was a private ritual, and he never shared his faith with me. So, I grew up in Catholic Montreal going to a Greek Orthodox church maybe once a year and when I did, the service was in Greek, so I did not understand. Even on our wedding day, there were so many rituals to observe, like circling the altar three times and wearing golden crowns, but I failed to grasp the meaning of any of it. I now realise that what I was missing was someone to share Jesus with me - I think my family expected our generation to catch on by osmosis! Anyhow, I believe this is why I have such a thirst for learning about God and a passion for sharing the Gospel, starting with my family. It was not until we moved to California in 2011, that I finally heard the message of the Gospel at Trinity. It was then that my heart broke open; it was then that I saw so clearly how God had been relentlessly pursuing me all my life and preparing me and guiding me, and our family, to this point. It all started with a simple invitation from Cindy Slay, Pastor Jeff Wagner’s sister. God provided a lovely friend for our daughter Léa, in kindergarten, in the person of Katie Slay. Those two have just started 7th grade, by the way, and are still the best of friends. Cindy invited Léa to join the choir at Trinity and so, despite our initial misgivings about church, Josh and I came to hear her sing. I soon found that I wanted to come every Sunday, singing or no singing. Those first two or three years were wonderful yet difficult. I was parched and could not be filled quickly enough; I joined an anchor group with Sherry Metcalfe and read through The Story, which was my first exposure to the Word of God. At the same time, my husband Josh was struggling with his faith, not having been brought up in the church at all. There were many prayers (and many tears) at that time. In Summer 2013, I had a medical scare and that precipitated my growth while also motivating Josh in his walk of faith. I remember, one Sunday during that summer we sang the song “Jesus Saves” in the Sanctuary and I broke down and said Yes! That’s what I want! And invited Jesus into my heart. I did not know about the ABC’s of faith or anything else, all I knew was that I wanted, needed, Jesus in my life. I am glad to say that Josh eventually came to feel that way too and our girls have been Christians for as long as they can remember. For the past four years now, I have been studying Precepts with Jessica Gazzaniga and that, along with the amazing teaching from the pulpit here at Trinity, has been life changing. We started by studying Romans in Precepts and that was my first Bible study ever and it was in the Foundations of our Faith, how perfect! We moved on to Daniel the following year and then Luke last year and we have just started the Book of Acts. This past summer, I also had the privilege of joining Marsha Butler and some fantastic ladies from Trinity in a study on the Letter of James, which was a real blessing and has been very helpful in anchoring spiritual discipline in my daily life. I cannot begin to express how thankful I am for the journey I am on, for the wonderful fellowship here at Trinity, for the teaching and the grace and compassion God has shown in bringing us here. Our life is radically different than what it once was – I am a completely transformed person and I know that I owe it all to God. I really seek to share that with all those around me. Our two daughters will readily say that there are “cringy” moments, as they put it, when I invite people and acquaintances to church or events. I just don’t want anyone to miss Jesus, like I did until I was 40 years old! I now know that in Jesus we have everything and apart from Him, we have nothing. The thought that I could have lived the next forty years of my life like the first forty years motivates me into action. I also want to take up the torch

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that was handed down through past generations in my family and make sure that I disciple my children and pray that they will, in turn, disciple their children and grandchildren.



Chris Simpson
Technology Elder

“And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!” -Stuart K Hine

God and church have been a part of my life since I was born. My parents were both active in our local church – in those days, my Father a leader in the congregation and my mother the church organist. Growing up, “church” was never just an hour commitment on Sunday morning. Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior was part of the evolution of who I was raised to be, and I don’t have a specific date or event that stands out. Sunday School, Youth Groups, bible studies, and spiritual growth retreats, like Wayfarers, fed and nurtured me – but also challenged me to think more deeply about my relationship with God and what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

When you join the United Methodist Church (the denomination I was raised in), you agree to support the church with your, “Prayers, Presence, Gifts, and Service”. I have always tried to live out my life in a way that allows God to use me in each of those four areas to bring glory to Him, deepening my faith, and using my spiritual gifts to help the local church fulfill its mission in the world.

