



Bryn Athyn Church

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR 2022 - 2023 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Listed below are the current Trustees:

Terms Expire 2022

Rob Andrews

Caira Bongers

Rachel Glenn*

Derek Glunz

Terms Expire 2023

Angus Glenn

Kayne Lermite

Reuben Mergen

Scott Nash

Terms Expire 2024

Braden Bostock

Brooke Brown

Rachel Martin

Elizabeth Rogers

***Rachel Glenn has decided not to run for a third term.**

Nominating Committee: Scott Nash (chair), Elizabeth Rogers (co-chair), Andy Adams, Christina Irwin, Dave Fuller, Rebekah Russell, Tor Pitcairn, Russell Pitcairn and Steve Gunther.

As mentioned in the Semi-Annual Meeting in September of 2017, the Nominating Committee selects only the number of open slots. The Committee places in nomination the members of Bryn Athyn Church whose names are listed below:

Rob Andrews*

Caira Bongers*

Derek Glunz*

Rachel (Keith) Layden

***Incumbent**

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1949

The law under which the corporation was formed provides that its business shall be managed by the Board of Trustees. The duties and responsibilities of the Board of Trustees include:

- a. Operation and maintenance of the corporation's properties.
- b. Investment and administration of trust funds and other funds of the corporation and control of its financial affairs.
- c. Making contracts; employment of teachers and other employees.
- d. Fixing the compensation of officers, ministers, teachers, and other employees.
- e. Prescribing tuition fees and school fees.
- f. Direction of other matters within the compass of the civil affairs of Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem.

The paramount responsibility of a member of the Board of Trustees is to perform the duties of his/her office with fidelity to the purpose for which Bryn Athyn Church of the New Jerusalem was incorporated. This purpose is the support of public worship of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the faith, doctrine, government, discipline, and usages of the unincorporated body known as the General Church of the New Jerusalem, which holds to the doctrines contained in the theological Writings of Emanuel Swedenborg.

BIOGRAPHIES OF THE NOMINEES

ROB ANDREWS grew up in Southeastern Virginia and moved to Pennsylvania to work as a computer systems programmer with the Burroughs Corporation (later re-named as Unisys Corporation), eventually retiring in 2007 after serving as Vice-President and General Manager, responsible for systems and software development. He and Susie (Grubb) have been married for 45 years, and have two daughters (Carly Cole and Krissy Jett) and six grandchildren. They live in Bryn Athyn, in a multi-generational household with daughter Carly, along with her husband James Cole, and four grandchildren. Rob has been active as a planner for the Informal Family Service on a weekly basis since the early 1990s, and has served on many church and school committees over the years. He has worked as a volunteer for Laurel Camp in many capacities since 1994, including camp director and registrar. He enjoys music, and has participated in various choir opportunities, as well as singing in BACT's Gilbert & Sullivan performances. In retirement, Rob works part-time for the General Church, running their internet programs (www.newchurch.org and related sites). Like any grandparent, he loves spending time with the grandkids, and has ample opportunity for that since they are all close by. He also serves as their (home-school) science teacher. He is running for a third term.

RACHEL (KEITH) LAYDEN grew up in Bryn Athyn after moving from Glenview when she was young. She attended Bryn Athyn Church School, Academy of the New Church (Class of 2003), and one year at Bryn Athyn College before finishing her Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership at Penn State University. She has worked for ProTract Engineering as the Business Manager for the past 13 years. She took her passion for photography and started her own-business in 2016 focusing on families, couples, and newborns. She is an avid dog lover. In addition to fostering dogs, she served as Vice-President of Home At Last Dog Rescue from 2012-2015. Prior to working at ProTract Engineering, she worked for Rhoads Industries from 2005-2008 as a Senior Financial Data Analyst. Rachel and her husband, Steven Layden, live in Huntingdon Valley with their three children; two are enrolled at Bryn Athyn Church School in 1st and 3rd grades. She and her family love the charitable atmosphere of Bryn Athyn, and take part in the many opportunities to connect with and serve the community. She is honored to be nominated for the Bryn Athyn Church Board.

DEREK GLUNZ, CPA grew up in Charlotte, NC as a member of the Charlotte Circle New Church group. He attended two years of high school at the Academy of the New Church and graduated with the Class of 2000. He and received both his B.S. and Masters of Accounting from North Carolina State University. After college, he stayed in Raleigh, NC and spent six years in various audit roles at Cherry, Bekaert & Holland LLP, a regional accounting firm. He then worked in corporate accounting for the next seven years at Pepsi Bottling Ventures, the largest independent bottler of Pepsi in the US. While working at Pepsi, he was promoted to Assistant Controller and ran the Accounting Department. He and his wife, Teryn Genzlinger, and their three beautiful children relocated to Bryn Athyn in July, 2018. Two of their children are enrolled at Bryn Athyn Church School and the youngest will be entering Kindergarten in 2023. He is currently employed as an Accounting Manager for CRC Industries, Inc. based out of Horsham. He is honored to be running for a second term.

CAIRA BONGERS has enjoyed teaching mathematics at Bryn Athyn College for the past 14 years. Prior to that, she taught at the Academy Secondary Schools for six years. She received her interdisciplinary degree in Mathematics and Physical Sciences from Bryn Athyn College in 2000. While teaching full-time at the Secondary Schools, she attended Drexel University part-time, earning a Master's degree in Applied Mathematics in 2004. She also completed the MARS program from Bryn Athyn College in 2015, with a thesis that connected mathematics and theology. She has spent 18+ years in New Church schools starting with Bryn Athyn Church School and graduating from the Academy Secondary Schools in 1996. She and Garth were married in Bryn Athyn in 1999 and they have three children, all attending ANC and BACS. As her youngest graduates from BACS this June, she is particularly appreciative of the loving environment BACS has provided for her children. She is running for a third term.