

# Nominations for Elected and Appointed Leaders

January 26, 2020

The By-Laws of Old First describe lay leadership positions to which individuals are either elected by the congregation or appointed by the Board of Elders.

Individuals in the elected positions of Elder, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Chairpersons of the Standing Leadership Groups for Worship and Spiritual Life, Outreach Ministries, Christian Education, Congregational Life, and Administration will serve two-year terms and may serve up to three consecutive terms. Representatives to P.O.W.E.R. and delegates to meetings of the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference (PSEC) and the Philadelphia Association are elected annually for a one-year term.

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## I. BOARD OF ELDERS

The By-Laws allow for between five and nine Elders; at present there are eight (including one shared position).

| Name                    | Elected | Duration | Term                  |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------|
| Jonathan Atwood         | 2018    | 2-year   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> term* |
| Yiwola Awoyale          | 2019    | 2-year   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> term  |
| Meg Bigelow/Alexa Sherr | 2019    | 2-year   | 1 <sup>st</sup> term  |
| Bobbie Benjamin         | 2019    | 2-year   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> term  |
| Tony Merlo              | 2019    | 2-year   | 1 <sup>st</sup> term  |
| Janice Smith            | 2018    | 2-year   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> term  |
| Julie Steiner           | 2019    | 2-year   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> term  |
| Kathy Sykes             | 2018    | 2-year   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> term* |

\*These individuals have completed their terms on the Board. Old First thanks them for their service.

After discernment by the individuals involved and with the Discernment Task Group appointed by the Board of Elders, and the Elders, the **following individuals are nominated for election to a two-year term as Elder:**

Winston Bramwell (1<sup>st</sup> Term)  
Pat Malley (1<sup>st</sup> Term)  
Joanna Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> Term)  
Janice Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> Term)

If all nominated elders are elected, the Board of Elders for 2020 will be:

Yiwola Awoyale  
Bobbie Benjamin  
Winston Bramwell  
Meg Bigelow/Alexa Sherr  
Pat Malley

Tony Merlo  
Joanna Robinson  
Janice Smith  
Julie Steiner

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## II. STANDING LEADERSHIP GROUP (SLG) CHAIRS

During 2019, the SLG Chairs have been:

| SLG                      | Name            | Elected | Duration | Term                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------|----------------------|
| Administration           | Nancy Donohue   | 2019    | 2-year   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |
| Christian Education      | [vacant]        |         |          |                      |
| Congregational Life      | Darla Gallo     | 2019    | 2-year   | 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Outreach Ministries      | Clark Dingman   | 2019    | 2-year   | 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Worship & Spiritual Life | Richard Kalwaic | 2019    | 2-year   | 1 <sup>st</sup> term |

After discernment by the individual involved and with the Discernment Task Group appointed by the Board of Elders, and the Elders, the **following individual is nominated for election to a two-year term:**

Christian Education: Emily Paull (1<sup>st</sup> term)

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## III. OFFICERS

During 2019, the Officers have been:

| Position                 | Name           | Appointed/<br>Elected | Year | Duration | Term                 |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------|----------|----------------------|
| Treasurer                | Jonathan Vogan | Elected               | 2019 | 2-year   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term |
| Asst Treasurer           | Grant Frame    | Appointed             | 2019 | 2-year   |                      |
| Financial Secretary      | Adam Sherr     | Elected               | 2019 | 2-year   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Term |
| Asst Financial Secretary | Bill George    | Appointed             | 2019 | 2-year   |                      |

All incumbents will continue their terms in 2020. No elections or appointments are needed for 2020.

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## IV. DELEGATES

During 2019, the Delegates to the following organizations have been:

POWER: Barbara Gurley and Mike Wass  
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference: Geraldine Woodroffe and Beth Walker  
Philadelphia Association of the UCC: Geraldine Woodroffe and Haeman Hong\*

\*This individual is stepping down from this position. Old First thanks him for his service.

After discernment by the individuals involved and with the Discernment Task Group appointed by the Board of Elders, and the Elders, the **following individuals are nominated for election to a one-year term:**

POWER: Barbara Gurley and Mike Wass  
Pennsylvania Southeast Conference: Geraldine Woodroffe and Beth Walker  
Philadelphia Association of the UCC: Geraldine Woodroffe and Max Staley

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## V. APPOINTED DIRECTORS

During 2019, the appointed directors have been:

| Position                      | Name                            | Elected | Duration |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Archivists                    | Nancy Donohue and Bob Schneider | 2019    | 1-year   |
| Community Engagement Director | Beth Walker                     | 2019    | 1-year   |
| Endowment Manager             | Daniel Bigelow*                 | 2019    | 1-year   |
| Asst Endowment Manager        | Larry Waddell                   | 2019    | 1-year   |
| Stewardship Director          | Richard Evans*                  | 2019    | 1-year   |

\*These individuals are stepping down from these positions. Old First thanks them for their service

After discernment by the individuals involved and with the Discernment Task Group Appointed by the Board of Elders, and the Elders, the **following individuals are to be appointed by the Elders for a one-year term:**

Endowment Manager: Larry Waddell  
Stewardship Director: Suzanne Cole

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