

DISCERNMENT TASKFORCE 2017 REPORT

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The Discernment Taskforce is a team appointed by the Board of Elders to help members to discern their call to service in the life and mission of the church and in recommending members to nominate to elected positions and appointed positions.

The members of the Taskforce are currently: Beth Walker, Joanna Robinson, Miranda Piccirilli, Susan DeAngelis, Mike Kalb, and Woody Ulmer.

Since our 2017 Annual meeting, the Discernment Taskforce proposed and the Elders accepted Richard Evans as Director of Stewardship, a two year term expiring at the annual meeting in 2019. Robert Schneider serving as Co-Archivist with Nancy Donohue. In addition, the members of the Discernment Taskforce have talked with members considering their call to service in the life and mission of the church and plan to continue in this engagement in the next year.

There are no open elected positions this year, though there are a few changes and transitions occurring. Kris Forest, who has faithfully served in the capacity of Assistant Financial Secretary for the last 3 years is ready for a change. Bill George has agreed to step into this position and the Elders have approved his appointment.

We plan some opportunities to engage in discernment of call over the year ahead. In addition, the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference has provided an on-line training program for lay leaders that consists of 4 modules:

- ❖ Module 1: Effectively Engaging a Project Team
- ❖ Module 2: Effectively Running a Project Meeting.
- ❖ Module 3: Listening Fully, Responding Intentionally
- ❖ Module 4: From Conflict to Conversation

This training can be done individually, on your own, or in groups. Stay tune for dates when this training will be offered in a group format at Old First. If you are interested in taking the courses on your own, please contact Vi, in the office, or Beth Walker.

Thanks to all who have served this year. You are wonderful and the commitment you have made and the fruits of your labor have brought honor to our congregation and enhanced the message of Love we know in God's presence at 4th and Race and throughout the world.