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JIM COWAN

My commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ is to love and serve him, put my faith and trust in him, continue to grow spiritually and share his love with others.

While attending CPC I have gone on the Mexico Mission trip twice, serving on the greeter's team and have been in a community group for over five years. I have also volunteered doing maintenance at the preschool, assisting with BBQ's and participating in Serve Day.

My motivation for this position is to serve our Lord and Savior and to serve our church and community. To be part of a team and serve side by side with other believers. I'm excited to see how God grows me as a believer.



DAVID JONES

Hello CPC, my name is David Jones, my wife Dana (of 24 years) and I have been members for 15 years. We have 4 children ranging in age from 7 to 21, all still on the family payroll – but we love them. We attend regularly and serve as often as we can. I was recently selected to be a candidate and am currently in the process of becoming a Deacon.

I was raised in a Christian household and baptized as a teenager. I wish I could say the rest is history but unfortunately, I have not always been a model Christian. At times, I drifted away from God, but He is faithful and never forgot about me.

Through CPC, and our many programs, I have regained the knowledge that I have a savior in Jesus Christ and through God's grace alone, I am loved.

Men's Fraternity and retreat have both been awesome catalysts for me to stay connected to CPC. I've been in a small group, helped with Serve Day, and love to greet and usher (okay my wife signs me up but I do enjoy it). Over the years, I have also tried to bring God's patience and love to youth sports through coaching as well as to various community board positions.

Recently I have become more deliberate in my bible reading and prayer life. As a result, my faith has grown stronger. I enjoy seeing God's promises at work and I'm confident that serving as a CPC Deacon will help to foster those opportunities. I also look forward to developing new relationships with fellow believers while serving together.

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LYN KERN

I was raised Catholic and attended church regularly with my Mom and brothers, but didn't know the Lord in a personal way. I was led to a more personal relationship with Jesus by a dear friend and went on to find myself at a Billy Graham Crusade in Florida. After listening to him I knew that this was my time and accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior on February 17, 1985. I have served Him faithfully since that day. I have attended CPC for 33 years and have served as Deacon on three previous occasions. I have served in many capacities including Missions, Sintaro, CPC Seniors (in the kitchen), Volunteer Receptionist in the Church Office, Richmond Soup Kitchen, Usher, Greeter and now at Trinity Center. I enjoy serving, praying for others and assisting where needed. I believe, and pray, that my friends know if they need anything, I am there for them.



ED MANGUIAT

My commitment to Jesus is first and foremost. This past Pi Day (March 14th) was my 47th spiritual birthday. I shroud my decisions around the "What Would Jesus Do?" concept and on Scripture. I have to say that my own self gets in the way at times. Knowing that the Lord knows what is best for me has allowed me to see how he worked and works in my life through the best and not so good times. Many people would not say that 2020 and 2021 were great years in their lives. I would say they were good years as I saw how God worked around me. I have served twice on the Deacon Board and several times on the Nominating Committee. Served at times with Missions, Small Group Facilitator, Katrina, Serve Day Project Coordinator. Currently, I am one of the leaders and facilitators for the Saturday Men's Bible Study that now meets on campus and has a Zoom presence for those men who have moved and wanted to continue to be with us. I have also been involved with Micro Business Mentors, a mission partner supported by CPC in some of their activities and was previously on their Board. Having been a 2015 and 2020 Deacon I have had the opportunity to serve as "the hands and feet of Christ" in this formal way through the CPC Deacons. The Deacons say "Once a Deacon always a Deacon".

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JORDAN MURRAY

I came to Christ as a young student. Being raised by two Christian parents and attending SRVCA, it was always an expectation, however I met God at a summer camp when I was 14. I was struck with how big God was and how small I was and at the same time awed at the intimacy of the relationship that God seeks with each of us. As I moved forward in my journey of faith and learned more about God's vision for my life, I began to search for the next steps to move from knowing about God to doing the things that God asks me to do, with myself and with my time. That journey has led me here.

I have served as a high school small group leader and lead a table for the Alpha ministry in the past and have enjoyed each experience.

There are several motivators for this particular service:

The call that God places on all of us to serve the poor.

The opportunity to serve my local church that I have drawn from for almost all the years of my life.

The most powerful motivation for me to serve, however, is that I want my children to see their father as a servant leader. I have heard it said, that your children will follow your example, not your advice.



KATY NELSON

I was baptized as a baby and raised in a Christian home where we went to church every week. I believed and prayed to God, but it wasn't until 1996 that I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior. Since then, I have had a personal relationship with Jesus that I never had in my youth.

My involvement at CPC includes teaching at SRVCA, working and volunteering in Children's Ministries, volunteering at CPP, working at VBS and in video cafe. I have attended various Bible studies throughout the years. I am currently in a "Singles Again" small group.

My motivation for this service is my calling to help and serve people and the church in any way that I can.

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MICHELLE NICHOLAS

I'm a sinner who was saved by God's grace when I was 24. I thank God for the gentle pastor who shared the gospel with me. I had no clue my life would change forever on that ordinary day but Jesus knew. I don't believe any day is ordinary now but ripe with possibilities to change someone's life forever for the glory of His kingdom.

God calls us into authentic community so we can "be known" and "know" others, so we can love and be loved. I've been blessed with true community at CPC. I've been active in Women's Ministries as both a student and facilitator at Focused Living as well as serving as the Women's Special Events Coordinator for 10 years. I've also served for Vacation Bible School, all-church special events, Men's Ministry events and Guest Services. My husband, Nick, and I currently facilitate a CPC small group on Wednesday nights in our home and love it.

No one likes fake people, especially fake Christians. While I am a work in progress, I strive to live out an authentic life, living out my faith in down to earth ways that honor God. My heart's desire is to use my life to bless others.