



Nominations for Elected Positions in the Swedenborgian Church

The Nominating Committee nominates at least one candidate for each open elected position. Elective offices and nominees to date are listed on the chart shown on the right. If you are interested in being nominated for any position, contact the Nominating Committee through Central Office. The following candidate statements have been received by *the Messenger*.

Kurt Fekete
Vice President
(one-year term)

I am incredibly honored to accept the nomination to the position of Vice President. Raised in a Swedenborgian family, I attended Sunday School at the Detroit church (later Royal Oak) and loved my years at Almont summer camp and youth retreats. Fascinated by Swedenborg's work and science, I studied chemical engineering at Wayne State University and worked in that field into my forties. I helped launch the Transitions young adult group in the 1990s, served on the Almont New Church Assembly board, and volunteered as a youth leader throughout my adult life. This passion led me to become the Youth Director for the Swedenborgian Church in 2001. Now in my twenty-fourth year, I still love working with young people while also serving as vice president. I strive for excellence in my work with President Jim Lawrence, the Executive Committee, and General Council. If re-elected, I'll continue bringing a youthful perspective while honoring our Swedenborgian heritage. I live in Maine with my wife Shelley, whom I met



Position to be Filled	Term (Yrs)	Candidate
President	3	***
Vice President	1	Kurt Fekete*
Recording Secretary	1	Karen Conger*
Treasurer (Elect)	3	Jennifer Lindsay
General Council: layperson (2 to be elected)	3	Emily Tergliafera* Paul Deming*
General Council: minister	3	Sage Cole*
Standing Committee for Communication & Information	3	Kevin Baxter*
Standing Committee for Education & Resources for Spiritual Community	3	OPEN OPEN
Standing Committee for Financial Accountability (2 to be elected)	3	Rachel Madjerac* Jane Siebert
Board of Trustees of CSS, representative class	4	Jennifer Lindsay*
Nominating Committee	5	Terrie Crenshaw

* Incumbent
** Years remaining in unexpired term
*** No candidate to be elected this year

at a youth retreat, and my adult daughters, Ava and Zsa Zsa.

Karen Conger
Recording Secretary
(one-year term)



generation Swedenborgian who was raised in the Church of the Holy City in Washington, D.C. I have been a member of both the Urbana and Los Angeles Societies and am currently a Member-At-Large of the Pacific Coast Association (PCA). I have served on the former Ministries Support Unit for

several years, the Nominating Committee more than once, and I was the Secretary of the PCA for several years, as well as holding elected positions on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Society and the Wayfarers Chapel Board of Directors. I continue to very much enjoy working as Secretary and hope to continue in the position. Thank you for your consideration.

Jennifer Lindsay
Treasurer Elect
(three-year term begins 2026) & CSS Board Representative Class (four-year term)

Jennifer Lindsay is honored to be renominated as a candidate for Treasurer on



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behalf of General Convention. Jennifer has served as Treasurer since being initially elected in 2017. She is also pleased to be re-nominated to serve as a member of the Representative Class for the Board of the Center for Swedenborgian Studies. Jennifer has served on the Board and as the Treasurer for CSS for over fifteen years.

Jennifer came to know and embrace Swedenborg's teachings through the San Francisco Church where she has been an active member for over twenty-five years. She served the church council as treasurer for seven years and is currently completing her sixth year as president. She currently serves as treasurer for the Pacific Coast Association and previously served as a Board Member of Wayfarers Chapel.

Besides her volunteer efforts on behalf of the Swedenborgian Church, Jennifer also volunteers on the Board of the San Francisco Playhouse. She previously served on the Board of the MFA program at the American Conservatory Theater for over a decade and supported Texas A&M University by serving on the Development Council for the College of Liberal Arts, the Chancellors' Century Council, and the Board of the Association of Former Students. She also currently serves on the Board of the Swedenborg Foundation.

