

**Elder nominee:  
Debbie Newton**



Debbie Newton and her husband, Chuck, have been married for 35 years. They have a daughter and son-in-law in Southern California and a son and daughter-in-law in Greeley, and 5 grandchildren. Debbie became a Christian at the age of 10 in a small Southern Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Although she admits spending her 20's running from God, she rededicated her life to Him in 1986 and has strived to grow in relationship with Him ever since. Debbie and Chuck have been attending Greenwood since 2015. She has served, and is currently serving, in Children's Ministry and as a mentor in MOPS. Debbie says, "I feel that the Lord is asking me to accept this position as an elder as the next step in my walk with Him. It requires deep trust and faith that He will guide me as I serve GCC. I know that I alone would never be qualified for this position but with the power of the Holy Spirit, the discipline of prayer and listening to the Lord, I know that God will be with me and guide me in all my responsibilities. I am excited and humbled by this call. And my desire is to serve Him, and our church community, well."

**Elder nominee:  
Tim Quintana**



Tim Quintana and his wife, Taryn, have been married for 26 years and have four kids: David, Sarah, Emily, and Nathan. Tim's mom led him to Christ when he was 4 years old, and he was raised with faith in Jesus. Tim and his family have been

attending Greenwood for three years. Tim says, "My main desires are to serve God, my family, and the Greenwood community. I want to help the Greenwood community to increase in love for Jesus, follow Him together with the global body of Christ, and love each other. I feel that it is a great responsibility, and I feel that it is worth the sacrifice to commit the time and effort to serve the body of Christ."

**Elder nominee:  
Jim Reiner**



Jim Reiner and his wife, Kathie, have been married for 27 years and are the proud parents of four adult children who all attended youth programs at Greenwood: Taylor, 25, Brady, 22, Luke, 22, and Sarah, 20. Jim grew up in Sierra Vista, Arizona, and graduated from the University of California at San Diego. He moved to Denver in 1992. Since June of 1999, Jim has led Bud's Warehouse/Belay Enterprises, an organization that employs people rebuilding lives from addiction, homelessness, and prison. As someone who grew up in a Christian family in a small-town church, faith has always been a part of Jim's life. He became a follower of Christ at the age of 13 and recommitted his life to the Lord even more deeply in the early 1990's. He started attending Greenwood in 1995 after marrying Kathie, who was a part of the team that planted the church from Cherry Hills. Jim says, "I have felt God calling me to become an elder because of my love for the local church and for real Christian community. I do believe the church is in a season of challenges brought about by societal changes and the pandemic. But I also believe that these challenges present great opportunities for the gospel. "

**Elder nominee:  
Scott Yarian**



Scott Yarian and his wife Kameron have been married for 38 years. They have 6 children: Annie, David, Stephanie, Katie, Abby, and Adam, aged from 24 to 36 years old. They have all grown up in the GCC youth program. Five of the six are married and they have seven grandchildren aged infant to 11. Scott became a Christian in college. He grew up in a dysfunctional, non-Christian home. While at college he started looking for a deeper purpose and started attending InterVarsity Christian Fellowship where he heard the gospel. He became a Christian his junior year. Scott and his wife have attended GCC for more than 20 years and have served in the nursery, middle school and HS youth, VBS, Sunday school classes, and served on the security team. Scott says, "Honestly, I did not seek out the elder role. I was surprised to learn of my nomination but was willing to serve if that was what God wanted. God confirmed his calling through the counsel of other elders, both past and present, as well as confirming the decision in my spirit."

*See following pages for deacon nominees.*

**Deacon nominee:  
Barbara Bennett**

Barbara Bennett and her husband, Robert, have been married almost 40 years. They were not blessed with children, however, their Papillon dogs keep life full of toys, joy, and car seats. Barbara met the Lord at the base of Silvercliff at Young Life Snow Camp at the age of 16. She has attended Greenwood for about 3 years and recently asked the Lord for a way to become more involved at Greenwood. She says, "It appears being asked to serve as deacon may be one of His answers."



**Deacon nominee:  
Patches Caskey**

Patches and her husband, Sam, have been married for 64 years. They have a son and a daughter both living in the Denver area, three grandsons, and three great-grandsons. Patches says she cannot remember not being a Christian. Even as a small child she knew God loved her. She has been attending Greenwood for about 10 years. She heard Kay speak at one of the women's Bible studies and was hooked. She says, "Everyone here makes you feel welcome. That was important since we had moved 13 times as a married couple." Patches enjoys helping people and serving areas of the church where you have likely seen her as a greeter or pitching in wherever needed with various events and ministries.



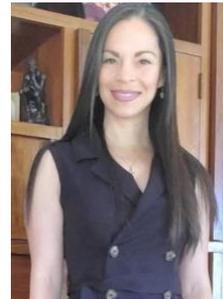
**Deacon nominee:  
Jen McClanahan**

Jen McClanahan and her husband Tom have been married for 25 years. They have two college-age kids and have called Greenwood their home for 3 1/2 years. Jen grew up in church, but didn't accept Christ until she was a teenager, when she truly started understanding what it meant to be a beloved child of God. Jen says, "I feel called to be a deacon because I know from personal experience how comforting and reassuring it is to know someone cares enough to support, minister, and pray with you and for you. It gives me great joy knowing I am able to fulfill that need in someone else's life."