I’ve been married to my wife, Susan, for 30 years (we met in third grade Sunday School) and we have two children: Leia (13) and Christian (10). We started attending Trinity on Christmas Eve of 2015, attracted by its strong children’s and music ministry programs and after watching several of Pastor Doug’s prior sermons online. For the past four years I have been blessed to serve as the pianist for Trinity’s Kings Class for their worship at the start of their class each week.

I have worked for the Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) for the past 30 years and am currently the Senior Vice President and Chief Information and Technology Officer. I am humbled and grateful to be able to leverage my experience and expertise to support Trinity’s ministry and look forward to whatever God has in store for me on this next step in my spiritual journey



Cheryl Williams
Adult Ministries Elder

I grew up in a Christian home. We attended church regularly with me being involved in Sunday School, choir, and Wednesday services. Church life was important in those early years. When I was in the 4th grade I accepted Jesus as my Savior and was baptized by immersion. I equate my spiritual walk to a journey with peaks, valleys, twists, turns, and detours. God has used them to help me be firmly rooted. I can look back and see God’s hand on my life. I know God has patiently waited for me during some of the detours in my life. I can attribute a lot of my spiritual growth when I started attending a women’s small group. These ladies were mentors to me in countless ways. With time and maturity, I see God drawing me to himself with his everlasting kindness. I know I am his beloved daughter and he delights in me.

In my daily walk, I see God’s glorious creation around me. He made our world a beautiful place. I can see his power and might in the thunderstorms and hurricanes but also his good gifts in the rainbows and hummingbirds. I also try

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to see other people as God sees them. They are also his creation, and he desires that no one should perish. Daily I remind myself that God is in complete control, and he has a plan and purpose for my life and for his creation.

I believe God has called me to go through this process through prayer, nudging in my spirit, a sermon, and a song. When the prayer occurred, it didn't make sense to me at the time. In the coming days, I felt the Lord speak to me through these various sources. I said yes to the process and trusted the Lord in it.

I'm currently serving as the Team Captain for Trinity's World Vision team. We run endurance events to give children clean water. I'm also active in a weekly small group and women's Bible study. I serve on the Board of the Orange County Jail Ministry as the Secretary/Treasurer.

My husband, Ben, and I have been married for 39 years. We have 3 grown children.



Mike Costello
PrimeTimers Deacon

I was raised in the Episcopal Church and then in high school I walked away from the church. The church I attended at the time did not have a high school group like Trinity does and I never felt connected.

Then, when I started dating my future wife in my late twenties Debbie (my wife for forty two years) made it clear that she would attend church regularly and if I wanted to be with her I would have to come along. She was attending Trinity and I would join her whenever I was not backpacking on the weekends. After some time I realized that George Munzing preached differently than most of the priests I had heard. George actually preached from the bible and made it come alive for me. After years of hit and miss attendance. I heard about a class offered at Trinity called Basic Christianity using the book by John Stott and I decided to attend. At one of these class meetings the leader Clay Miller asked if I had ever accepted Jesus into my heart. I had to say no but that I did believe that Jesus is the only son of God and that he died to take away my sins. He invited me to pray and ask Jesus into my heart. After that I felt like hearing the word only once a week was not good enough for me. I read through the bible in a few months and now I can never get enough of God's word. I try to make reading God's word a daily habit.

Debbie and I got married here at Trinity in 1979 by George Munzing. All three of our children grew up here at Trinity. I have been an Elder and a Deacon several times in the past. God has used me in ways I never would have felt possible. I have been an usher for years serving at memorial services. God always seems to come and meet with the family members in their time of need and it is always an honor to be a part of that graduation day to heaven.

Trinity has always given me a place to practice being a part of what God is doing in this hurting world. When serving as a cook for the Prime Timers and on other occasions I was often surprised at how God used me to bless others. Jesus has called us to love one another. I have been involved in small groups for more than thirty five years and witnessed God working in my life and in the lives of my friends when we give ourselves over to Him and love one another.

