



**2019**

**Parish Council Nominees**

# 2019 Parish Council Election

## VOTING PROCEDURES

### ADVANCE BALLOTS

Advance ballots will be accepted through **4pm on January 24, 2019**, in accordance with our Bylaws.

- ♦ **Overland Park** – On January 6, 13, and 20 from 8–11am, Advance Ballots will be available in the Café, and you may cast your vote at that time.
- ♦ **Mission** – On January 6, 13, and 20, Advance Ballots will be available after the service and you may cast your vote at that time.
- ♦ **Overland Park Office** – Beginning January 7, 2019, Advance Ballots will be available in the office between 10am and 2pm, Monday – Friday, and you may cast your vote at that time.

### ANNUAL MEETING VOTING – Sunday, January 27

- ♦ **Overland Park** – At the close of the 8:30am service (approximately 9:30am), the Annual Meeting will officially be called to order and voting will begin in the Café. This voting portion of the Annual Meeting will adjourn at 11:15am.
- ♦ **Mission** – Voting will begin after the service. This voting portion of the Annual Meeting will adjourn at 11:15am.

All ballots from Overland Park and Mission will be held secure and uncounted until Monday morning, January 28, when the Counting Team will assemble and tally.

### ANNUAL MEETING / BUSINESS – Monday, January 28 at 7pm

Voting results will be announced at the Monday Night portion of the Annual Meeting in Disciples' Center at the Overland Park Campus.

## 2018 Parish Council Members

*(asterisks indicate outgoing members)*

Marcia Bergren*	Tim James*	Jana Riddle
Mike Bohon*	Shelly Horner*	Jerry Sabin
Mike Crabb	Matt Larsen	Jan Schwert
Gerry Crawley	Nancy Pennington	Mark Sojka

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Jimmy Adams



Sarah Hartman



Shelly Horner



Tim James



Holly Warren



Tricia Wolf

## **JIMMY ADAMS**

**Active since 2001**

My wife, Kristin, and I were married at Christ Church in 1993, but it wasn't until about 2001 that I started regularly attending. In 2001, I accepted an invitation to attend something called the Alpha Course, and my life was forever changed. Since that first course, I have been serving on Alpha as a helper, host, coach, lead team member, and wherever else I was needed. I most recently led Alpha at Christ Church Mission and loved seeing that community experience the course. The Alpha Course helped me become a Christian and I have seen so many others experience God in ways they never thought possible.

My wife and I have four amazing kids who have all been involved with Student Life and mission trips. During the past 17 years, I have been fortunate enough to be involved in many other ministries that have ultimately blessed me and my family. My wife and I helped lead the Marriage and Parenting Courses. I have been a Life Group leader and have been involved in the training and running of the Men's Encounter Retreats. On these retreats, I also led groups and had the honor of praying for others while serving on the Prayer Team. I have attended several Alpha conferences throughout the years and love to hear and think of new ways to reach those outside our doors.

I am a huge believer in the power of the Church to do positive things in the world and love our current leadership and the plans they have for Christ Church. If called upon to serve, it would be my pleasure to be even a small part in forging the future of this body of people that has already given so much life to me and my family.

## **SARAH HARTMAN**

**Active since 2001**

I graduated from K-State in 2001. During those college summers, I became connected to Christ Church through Summer Staff. I will never forget my first summer at Christ Church and being blown away by the kinds of people I found in this church community. From my first night sleeping at the church when Mel Clymer invited all of us to do laundry at her home any time we needed until now, I have always found Christ Church to be full of people wanting to be engaged not only in the surrounding neighborhood, but also the world.

Over the years I have found God calling me to different seasons of involvement. I have always loved students and have served in the Student Life ministry for many years. In 2007 I moved to Uganda to serve as the executive assistant to Bishop Zac Niringiye. I spent almost two years in Uganda working alongside him, Rev. Alison Barfoot, and Dr. Katie Rhoads. Many parishioners came to serve in Uganda during that time, and I still look back on that season with fondness and joy having watched God bring so many together to serve and focus outwardly.

For the last 10 years I have lived in Kansas City and now work at the University of Kansas Medical Center. I have been serving on the Missions Advisory Council the last two years and most recently rejoined the fall Alpha Course where I fell in love with our church community all over again. To bring seeking friends and have them feel safe and loved is just an amazing experience.

When I reflect upon all the different seasons of my time at Christ Church, the common theme of seeing God at work in and through people never gets old. It is always fresh and exciting. It doesn't matter if that is someone meeting Jesus for the first time by going around the world to serve in Uganda or attending an Alpha Course to ask questions amongst neighbors and new friends.

I think about the Parish Council opportunity as another way be involved in the exciting and new movement of God through Christ Church. I value this team of leaders and this community. I believe that God has new challenges and exciting things for Christ Church; I want to say "yes" to whatever it is God has placed in front of me.

## **SHELLY HORNER**

**Active since 1983**

My husband, Tom, and I grew up in Overland Park and after dating for eight years, we joined Christ Church and were married here in 1983. We have been active members ever since. One of our three adult sons and his family worship at Christ Church Mission, and Tom and I call Christ Church Overland Park home. Over the course of 35 years, we've been involved in many aspects of church life, including Small Groups and participation in the very first Alpha Course pilot. The Lord was gracious to us and showed up in powerful and miraculous ways, changing the lives of many in our Small Group – including ours!

