

ELECTION OF RULING ELDERS AND DEACONS

Ruling elders and deacons are men and women elected by the congregation from among its members. See the following definitions as listed in the PC(USA) Book of Order:

Ruling Elders: The Ministry of Discernment and Governance of Session (G-2.0301) Congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they “lord it over” the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament (or Pastors), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.

Deacons: The Ministry of Compassion and Service of the Board of Deacons (G-2.0201) The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry.

Hispanic Fellowship Deacons: Individually commissioned to serve the Hispanic Fellowship (G-2.0202) Deacons may be individually commissioned...under the supervision and authority of the session. Deacons may also be given special assignments in the congregation, such as caring for members in need, handling educational tasks, cultivating liberality in giving, collecting and disbursing monies to specific persons or causes, overseeing the buildings and property of the congregation. Deacons shall assume other duties as may be delegated to them by the session, including assisting with the Lord's Supper.

RULING ELDERS



Jim Blackburn — Elder, 2026–2028

Jim was born and raised in Pasadena as the middle of five children in a 3rd generation Californian family. Long after being classmates in middle and high school, Jim and Leslie were married in San Clemente. In 1975, the family business relocated to Oceanside and allowed them to move to San Diego County. In 1981, they moved to Solana Beach with their three children, all of whom graduated from Torrey Pines High. They currently reside in Leucadia and just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Their children and grandchildren spread from coast to coast. Jim retired in 2009 and now pursues interests in golf, surfing, skiing, and gardening. He has attended SBPC since 1985 and became a member in 2002. He is trained as a Stephen Minister and small group leader, has participated in Come Build Hope and KidsGames, and previously served on the Campus Building Committee and as a Deacon. He looks forward to the continued growth, activities, and relationships offered by SBPC.



Lori Clarke — Elder, 2026–2028

Lori grew up in Los Angeles area churches and graduated from Biola University. A resident of San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter, Lori is the Director of the Social Policy Institute at SDSU with a primary focus on improving county child welfare systems. Lori's stepdaughter, Felicia, is a reconstructive urologist on the core faculty at Walter Reed and also owns and operates Red Rooster Farm in Maryland with her partner, Justin. Lori became a member of SBPC 30 years ago. Over time, she served as an active elder, Co-Chair of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC), Interim Children's Ministry Director at SBPC, and on the Boards of Kingdom Builder Foundation and the San Diego Rescue Mission. God is continuing to grow her heart and SHAPE in serving others, in listening prayer to discern His will, and in experiencing the “sacrifice of praise.” She is excited to serve on Session during this new season at SBPC.



Stan Poey — Elder, 2026–2028 (second term)

Stan was born in Indonesia and emigrated with his parents and siblings to the USA when he was 10. He grew up in a Christian home and received baptism at age 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church in El Segundo, CA. After graduating from UCLA, Stan started his career in the biotech industry and met his wife, Donna, in the College/Career group at Glenkirk Presbyterian Church (Glendora, CA). They settled in Carlsbad to raise their family, have been married 34 years, and have two daughters, Lauren (34, married to Jason Jenkins) and Courtney (32). They have also become grandparents to Callahan. Stan has been actively involved in church life, serving before joining SBPC in various roles. Since becoming a member at SBPC in 2009, he served on the Nominating Committee, led two small groups, and plays woodwind instruments in the music ministry. Stan has served as an Elder at SBPC for the past three years and feels honored to serve an additional term on Session.



David Southcombe — Elder, 2026–2028 (second term)

Baptized as an infant, David has known Jesus for as long as he can remember. His faith became personal during his church's Confirmation program. David married Ericka in 1997 after meeting at Wheaton College. They have three kids: Hopelyn (CCA), Lia (Wheaton College), and William (Point Loma Nazarene). They have attended SBPC for 23 years. Before joining SBPC, David facilitated, led, and initiated numerous programs at Wheaton College, Willow Creek, and First Presbyterian Church in Arlington Heights, with a focus on small groups, Alpha, young adults, and young couples. At SBPC, David served in a variety of ministries and programs: CSD site leader, small group facilitator, men's ministry, men's triad groups, Sunday Bible Study, Next Steps ministry, Come Build Hope, Creation Care, MOPPETS volunteer, APNC, CPNC, choir, and Session. He is looking forward to continuing to worship in our choir & in this opportunity to serve another term as an elder, exploring God's calling for SBPC and our community.