I am so old I cannot remember everything that God has done to bless me as a covenant partner here at Trinity. I do know that God can use me even when I'm old. I claim Psalm 92 where it says "But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit: they will remain vital and green. They will declare. "The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is no evil in him!"

This past year not attending worship in person has been very unpleasant. I have missed worship in person and I don't know how I would have survived without worship services on line. I give a big thank you to the church for providing that opportunity. I love to sing with fellow Christians especially in the sanctuary.

My only hope is in Jesus and I know that when the Holy Spirit is working in me and I am following His lead God will be glorified.

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Michael Crandall
Communion Deacon

I believe that God created the universe. He exists as a triune being. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons in the one God. Humanity sinned and fell under God's wrath. Jesus, the Son, is both completely God and completely human. He came to earth to live a sinless human life. He died a hideous death at the hands of men but was resurrected in three days.

This was all foretold by prophecies dating back centuries.

I believe humanity is inherently sinful. The only way to escape sin is to admit that we have failed and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. It contains no errors. Therefore, if there is a conflict between people and the Scripture, the problem does not lie with the Scripture.

I've been a Christian since I was about three. I accepted Jesus while riding in the car with my parents. My father and mother constantly taught me and my brother about the Bible and the ways of God. They are the two biggest influences on my spiritual life. Being raised in a Christian home has really strengthened my faith. I still remember doing Bible studies in the backyard with Dad and my mother singing me Christian lullabies at bedtime.

I often think about the grand scheme of the universe. I believe that without a relationship with God, life is utterly meaningless. Once a person accepts Jesus, their life becomes eternally worthwhile. God will love us forever and we will get to do the same for Him.

I attended Covenant Christian School from 1st through 8th grade, then went to Eastside Christian High School in Fullerton. After that, I went to Santa Ana College and then transferred to UC Berkeley, where I was a member of Alpha Gamma Omega, a Christian fraternity.

I have acted and done stand-up comedy professionally, and I intend to return to those pursuits. The entertainment world as a whole is very much opposed to Jesus. And I try to glorify Him through the content I create.

My faith in Jesus effects my whole life. I try to make my choices based on what God wants his children to do. I don't always succeed, of course. But I strive to obey God's instructions in both large and small decisions. Of course, if I don't succeed, I can take comfort in God's everlasting forgiveness.

At present I work full time as an attractions host and trainer at Disney California Adventure. On Saturdays, I volunteer at the Sheepfold Thrift Store. I also have the privilege of being part of the Ushers at Trinity for Sunday morning services.

I am delighted at the prospect of becoming a deacon at Trinity. Serving in God's house is a great honor. I've enjoyed being an usher and I appreciate the opportunity to serve in another capacity.

I look forward to serving at Trinity United.



Susan Eilenberg
Samaritan Care Center Deacon

When I read the bible at age 15, a light went on in my head. I went from not understanding what I read to Jesus being alive in all his Word and becoming my best friend. He guided me to make wise decisions, including marrying Marc. After a year of dating and attending church together, I was going to break up with him because he was not a Christian. The breakup would be tough because I REALLY liked him. But before I could tell him the bad news, he told me that he had just become a Christian! We fell in love that week and became engaged the next.

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We joined Trinity as newlyweds and began casting off our old worldly ways and putting on Christ's righteous thinking through our faith in Him. We were well trained by many at Trinity and began studying the bible regularly. Early on, we began building up our now 40+ year marriage by committing to a rich, three-way partnership with Christ. When we had two sons, I would carefully watch how God worked through the other mothers. At women's retreats, I would spend time with the wise, more experienced mothers to learn parenting skills.

