

**MEET THE NOMINEES**  
**Congregational Meeting, April 24, 2022**

**For the Session Committee:**

**Ann Johnson (three year term) (Membership):** Ann began attending Valley shortly after her family moved from the east side of Portland to the westside in 1959 and became a member in 1962. She enjoys being an usher and is currently serving on the Valley Memorial Fund and Personnel Committees. Serving on the Music Ministry and Youth and Family Ministry Task Forces as the representative of the Personnel Committee provided the opportunity to work with Valley members whose deep commitment to both vital components in the life of this church was inspiring. Being part of the recent Interim Pastor Search Committee was an exceptional experience in faith, listening, and learning. Each experience contributed to a feeling of purpose and connectivity. Ann is a retired career educator who taught the intermediate grades for 31 years and particularly enjoyed 6<sup>th</sup> graders and navigating their emerging senses of self.

**Amy Dee (three year term) (Personnel):** Amy came to Valley about 20 years ago after serving at Southminster Presbyterian as an elder and the Director of Children's Ministry. At Valley, Amy has been an elder for various ministries over the years, most recently in the area of Personnel. She has also served on several committees and task forces, and accompanied youth on a mission trip. Amy occasionally preaches and enjoys deep conversations about faith. Amy and her husband, Andy, are members of the Clippers Mariner group. Away from Valley, Amy is a professor at George Fox University and works with graduate students, and she is a dissertation mentor at Arkansas State where she works with doctoral candidates. Amy and Andy will celebrate 41 years of marriage this August. They have two grown children, one granddaughter, and one very well-trained, but only somewhat well-behaved, standard poodle.

**David Marquis (one year term) (Facilities/Safety):** David joined Valley approximately 24 years ago with wife Ruthann and children Andrea and Carter. He is currently Facilities Elder and is serving on the Worship & Music and Memorial & Gifts committees. David is an ordained Deacon and volunteers for whatever needs done for numerous Valley events, fundraisers, Advent Fair, and Habitat for Humanity, to mention a few. Ruthann and he spent a week in New Orleans on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team after Hurricane Katrina. They are members of the Starfish Mariners. David sings in the church choir and in PDX Vox, an A Capella group. He has been a manager in the printing business for over 32 years, and a retired administrator from Consumer Cellular. David relaxes by doing house and garden maintenance at home and at their cabin in Welches. Ruthann and he enjoy international travel together.

**Ruthann Marquis (one year term) (Fellowship):** Ruthann has been a Valley member since 1998. She recently retired as an occupational therapist hand specialist at Providence St. Vincent's. Ruthann manages to give much of her free time to Valley. Both her children participated in Valley's Youth programs. She is currently Fellowship Elder and heads the Valley Earthcare Ministry. Husband, David, and she are members of the Starfish Mariners. An ordained Deacon, Ruthann has also been a Sunday School teacher, oversees the annual quilt project for graduating seniors, prayer shawl ministry, is a member of the Valley book club. and has served on a Mission Study and PNC teams. Both Ruthann and David help out with the Sanctuary House, where an Afghan refugee family currently lives. Ruthann has traveled and cooked for a high school Mexico mission trip, and she and David spent a week on a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team for Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. She spends much of her free time reading, gardening, dancing hula, swimming, walking and international travel among other things.

**Carol Powers (one year term) (Communications):** Carol joined Valley in 1977 after moving to Portland earlier that year. Since then she has been involved in many activities, including choir, bell choir, Sunday School, Wednesday Night Live and serving on many committees including CONC and an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. She has also served as a Deacon. Carol's Sunday night Bible Study group has been a source of continuing inspiration to her for over 30 years. She has served multiple terms on session and as Clerk of Session. She currently chairs the Mission Endowment Committee and serves on the Sanctuary House core team and is a member of the Starfish Mariners group. Carol is married to Frank and they have three grown daughters and five grandchildren.

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**For the Board of Deacons:**

**Diane Meyer (three year term):** Diane is a life-long member of Valley. Over the years she has worked with the youth, taught Sunday School and Bethel Bible classes. She has served as a Deacon, an Elder, a Stephen Minister, chair of Mission Endowment, on Pastor Nominating, Officer Nominating, Adult Education and other committees. She has been a member of her Home Bible Study group for over 35 years. Diane retired from Providence Health and Services after 41 years and is relishing more time for family, friends and reading.

**Michelle Blair (three year term):** Michelle has been actively involved at Valley since joining the congregation with her husband, Neil, in 1998. In past years, Michelle coordinated Wednesday Family Night, Valley's blood drives, Advent Fair, and the Mission Market. She volunteered for Upward basketball and Vacation Bible School, and has served on several committees including Mission, Communications, and Youth. Most recently, she was a member of the Vital Congregations Task Force. Michelle was on Session from 2012 to 2015 and was previously ordained as a Deacon in 2001.

**Allison Carlson (two year term):** Allison has been actively involved at Valley since joining the congregation with her husband, Nels, in 1999. In past years, Allison has been in many leadership roles including Elder of Youth Ministries. She has been a part of the Mom's Bible Study group, the Upward Basketball program, Girl Scouts, the Mission Study Team, and a nursery care provider as well as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School. Allison volunteers at Jesuit High School for their hot meals program and works part time at Glassybaby and at Maple Botique. She is currently serving on the Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC).

**Karen Miller (one year term):** Karen and her husband, Phil, were members of Valley during the 1970's and 80's until job transfers took them to Pennsylvania and then to Arizona. After retirement they returned to Portland and rejoined Valley. Karen has been a Deacon for the past five years, serving as co-coordinator for Valley's quarterly Red Cross Blood Drives and organizing memorial receptions at Valley. She also participates in the Prayer Shawl Knitting Group. They have two children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Phil Miller (one year term):** Phil and his wife, Karen, joined Valley in the 1970s and belonged to the Nor'Westers Mariner group. Their two children were active in the church's youth program and Phil was active with their son in Boy Scout Troop 592 at Valley. A job transfer took them away from the area. After many years, they returned to Portland, rejoined Valley, and made it their church home. Phil is currently a Deacon and has previously served on the church's Building Improvement Committee and also as an Elder in charge of Safety and Security. He is a regular attendee at the Men's Bible Study Group. They are also active in the Clippers Mariner ship.

**For the Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC):** Shirley Anderson, Laura Sanders, Frank Powers

Floor Nominations:

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