I served for a time on staff in Small Group Development and Alpha Leadership. While I was very blessed by that, our church was ready for the next step, and we welcomed Kirk Wulff on staff to take us to the next level ... and the rest is history.

For several years I helped coordinate the Women's Bible Study with a team of incredible, godly women. I have served in other ministry areas including co-chair of the Mission Auction, Women's Retreat, various VBS teams, Sunday School teacher, Prayer Team member, Liturgical Assistant, Parish Council, coordinator of several Alpha Conferences including one in Honduras, Optimizing Alpha, Spiritual Gifts discovery, Small Group leader for a *Commissioned* Group, and recently served as a member of the lead team for the Wednesday night Alpha Course. We were also "missionaries" to Mill Creek and to the Disciple's Center service when it started - and we've been in the DC ever since!

I am continually overwhelmed at the way the Holy Spirit works in community. I have learned so much about God through the wonderful people I've been connected with through our church. I am passionate about Alpha and bible study in small groups because I have experienced the powerful life-changing

effects of God's word, prayer, and care that happens there. My life verse reflects my gratitude to God for the people He has placed in my life: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to stand for election to the Parish Council.

## **TIM JAMES**

**Active since 2010**

My wife, Courtney, and I began attending Christ Church in 2010. We had just become empty nesters and yearned for more liturgy in worship. While it was one of the driving forces in bringing us here, we quickly fell in love with the Christ Church community.

I serve on the Parish Council, Missions Advisory Council, Prayer Team, and Readers & Intercessors Team. I was born in India, the youngest of five children, to missionary parents. We lived in India and Puerto Rico until, at age 16, my parents felt the call to work at the Nazarene Publishing House here in Kansas City; I have lived in Kansas City since. Courtney and I are blessed to have four adult children and three grandchildren in Kansas City as well.

God, through my parents and mentors, instilled in me the deep need for a personal relationship with him. Courtney and I feel frequently blessed and encouraged to flourish with the wonderful people of Christ Church.

My career has included the roles of graphic artist, software developer, technology leadership, operations, and executive leadership. After three and a half decades of business and ministry leadership, we started a consulting business in 2016. Easily my favorite job ever, I now have the distinct privilege and honor of coaching, mentoring, and leading 30+ business and ministry leaders in the Kansas City area.

I am excited about the future of Christ Church, both imagined and yet to unfold, and can't wait to see how God channels the neighborly, loving energy of this congregation toward the purposes of his Kingdom!

## **HOLLY WARREN**

**Active since 2011**

I began attending Christ Church in 2011 after a friend invited me to attend Alpha. On the Alpha Weekend, the Holy Spirit put on my heart to become a member of this church family. And for that, I thank God daily!

This church has truly become a family to me. I have grown in my faith through my involvement in Alpha, my small group, and having the opportunity to work with some of the most incredible leaders.

It has been a joy and privilege to volunteer in many ways at Christ Church: in Alpha, on the Welcome and Usher Teams, the Overland Park Re-Launch Team, as a Wedding Coordinator, and five years as part of the team for our annual Missions fundraisers.

My professional life has included various accounting positions across different types of businesses. Most recently, however, I am employed with a bank as a commercial loan servicer where I work primarily with borrowers building wind and solar farms all over the country.

I am honored to stand for election to the Christ Church Parish Council and would be blessed to contribute to furthering God's Kingdom in this way.

## **TRICIA WOLF**

**Active since 2009**

I started attending Christ Church in 2009 with my two young boys and my then-boyfriend (now husband), Josh. We went through Alpha that fall and fell in love with the community. Josh and I were married at Christ Church in 2012 and have been involved in many areas at church, including singing with the worship team and Lessons & Carols choir, Reader Team, and several different bible study groups. We have been in a Life Group since 2012, and we always tell people it is the best thing that ever happened to our marriage. My biggest passion and calling, though, has always been in Children's Ministry. I have volunteered in almost every area of Children's Ministry; VBS is something I look forward to every summer.

In the fall of 2015, when Christ Church announced that we would be launching a new congregation in Mission, I knew without a doubt I wanted to be a part of forming the culture of Children's Ministry there. I served as the Christ Church Mission Director of Children's Ministry for the first year. Although I am no longer on staff, I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to work closely with some of the most gifted leaders in our church.

While both of my degrees are in the field of education, I have been employed at Top Notch Heating and Cooling as a residential sales representative since 2009 and was recently promoted to sales manager. My greatest joy in life is to be a source of help to others, and that is what I strive for both personally and professionally.

My "two young boys" are now 13 and 14, and Josh is a leader at their Student Life events. We recently served as hosts on the Fall Alpha Course and it took us back to our first experience at Christ Church. It served as a great reminder of what an amazing gift this community has been to us and continues to be to our family. I would be honored to serve on the Parish Council and continue the culture of hospitality for which Christ Church is known.



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