Two years ago, well after I had retired from being a corporate Principal Accountant, I was blessed by Trinity's Inner Healing program after I had received a year of counseling. The counseling and healing came about because while I was being trained to become a Stephen Minister, I had shared some details of my childhood with a fellow Stephen Minister. When she saw me struggle in some of the training, the Lord guided her to recommend counseling because "Your parents hurt you." I wrote down my story of inner healing which I would love to email you (just ask the church office for my contact info). It describes how Jesus brought forgiveness and love into the deep, hidden parts of my soul. The Lord completed his good work in that stage of healing, and I have been celebrating ever since.

Our merciful and gracious Lord guided me to accept becoming a Stephen Minister even when I felt inadequate. After completing my training, He guided me to agree to be a care giver to a wonderful care receiver in spite of my fears of causing harm. He actually used my own healing process to keep my dependence only on Him as He used me to help my care receiver. All I needed was faith in Him, not trust in myself. That lesson is what I have been teaching children in Sunday School for more than 20 years! My care receiver enjoyed reading my story of healing—all to the Lord's glory. In gratitude for all we had seen Christ do in both of us, we closed our formal Stephen Ministry relationship according to His timing.

In faith, I believe the Lord wants to use me in Trinity's Samaritan Care ministry and now is the time for me to serve Him there.



Andrea Grant
Samaritan Care Center Deacon

I am a child of God! He is the potter, and I am the clay.

I did not grow up in the Christian faith. As a young family we attended the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana. As a child I attended Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. I first heard the Gospel message at Calvary Church of Santa Ana under the leadership of Pastor Michael Samsvick.

My Mother-in-law, Evelyn Grant (a Proverbs 31 woman), was the greatest spiritual influence in my life at that time. Her unconditional love, life of faith and service made me want to have what she had.... a living relationship with the one, true God. I put my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 22.

My faith journey has been grounded, guided, illuminated, and blessed through the study of God's inerrant Word. I have participated in Bible study my entire Christian life. My first experience with a Bible study was on a one-to-one basis. A sister in the Lord would come to my home and we would study God's word together. After that, I attended a weekly Women's Bible study at Calvary Church for many years. I am currently involved in Bible Study Fellowship and have been for the last 21 years. God's Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

God has given me a passion to serve Him and to serve others. Over the years I have had the privilege to serve in many wonderful ministries: Vacation Bible School (40 plus years), Girls for Christ (AWANA), New Mom's Ministry, Child Evangelism Fellowship, and a group leader in Bible Study Fellowship. Currently I am committed to serving in Samaritan's Care each month. God is faithful and I give Him all the glory and praise.

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We have been attending Trinity for the last 10 years and I have been a Covenant Partner for 8. We feel so blessed to be a part of a body of believers who live to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. The church is dedicated to missions, service to community, youth ministries, wellness outreaches, and fellowship opportunities. Trinity is alive in Christ.

I am a wife, a mother and a grandmother. We have four grown children, two boys and two girls. We have 8 Grandchildren ages 25 years to 11 months. My husband and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary at the end of September 2021. Time has passed quickly. God has been faithful to us in the highs and in the lows. He has been our Rock.

God's Word is rich and beautiful; the Truth we can count on. I stand on the promises of God knowing that I can trust His word. These are some of the foundational promises that guide my faith:

I can do all things in Christ who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Each should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



Trisha Hancock
Disabilities Ministries Deacon

I was baptized and grew up in the Methodist Church, attended Sunday School, church camps, etc., but did not fully commit my life to Christ until I was a mother of two young girls and experiencing a crisis in my former marriage. My first inclination was to pray, journal, and seek spiritual counsel and healing. I started attending Bible Study Fellowship, began leading children, and have remained in the word, in prayer, and in Christian community, putting my complete trust in the Lord. God divinely brought Jim Hancock and I together in 2016. He has been attending and involved in life at Trinity since he was a child. I immediately felt welcomed and began taking part in as many women's, family, and community events as possible. I joined the Precepts bible study here in 2018, participated twice with my family in the Mexico Home Build, and I currently serve in our children's ministry.

Jesus is my personal savior, God's one and only son, who came down from heaven to become a human being, suffered death by crucifixion, and rose again to save the world from our sin, which leads to death. Scripture is God's word, His truth, my daily bread and my manual for life. My faith in the Lord is everything, my hope, my guide, my encouragement, and my correction.