**Deacon nominee:  
Labinia McGee**

Labinia McGee is originally from Costa Rica and moved to Denver in 2010. She and her husband Jay have been married for 12 years and have two children: Lauren, 26, and Joey, 19; and one granddaughter, 1. Labinia became a Christian in ninth grade and has been at GCC since Easter Sunday, 2019. She became a member in November 2021. Labinia says, "The Lord has been prompting me in healing the broken hearted. Through my own experience and journey, God has shown me that there are many who struggle in many areas of life: depression, isolation, child wounds, and much more." She says she has personally experienced how God can heal all of these areas and wants to serve and help others inside the congregation and those who don't know Christ, that they would experience His love and grace.



**Deacon nominee:  
Bob Parks**

Bob and his wife, Candy, have been married for 40 years. They have one son, Christopher, who lives in Highlands Ranch. Bob received Jesus at a Christian singles retreat in 1980. He has been attending Greenwood for 2 years and says that he and Candy, "have been richly blessed by God in our time at Greenwood and would like to begin giving back by serving this church family."



**Deacon nominee:  
Candy Parks**

Candy and her husband, Bob, have been married for 40 years. They have one son, Christopher, who lives in Highlands Ranch. Candy received Jesus at a Christian singles retreat in 1980. She has been at Greenwood for 2 years and feels the Lord calling her to the office of deacon as she and Bob agree, "We have been richly blessed by God in our time at Greenwood and would like to begin giving back by serving this church family."



**Deacon nominee:  
Vincent Recine**

Vince Recine and his wife, MaryBeth (Liz), have been married for 53 years. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Vincent's walk with Jesus started in 1985. He and Liz began attending Greenwood Community Church in late 1991. He has served as an usher for more than 25 years and says, "I feel God is calling me to expand my service to him in other areas of the church."





### Deacon nominee: Bruce Sanderlin

Bruce Sanderlin and his wife, Terri, have been married for 37 years and have three young adult children:

Colleen; Kara who is married

to Andrew; and Connor, who all live in the Denver area. They began attending GCC in the fall of 1991. Bruce was raised in a Christian home and remembers accepting Christ when he was 10, and then during college his faith became his own. This past November, Bruce served on the GCC Tijuana YWAM house building team. During a meeting, a YWAM leader challenged the group to be open to unexpected ways to serve the Lord and others when asked. A few days after returning home, Bruce and Terri were approached to consider serving as deacons at GCC.



### Deacon nominee: Terri Sanderlin

Terri Sanderlin and her husband, Bruce, have been married for 37 years and

have three young adult children: Colleen; Kara who

is married to Andrew; and Connor, who all live in the Denver area. They began attending GCC in the fall of 1991. Terri was raised in a Catholic home where a belief in God and the importance of His presence in her life was emphasized. In college she started attending a Presbyterian church and a Baptist College Student organization. She gave her life to the Lord her freshman year. Terri served on the GCC Tijuana YWAM Homes of Hope team this past November and she says, "After a YWAM leader challenged us to be open to unexpected

ways to serve the Lord, and then we were asked to serve as deacons, we felt the Lord was opening an 'unexpected way' to serve Him."



### Deacon nominee: Larry Sears

Larry Sears has two daughters: Vicki in Greeley, and Noelle in Denver; and

two grandchildren: Hayley, 25, and Reece, 23. Divorced in 1987, he has never been in another serious relationship. His careers have included radio announcing and sportscasting, university administration, business development, commercial real estate, mortgage lending, home construction and now full-time ministry with a non-profit focused on divorce recovery. Larry attended church all of his life but didn't know about a personal relationship with Jesus until he crashed financially and emotionally at 50 and was introduced to Jesus by a stranger. That stranger became his mentor for the next 30 years and changed his life. Larry has been at Greenwood since 1998 serving in several capacities. Larry says, "serving as a deacon will be another exciting part of my serving the Lord."



### Deacon nominee: Shyun Wen Tan

Shyun Wen Tan grew up in a Buddhist family, but a personal encounter

with the Lord during her senior year in high school started a search for the one true God. In her final year of college, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Shyun Wen and her husband, Aik Hong, have been married for 29 years. They met in high

school in Singapore. In 2001, Aik Hong's company moved them to Denver for his work. Greenwood Community Church was the first church they visited. They liked it so much that they never left. Shyun Wen says, "Members of the congregation reached out and embraced us. Today, many have become lifelong friends." The Tans have been at GCC for 21 years and have been involved in several ministries over the years. Shyun Wen says, "I enjoy working behind the scenes, helping others, hearing their stories and being there for someone in need. I was deeply humbled when I was asked to be a deacon. I look forward to serving and getting to know members of our congregation more intimately."



### Deacon nominee: Mark Woodyard

Mark Woodyard has two daughters: Emma, 29, in Ohio, and Grace, 21, at

the Colorado School of Mines. Mark has been a Christian all his life; he does not recall a time when he didn't know Jesus as his Lord and Savior. One of the joys of his life was to teach his daughters about faith and prayer from a young age. Mark has attended GCC for about 14 years, became involved with the men's ministry attending the Wild at Heart event about seven years ago, which led him to become involved in the SOAR men's small group. Over the years Mark has served with the Safety Team, YWAM Homes of Hope, and other small groups and classes. The relationships God has provided throughout the Greenwood community have been a source of strength for Mark through life's difficult times and joy in the good times, and so the Lord has continually called him to give back to the community, now called to serve as a deacon.