DEACONS



Jennifer Blough — Memorial Receptions, 2026–2028

Jennifer was born in Wisconsin and raised in San Diego. She actively attended Christ Lutheran Church in La Mesa, CA, attended the school, and completed confirmation there. She spent many years in various ministries there, including Bible studies, children's ministries, and others. Jennifer graduated from SDSU and then helped her husband with their construction business. She and her husband Steve raised their two sons in La Mesa, and their sons attended the same church school. Upon retirement, they moved to North County to be closer to one of their sons and the beach. She and her husband started attending SBPC in person when COVID restrictions ended, and then immediately got involved in a small group. Jennifer has served with Foster Hope Ministries and Casa de Amistad. She looks forward to serving this wonderful congregation as a deacon.



Melissa Kaminsky — Communion, 2026–2028

Melissa grew up in Solana Beach, attending Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, and has been a member for almost 10 years. After attending a Young Life camp in high school, she decided to follow Christ as a young adult. Melissa lived in Virginia and Washington, D.C., in her twenties and moved back to San Diego after meeting her husband, Joey. They started a family in 2010 and now have three boys, ages 9, 11, and 14. At SBPC, Melissa has served in MOPS/MomCo leadership as Coordinator, been a Community Serve Day site chair, served on the Reveal study committee, and volunteered at KidsGames. Melissa is excited to serve for her first term as a Deacon.



Cheryl Murray — Care Gifts, 2026–2028 (second term)

Cheryl and her husband, Geoff, joined SBPC in 2017 and have lived in Solana Beach, raising their three children, since 1986. Their family has grown and now includes eight grandchildren, 26 to 2 years old. All her life, she has known Jesus as her personal friend, Savior, and Almighty God. She loves the grace of being fully known within our church setting and delights in the freedom to love and encourage others in our community. Cheryl participates in a small group, is a Mentor Mom in MomCo since 2019, and has served in KidCo. December 2025 completes her first three-year term as a Deacon. Her ministries include creating Christmas Encouragement Gifts for members of our congregation who have had a difficult year due to pain or loss, as well as the Welcome New Baby ministry, which complements our missional and intergenerational church values. She is excited about the opportunity to serve another term and looks forward to this next season in our church life with hope.



Suzie Pegel — Communion, 2026 (second term, one year only)

Suzie was born, raised, and schooled in San Francisco. She met her husband, Terry, there, and they have been married for 47 years. They have two wonderful children and feel truly blessed to have three grandchildren. Suzie has been a member of SBPC for almost 40 years and is active with the Children's Ministry, her passion. Serving her community is also high on the list, which includes Community Service Day and other projects. Suzie also enjoys greeting everyone on Sunday mornings before teaching Sunday school. She previously served on the Board of Deacons in the early 2000s. To grow deeper in her relationship with the Lord, Suzie loves attending Bible studies. She has participated in Community Bible Study for over 20 years, and in following her passion for teaching children, she has been teaching home-schooled children in CBS. A few years ago, she was called out of CBS in Solana Beach to teach in Carlsbad. Suzie is looking forward to serving as a Deacon again. When the Lord calls, we hear and obey; He equips and blesses us for our journey.

HISPANIC FELLOWSHIP DEACONS



Daymi Roblero — Deacon, 2026–2028

Daymi nació y creció en Chiapas, México, en una familia cristiana. Debido a recursos económicos por tal motivo tuvo que emigrar a los Estados Unidos a la edad de 14 años. En San Diego, conoció a una hermana de esta congregación Hispana que la invitó a asistir a los servicios. Daymi actualmente está casada con dos hermosos hijos. Hace cuatro años, su esposo era parte del liderazgo Hispano. Fue allí donde tuvieron la oportunidad de trabajar y apoyar mutuamente. Para Daymi, fue y es un privilegio servir a Dios y ahora ser llamada a servir como diaconisa en la congregación Hispana.

Daymi was born and raised in Chiapas, Mexico, in a Christian family. Due to her financial difficulties, she had to immigrate to the United States at the age of 14. Once in San Diego, she met a sister from this Hispanic congregation who invited her to attend services. Daymi is currently married with two beautiful children. Four years ago, her husband was part of the Hispanic leadership. It was there that they had the opportunity to work and support each other. For Daymi, it was and is a privilege to serve God and now to be called to serve as a deacon in the Hispanic congregation.