I have always loved serving within a community of believers wherever the Lord has led me and seeing the body of Christ in action. I have been blessed with two daughters (ages 21 and 18) and two stepsons (ages 13 and 15) and an amazing husband to partner with as we do our best to be intentional with our time together, with our family, and apart from one another. I work full-time from home as a lead Educational Facilitator for a public charter school, coming alongside families and supporting them in their individualized learning plans and I am very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work with several members of our congregation.

At this time, and after much prayer and discussion, I believe God is calling me into leadership and deeper community here at Trinity and I look forward to seeing what God can and will do through me in this role of Disabilities Deacon.

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Carlo Luetto
Deacon's Assistance Fund Deacon

I grew up in a Christian home and my family was very involved at Holy Family Catholic church in Artesia, California. I grew up on a vegetable farm in the area surrounded by Dairy Valley. The vast majority of our communities were church members or Dairy farmers whom were members of the Dutch reform church. Kathy and I spent over 35 years raising our two daughters Sarah and Kristen at Irvine Presbyterian. During our years at IPC, I traveled extensively for work worldwide but still found time to travel to Mexico for building projects, orphanage support, ushering, Men's fellowships and many other activities. Jesus Christ has always a central part of my life and trusted in God's providing for our needs along with that of the community. I have always strived to be a support to the people around me and guidance from the Bible in our chaotic lives in a fallen world. Faith and family are the center point of my life and the blessings that God has bestowed upon me in my life are tremendous gifts.

I am very committed to supporting Trinity with my efforts and look forward to being a productive member of the Deacon's fund group. My transition to retirement is underway and I'm looking forward to having more time to focus on these activities. I've retired from my career in the Medical Device industry within many start-up organizations and will only be doing limited consulting in the future. Trinity has been a wonderful church for us in our short 3 years and we look forward to applying our skills to see how God uses them in our future.



Kathy Luetto
New Covenant Partners Deacon

I grew up in a Christian Home where involvement in the Church was a centerpiece of our daily lives. My parents taught Sunday School, held positions of leadership in Session, as Deacons and in Children's Ministries. I do not remember a time that we were not actively engaged in the church. I came to a Personal Relationship with Christ at Forest Home during a Junior High summer camp. I remember being so moved by the atmosphere that night, I truly felt God calling me to a deeper, more committed personal relationship with Him. Following my decision, I became active in the High School group at St. Andrew's Presbyterian and attended a little church in Corvallis, Oregon while in college. We were involved at Irvine Presbyterian Church for over 30 years while raising our daughters. I was active in Children's Ministry, Women's Ministries and served as a Deacon and was a School Board Member for Jenny Hart Preschool at IPC. My Faith is an important part of my Daily Life, giving me a focus and purpose in all that I do. I have recently retired from teaching at St. Paul's Preschool here in Tustin where I met many families from Trinity. Their introduction gave us the first welcome to a Church Home where we can serve God and grow in our Faith. At Trinity we felt immediately encouraged to get involved through the Holiday Meals program and then small groups for sermon series and Marriage Courses. We have greatly enjoyed making new friends and further developing relationships with fellow believers. I believe God is once again calling me to a new Ministry here at Trinity. I am excited to see what God has in store for me!



Karen Mahoney
PrimeTimers Deacon

I have been a Christian my entire life, and attended 1st Presbyterian Church in Monrovia, CA.

When and how Jesus Christ became my personal Lord and Savior:

In High School my best friend became involved in the Jesus Movement of the '70's. She invited me to participate in a Christian musical called 'The Peter Concert,' portraying the life and ministry of Simon Peter. It was during this time that my decision to follow Jesus Christ became a personal one.

