

New Elder Elections

Every year, there is a call for nominations for new Elders. Congregation members nominate candidates, who then discern whether or not they are called to this ministry. Those who agree have their names put forward for election at the annual general meeting (AGM).

In 2024, at the Sunday, May 5 AGM after worship in the sanctuary, the congregation will vote on these three elder candidates. If elected, they will serve on Session. Please meet this year's new elder candidates.

Elder Candidate Bios

Nancy Connors

I am married to Glen and we have known one another and been together for 36 years. We do not have any children but are blessed with nieces and nephews and more recently, grandnieces and grandnephews. Our lives are rich with the blessings of these children, their parents and dear friends.

I was born in Nova Scotia and lived with my parents and grandfather in New Glasgow until I was 4 when our family moved to Calgary. We moved, like many, for better work opportunities and were encouraged to come west to be close to family members. We attended Knox United Church. I have also attended St. Andrews United Church and Christ Church Elbow Park.

I attended neighbourhood schools in Calgary and graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Nursing. The focus of my work was public health and community health practice. At the end of my nursing life I was a Sessional Instructor at the University of Calgary, with placements at Grace Presbyterian Church. I have always been interested in faith and belief, and the impact this has on our health and wellness. Being at Grace allowed me to better understand these relationships and continues to be a growing time for me for my own faith and beliefs.

I am responding to God's call to serve as one of your Elders. I pray for continuing guidance and wisdom in the days to come and as we all move forward in God's grace.

Clark Hanna

I was baptized as a baby in a United Church in Edmonton. My family moved to Calgary in 1964, and shortly after we started going to Grace. I remember Wednesday evening family dinners at the Church, going to cubs, and of course, Sunday School. As my faith development continued, I joined Grace as part of a High School communicants' class in about 1972. I have fun memories of Burning Brushes curling - especially one wonderful shot against Grace Minister the Rev. Dr. Murdo Nicolson (a passionate Scottish preacher and curler!)

As an adult, I have become progressively more involved with the workings of Grace: ushering, counting collection, teaching Sunday School and as Secretary of the Board. Now that I am retired, I have continued to serve by teaching ELL, helping with the Food Bank, volunteering at the Community Care Booth, and most recently as Co-Convener of the Lead Minister Search Committee. I continue to develop as a Christian, but I am definitely a work in progress

Matthew Vyse

I was ordained as a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1990, and served on the session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary. In 2000, I joined the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, and was later elected to join the Session and served until 2019.

I have served on numerous committees of the church, both at the congregational as well as the national level, including the Life and Mission Agency committee, and the International Affairs committee (2023-present).

I look forward to serving once again on the session of Grace Church, especially at this exciting time in the congregation's journey.