Professionally, Jennifer completed a twenty-plus year career as a Principal with KPMG in its Silicon Valley office where she led the Forensic Practice and served as the Partner-in-Charge of Corporate Responsibility for the office. Her focus was providing investigative services and compliance risk assessments for a variety of clients in the technology and energy industries. She graduated from Texas A&M University with both a B.S. in Economics and Aerospace Engineering. She received her M.A. in Economics from Stanford University.

Jennifer is an avid world traveler who most likely has another global escapade on her mind.

Emily Tergliafera
General Council–
Layperson
(three-year term)

I am honored to be nominated to serve the General Council. I am a lifelong



Swedenborgian that grew up attending the Fryeburg New Church Assembly (FNCA) in Fryeburg, Maine, and I am a member of the Fryeburg New Church. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the FNCA, which I have done for many years and find the work to be quite fulfilling. I am also the FNCA Summer Camp Session Director. I am happy to have the opportunity to expand my service and experience to the greater Swedenborgian denomination.

I live in the rural mountains of upstate New York with my husband, Chris, and our three pets—High King Aslaan and Prince Caspian the Maine Coon Cats and Lexi the Puggle. I completed my Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and Methodology with a focus on Special Education in May of 2022. After realizing that academia wasn't for me, I went back to teaching elementary school and now teach a special class of kids with severe social and emotional learning needs at a public school here in New York.

I am honored to accept this nomination, and I look forward to further serving the Swedenborgian Church of North America.

Rev. Sage Cole
General Council–Minister
(three-year term)



lives in Boston, Massachusetts, with her husband and two sons.

Pastor Paul Deming
General Council–Layperson
(three-year term)

Paul is currently pastoring the Garden Chapel Sanctuary in St. Louis, Missouri where he was installed in 2016 after completing the certification required for the Licensed



Pastor Program. He is retired from teaching elementary school music and is currently pursuing his master's in theological studies as part of his ordination journey. In his spare time Paul writes music, gives guitar lessons, and practices Karate. Paul is married and has two grown sons with families of their own.

Rev. Kevin Baxter
Standing Committee for
Communication & Information
(three-year term)

Rev. Kevin Baxter is the Pastor of the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem, also known as Church on the Hill. He is running for his second term on the SCCI, this is his second go around on the SCCI since its inception. Previous to that, he served on IMSU for several terms. Light web programming, publishing, and audio/visual skills prepare him for the unique skill set needed to examine what it means for the denomination to communicate. As he is fifty, he is beginning to wonder what things like TikTok might be... As he moves toward cultural irrelevance, he continues to try and make a difference.



Rev. Jane Siebert
Standing Committee for Financial
Accountability
(three-year term)

I'm ready to serve again because I love our church. Three years ago, I finished serving two terms as President of the SCNA. I have watched from a distance as Rev. Dr. Jim Lawrence picked up the reins and didn't miss a beat. I am excited with the new initiatives and many changes that have occurred, and I hope to do my part. All of our committees are filled with volunteers that give of their time and abilities in a variety of ways. I would like to



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serve on the SCFA whose “central focus is on the wise use and development of the resources as are directly under the Swedenborgian Church’s control» (Bylaws Article X). I will do my best and I will listen to our members.

Rev. Rachel Madjerac
Standing Committee for Financial
Accountability
(three-year term)

Rev. Rachel Madjerac lives and works in San Diego, California. She has been serving as a member of the SCFA since 2020.



Terrie Crenshaw
Nominating Committee
(five-year term)



Terrie Crenshaw is a member of the Hillside Church in El Cerrito, California. She grew up attending the Church of the Holy City in Michigan, going to Almont Summer

School and traveling with the Youth League to many churches within driving distance. She is a founding member of the Manifold Angels Facebook group, and co-author of the anti-discrimination resolution confirmed by the 2018 Convention. She also follows in the footsteps of her mother, Mary Crenshaw, as a trustee of the CSS board. 🌱