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How my faith makes a difference in my daily life:

In daily decisions on how I spend my time, talent, money, and how I treat my fellow man, applying Matthew 22:37-39
37 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and
greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Why I feel called to be a Deacon:

I served as a Deacon at Placentia Presbyterian Church. During a Precepts Bible Study, we studied Spiritual Gifts. The study reinforced my belief that I have the Spiritual gifts of help, service and mercy. Furthermore, A Dear friend once said to me, “I always admire your natural Deacon’s heart, you shepherd and care for others in need, especially the flock.” Her comments further confirm that I feel called to the Deacon ministry.

Current involvement at Trinity and other ministries: I attend Sunday Church regularly. I am active in the Women’s Bible Studies. I have started to regularly assist at PrimeTimers. I also attend Reunion Night. Finally, my husband and I are planning on attending the Reformation Tour planned for June 2022.

Information about my family and work:

My husband and I were married Presbyterian, and we joined Placentia Presbyterian Church around 1987, a year prior to our daughter being born. Our daughter is a believer and was brought up at Placentia Presbyterian Church. She was married in 2018. She and her husband live in Humboldt County and are checking out several churches in the area. I am a native Californian, grew up in the San Gabriel Valley, and attended Monrovia High School. I graduated from Cal State Fullerton, with a BA in Psychology.

Following college, I worked as a Claims Adjuster with Allstate Insurance in Santa Ana. I worked in the insurance industry a little over 40 years, and retired from AMICA Insurance in Costa Mesa about five (5) years ago.

I am active in my community, and serve as VP of Activities for the Placentia Founders Society, whose sole purpose is the preservation of the Bradford House, the home of A.S. Bradford, founder of Placentia, and a pioneer in Orange County’s citrus industry. I also serve as a docent at the Bradford House as well. I look forward to serving at Trinity and to continue to grow in my faith.



Shirley Penning
Samaritan Care Center Deacon

I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal savior on April 17, 1948, at a Young Life camp. He has been my rock and best friend ever since.

There have been many different seasons in my Christian life. That of a “gung-ho” new Christian teen, one as a young woman working for the first time, one as a newlywed and then busy young mother, one as a rather young widow, one as a confused divorcee, one as a mature wife and homemaker, and once again as a widow; this time a senior who is living alone. With the Lord’s help, I have tried to be an active, productive church member through all the years.

The Lord has walked with me through all of the good times and carried me through all of the bad times; I have grown closer to him during each season and can’t imagine life without him. I now have more time to study and pray and to give more time to help in his work in any way that I can.

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Richard Schultz
Community Pantry Deacon

I grew up in a Christian family in rural Minnesota and regularly attended weekly Church and Sunday School at a small Lutheran Church. I believe that I became saved during my youth between 8-10 years old but recommitted my life to Christ my early 20s in Southern California at a time when the Lord surrounded me with Christian friends.

I have been fortunate to be involved with very sound bible teaching churches, including Trinity United where I have attended for the last 12 years. I have been part of a men's weekly Bible study group at Trinity for the last 10 years and Encouragers class for several years.

Now, more than ever before, I feel like I am being led by the Holy Spirit to grow in biblical knowledge and understanding so that I may better serve God in my daily walk. I also believe that now may be a good time for me to serve in a church ministry role and look forward to the opportunity to serve as a deacon.

Professionally, I am a personal financial planner and investment advisor. I am married to Cecilia Schultz, and we have two adult daughters, Jessica, and Jennifer.



John Secor
Communion Deacon

Like many others, I was born and raised in a Christian home. During those early years I accepted the Lord as my Savior. And throughout my adult life I have re-committed myself to building a better relationship with my LORD & Savior, Jesus Christ. Trinity United Presbyterian Church has played a significant part of that process. Since my first worship attendance (1975) and up to the present day, I have enjoyed growing my faith through a variety of ministries offered/supported by Trinity United Presbyterian Church.

Through study, worship, and fellowship with other believers, I have become more aware of God's continual blessings. His Mercy, Grace, and Peace are a sustaining attribute in my life and I am humbled daily by his faithfulness. I truly believe that the LORD reveals his love for us through His Word, His Holy Spirit, and the discipleship of his believers. In recognition of God's immense generosity, I hope to serve others by way of my personal, professional, and spiritual gifts. I pray that my efforts will prove to be an acceptable offering to God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).



