

BALLOT FOR ELECTING MEMBERS TO THE 2022 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(PLEASE PLACE SIGNED BALLOTS IN THE BOX IN THE NARTHEX, EMAIL YOUR CHOICES TO JSACHTJEN@REFORMEDCHURH.ORG, OR MAIL THE BALLOT TO THE CHURCH OFFICE VIA USPS: THE REFORMED CHURCH, 180 PONDFIELD RD., BRONXVILLE, NY 10708.)

All church members are encouraged to vote for members of the 2022 Nominating Committee. The Committee is comprised of 11 members: four from Consistory, six not serving on Consistory, and the committee chair, who is also a Consistory member.

Once elected, the committee will meet to nominate candidates to serve as elders and deacons, whose names will be placed before the congregation in February. Voting for Nominating Committee members begins Sunday, October 3 and ends Sunday, October 17. Below is a brief explanation of this process:

- 1) Each June, the President and VP of Consistory, along with the previous year's committee Chair, selects the following year's committee Chair—this year, Gary Reetz. At its first fall meeting (Oct. 12), Consistory elects four of its current members to serve.
- 2) By September 15, the Senior Minister identifies 12 church members not on Consistory who are willing to serve. Their names are placed on the ballot (see below), along with six blank spaces for write-in candidates.
- 3) Each member of the congregation may vote for no more than six members (including write-in candidates) through the signed ballot below. The six candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected to the Nominating Committee. A tie vote shall be decided by drawing.
- 4) After completing and signing the ballot (**we cannot count an unsigned ballot**), please mail or leave the ballot in the designated box in the Narthex. You may also email your choices to jsachtjen@reformedchurch.org. The completed ballots must be returned to the church no later than Sunday, October 17.

VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF SIX (INCLUDING WRITE-IN CANDIDATES)

<input type="checkbox"/> Maureen Barton	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Hertlein	Write-In Candidates:
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Busker	<input type="checkbox"/> Cara Kernan	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Amber Cheng	<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Harris	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Ching	<input type="checkbox"/> Katie Hood	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Natasha DePalma	<input type="checkbox"/> Margaret Torell	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Chris Goff		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Laura Hale		_____

Submitted by (please print name and sign): _____

Get To Know Those on the Nominating Committee Ballot

Maureen Barton has been a church member for 34 years, and during that time has been involved with the music program, taught Church School, helped to organize social events, served on a Senior Minister Search Committee and chaired the Consistory Nominating Committee. She has served on Consistory twice and has chaired the Worship and former Congregational Life (now Fellowship) committees, as well as served as a member of the Mission and Congregational Care Committees. She currently serves on the Action Committee for Race and Justice. She is married to member Bill Barton and has three children and four grandchildren.

Laura Busker has lived in Bronxville since 2018 with her husband David and their two children, who attend the Bronxville Elementary School. Before moving to Bronxville, she lived in Manhattan and attended a Presbyterian church. After relocating to the village, the Buskers joined RCB in 2019 and they have enjoyed worship services, Sunday school and youth group activities. Laura has always enjoyed volunteering to give back to the community. She's looking forward to becoming more involved with volunteer efforts at the church.

Amber Cheng has been a church member since the mid-1990s. She served previously on the Nominating Committee, as well as on the Education and Mission Councils and prayer groups. She was a confirmation mentor for the class of 2016. A regular attendee of Bible studies, the Lectio Divina group and adult education events, she seeks her spiritual growth in Christian education and community service. She is also interested in interfaith communities and their programs such as the annual ML King breakfast service, interfaith services and Muslim Women Association educational programs as well as the racial education seminars and discussions to enhance diversity in our church community. Amber was an executive in sales and marketing of two major pharmaceutical companies and an education organization over 35 years of her career. She also served on the board of several NGOs and Education institutions during her work life. She is retired and desires to continue serving the Lord, the church and the community.

Ashley Ching has been a member of RCB for a year and is currently a member of the Mission Council and a Sunday Church School volunteer. Three of her children attend the Reformed Church Nursery School (Emerson - 5's, Maverick - 3's, Collins - Toddler Time) and another child, Dakota, is in 2nd grade at the Bronxville School. She and her husband Mike moved to Bronxville in 2018 and are very active in the community they love so much. In addition to being an active member of the church, I am on the Parent Board at RCNS and the PTA at the Bronxville School. Professionally, she works in the e-commerce sector.

Natasha DePalma has been a member of the church since 2013. Natasha takes great pleasure in helping with the Sunday school for the younger aged children. She is also a program manager in the finance industry, where she enjoys building relationships and delivering on strategic initiatives.

Chris Goff and his wife Janet have been members of the Reformed Church since 1984. He has served as an usher and as a volunteer mentor in the Coming Home ministry. Chris is a retired lawyer who spent most of his career advising clients in book publishing, most recently as General Counsel of HarperCollins Publishers.

Laura Hale is a lifelong member of the Reformed Church. She has been a volunteer Church School teacher with the four-year-olds for several years, and has also been involved with the children's choirs. She is in her 25th year as a 1st and 2nd grade teacher at the Nightingale-Bamford School in NYC. She and her husband Tyler have 2 teenagers, Andrew and Eleanor.

Bill Hertlein was confirmed in the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church of Bronxville in 1956. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1974. Bill spent his early terms primarily working on Building and Grounds and Administration. More recently he has been involved with Mission and Outreach including working to initiate the Coming Home program, and later the inception of Dayspring. He has served on the Personnel Comm. and currently as a delegate to Classis and the Regional Synod.

Cara Kernan and her husband John joined RCB in 2015. They were immediately drawn to the church's welcoming community, and sent both of their daughters, Jane and Brooke, to the Reformed Church Nursery School, where Cara serves on the board as the fundraising chair. Cara has also been involved in the Church School Program and looks forward to continued involvement with RCB youth.

Dave Harris and his wife Fran, a current deacon, joined RCB in 2001, and raised their children here. He has served the church in many capacities, including as an elder and as a stewardship co-chair.

Katie Hood and her family have been members of the Reformed Church of Bronxville since 2007. Katie has particularly enjoyed participating in women's Bible study and discussion groups, teaching Sunday school, and serving as a Confirmation mentor. Katie has spent most of her career in the nonprofit sector, most recently as CEO of the One Love Foundation, an organization dedicated to ending relationship abuse and building a world full of healthier relationships.

Margaret Torell joined the church in 2001. She has been a deacon, an elder, a Church School teacher and superintendent, a co-chair and chair of the stewardship campaign, and she published annual reports for three years. She is currently a handbell Concert Ringer. She says, "I am pretty much interested in all things church—particularly worship and mission/outreach."