

Greetings from the Nominations Committee,

Once again, we are proud to put forward this slate of individuals for your consideration to serve our region in the upcoming church year.

Our committee made over 150 reach-outs to folks both serving on committees and not, between September and May. This included phone calls, emails, virtual meetings, and in-person conversations. This is life-giving work that is vital to the work of this region and arguably needs to be done more by all its servants.

Many people report being busy with multiple church tasks with their community of faith, in the broader community, or are volunteering in other ways that make their lives busy. Since the pandemic, we note that many individuals simply reassessed how they were spending their time and focused on things that either provided them with a tangible impact or things that were closer to home. That has undoubtedly made our work harder.

We had a very small list of folks who declined to continue serving, and in most cases, were folks who were 'termed out'. Our hope is that after some time away, these folks will return to our slate in another role that interests them.

We always welcome further conversation on the roles that remain unfilled or how we can reach folks across our region in a better way. While we are a strong and mighty team, we can always use folks pointing us in the direction of those who are willing to serve.

A particular thank you to Julie Graham and Judy Hare, who thoughtfully contributed to our committee's work.

Respectfully submitted,

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