Chris Troutt
Community Pantry Deacon

I was born in Knoxville Tennessee. I grew up there in the Baptist church. That is where I first heard the good news of Jesus Christ and where I put my faith in him for my salvation. Over time, I strayed from what I knew to be true and right. I rarely attended services, did not read and study and most of my friends were not believers.

Just over two years ago, I was led to examine the state of my spiritual self. I realized that I had been leading a fruitless existence spiritually. I asked for forgiveness and guidance. God began to work in my heart, mind and spirit as never before. I was led to Trinity and a renewed life as a Christ Follower. I am living proof that if you draw near to God, he will draw near to you. I have a long way to go, but I know who my faith is in and I know what I believe. Specifically: I believe in the God of the Bible. He is eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.

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I believe that Jesus Christ is both 100% God and 100% man He was born to a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, took the punishment for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day. He ascended to heaven and will return again one day.

I believe that the Bible is the true Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all truth. I believe that God speaks and teaches through his living word.



Sharon Trout
Disabilities Ministries Deacon

I was not raised in a Christian home, but while at Berkeley High School, I attended Young Life, a friendship evangelism organization for high school students. My Young Life leader was Irene Pietsch, wife of our late minister, Bob Pietsch. She invited me to a Bible study and I learned about Jesus and my need for a relationship with him. At this time, I prayed to accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

I then worshipped at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, where Robert Boyd Munger was the minister and one summer, Mrs. Munger drove their daughter and me to Mount Hermon Christian Conference Grounds, where I was on staff for the summer.

I moved to Los Angeles, met my husband, Noel, who was a volunteer leader with Young Life, and we worshipped at Bel Air Presbyterian Church, where Donn Moomaw was the minister. When we moved to Orange County, Donn Moomaw directed us to his home church, Trinity United Presbyterian Church, and we have been members for 55 years.

We have 3 sons and 8 grandchildren. God is helping me to encourage my family to “keep the faith,” in a world that is challenging in that area. I try to develop friendships with my neighbors and others, to earn the right to be heard and share my faith. One of the ways that God speaks to me and brings growth in my Christian life, is through my study of his Word, and I look forward, each week, to going to Community Bible Study, where I study the Bible with other women.

At Trinity, I have been a Sunday school teacher, involved in Sunday school classes, worked in Prime Timers, and I now work in the Samaritan Care Center. I have been a past Deacon. I enjoy spending time and interacting with people and over the years, I have helped at some socials of the Disability Ministries and I know that I would enjoy being a part of this group.



Alice West
Congregational Life Deacon

I was baptized as a baby and grew up in a Christian home in a tiny Illinois farm town. A few blocks from my house was a small Congregational church where I went to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School as a child, then later participated in the youth group. I chose to become baptized again at age 13 and consider that the time when Jesus became my personal Savior. Eventually I

became a Sunday School teacher and even the church secretary.

When I moved to California for college, I couldn't find a church where I felt at home. So, I made a mistake thinking “I can worship on my own”. Although I never stopped considering myself a Christian, for over 20 years I did not belong to a church. When I had my own children, I knew it was time to change that. I really wanted them to be raised in Sunday School as I was, so in 2003 I began attending Trinity and immediately fell in love with the place!

Getting back into regular church attendance has made such a difference in my daily life. I feel that my faith is much more real and fresh. Any doubts or questions that arise seem to be immediately addressed during the sermons. The

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fellowship I have found there has sustained me through some very rough times the last 18 years and has given me the strength and knowledge to reach out to unbelievers.

I feel called to be a leader of Trinity now for several reasons. My children, who consumed much of my time in prior years, are all grown now. My Anchor group, which had been meeting since 2006, dispersed due to Covid and is another thing no longer on my plate. Plus, I have been running the Doorstep Ministry (which delivers cookies to Trinity's visitors) for about 15 years, and I feel it is time to take on a different role in the church.

Speaking of my children, I have two beautiful daughters (Robia who is 30 and Sabrina who is 23) and an amazing son named Cameron who is 19. My husband, Peter, is my rock and we have been married for 27 years. And I own two businesses. One provides software programming, consulting and training services, mostly for manufacturing companies. The other business is professional home organizing. God has blessed me in these businesses and all areas of my life. I am truly honored to serve Him by using my time and talents at Trinity!



Karen Baker
Nominating Committee

I was raised in a "church going" family but faith was never discussed at home. It was not until I was a teenager that a friend shared her love for God with me and I learned what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus, accepting Christ as my Lord and Savior. But like many new Christians, the roots were not very deep. It was not until Jim, and I got married (35 years ago) that my desire to know God more intimately deepened and I started on a journey of surrendering my life and will to Christ. It is an ongoing refining process, thankfully God is merciful. Spending daily time in the Word, in prayer and in study with others has helped to keep me rooted and challenged to focus on God's call and design for my life.

When we moved to Tustin in 1985, we joined a local Methodist church and were actively involved while raising our sons in this church community. As times changed, we knew we needed to make a move, to find a church where the authoritative Word of God was central to its mission. We started attending Trinity 10 years ago and quickly got involved. I have served in various areas during this time (evangelism, equipping, ushering, hosting at the Gathering Place/HUB, etc.). I have a passion for marriage ministry and feel blessed that Jim and I have been a part of the Marriage Matters team for over 4 years. We have 2 adult sons; one is engaged and the other is getting married in November 2019. God is good!



Kelsey Flewellen
Nominating Committee

My name is Kelsey Flewellen. I live in North Tustin with my husband, Aaron, and two boys. Aaron and I met while attending Chapman University. I grew up in Gig Harbor, WA attending Chapel Hill Presbyterian. Chapel Hill offered families and kids so many opportunities to be involved in our church community, which is what initially attracted me to Trinity when I was looking for a church while pregnant with our first child.

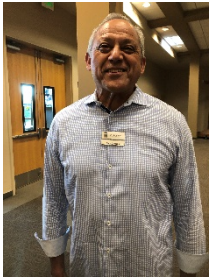
I've been a follower of Jesus from the age of 6 and am so fortunate that I had a grandmother who made every effort to help me come to know Him. Grandma Smith gave me my first storybook Bible, and then a Precious Moments bible,

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and finally a Bible I still read today. Most key moments in my faith have ties to a Bible - pouring over incredible stories in early elementary school, building a relationship with God through studying the word in church youth group and as a Young Life leader, to just this last year, going deeper in my faith through Precepts.

It was this past year, when the world went quiet and the events and obligations that kept me so insanely busy suddenly didn't exist, I found myself with an opportunity and desire to build a deeper community here in my neighborhood. Precepts brought me closer to God and Street Church helped me realize that church is not the building, but the people. I feel called to get more involved in this community and I look forward to serving the body at Trinity.

As my professional work is in Talent Acquisition/Recruiting, serving on the Nominations Committee feels like an excellent fit. I look forward to helping others at Trinity find their calling and role here in our church family.



Dino Quesada
Nominating Committee

I was raised in a Catholic household. My parents made sure that all 7 boys were baptized, Holy Communion and Confirmation. MY wife, Leola, brought our family to Trinity where she started teaching 4- and 5-year-olds with Janet Hendry. We attended then called Inquirers Class with among others, Gene & Babette Longobardi. George Munzing was just a dad who coached little league. But he was so much more. I was so honored to join this church as I grew in faith through Promise Keepers and Bible Study Fellowship. The everyday problems and situations were much easier to deal with knowing that Jesus loved me. Jesus desires that we fellowship with others and help them grow in the Lord. I have been a part of Sunday Senior Bus Ministry, Donut Ministry and a previous term with the Nominating Committee. We are proud parents of Jessica and Danny and grandparents to Gracie June & Lane Quesada.