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## Corporate Meeting Announcement and Board of Directors Nominations

*The Chicago Church of Christ will be holding its annual corporate meeting on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. At this time, directors will be nominated to the board.*

### Notice of Meeting

Next Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Chicago Church will hold its annual corporate meeting. The meeting will take place at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont after the conclusion of our congregational worship service. During this meeting, there will be a brief update as to the status of the church and directors will be nominated to the board.

### Board of Directors

There are nine seats on the Board of Directors for the Chicago Church of Christ. Each board member is elected to serve a three-year term. At this time, we wish to express our deepest gratitude for the services of outgoing board members Todd Fink, Jeff Jones and Phil Lasarsky.

### Candidates for the Board

To fill the vacant board seats, suggested candidates from every region were gathered by the ministry staff. These suggestions were then reviewed by the elders of the church. Through a process of prayer and thoughtful consideration, the elders are now proposing three candidates.

Biographies of our current board members and the new candidates appear on the back page of this announcement. As stated in our bylaws, all of these men are recognized as either deacons or elders, or are qualified to serve by biblical standards. They have the desire and God-given gifts necessary to serve and each characterizes personal commitment to the values

of our church. These candidates have responded to the teachings of the Bible, have been baptized into Christ, participate in the body of Christ (church), are connected with other members in significant relationships, support the church as they are financially able and are recognized as members by the elders and evangelists of the Chicago Church of Christ. We are honored to present them to you.

### Election Process

Please take a moment to review the biographies on the reverse side and consider the proposed candidates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact an elder today. The directors of the corporation shall be elected by the membership of the Chicago Church of Christ at the annual meeting by a yea/nay majority vote.

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## Remaining Board of Directors

*The following six members will continue to serve on the Board through 2007.*

### **Wes Becton**

Wes serves as a House Church Leader in the Central Region and has been a servant in many other ways since becoming a Christian in 1995. He has been married to his wife, Ingrid, for 17 years and has three children, Emily, Wesley and Sam. Wes is now serving as the Director of Operations for the Dupage Medical Group.

### **Dwight Decker**

Dwight has been a faithful disciple since 1978 and has served his region and the church without fail. Because of his servant's heart, he was appointed a Deacon in the church. He and his wife, Barbara, have been married 22 years and are members in the Metro Region. They have three children, Julia, Adrienne and Susie. Dwight is now serving as Financial Analyst in the Real Estate Department of J.P. Morgan Chase.

### **Joe Dubowski**

Joe serves as a House Church Leader in the Northwest Region and has been a servant in many other capacities since becoming a Christian in 1978. He has been married to his wife, Laurel, for 24 years and they have two children, Gayle and Ryan. Joe is now serving as a Quality Assurance Analyst for CNA.

### **Randy Harris**

Randy is an elder serving in the Metro Region. He has been married to his wife, Patsy, for 40 years and has three daughters (all who are disciples) and nine grandchildren. Randy became a Christian in 1976 and is serving full time in his role as an Elder of the Chicago Church of Christ. Randy also serves as a Sector Leader in the Metro Region.

### **Luis Martinez**

Luis has been a servant in many ways since becoming a Christian in 1992. This year, he and his wife, Jane, will be celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary. They have four children, Tatiana, Emilio, Luis and Isabel. Luis is a member of the Chicago Region and is now serving as Lead Architect for the City Colleges of Chicago.

### **Mark Perkins**

Mark has been a faithful disciple since his baptism in 1988 and serves as a Deacon in the West Region. He has been married to his wife, Troy, for 14 years and has three boys, Kyle, Cole and Beau. Mark is an attorney and has been practicing in estate planning for the last 16 years. He is a principle of the law firm Perkins & Zayed, PC.

## Board of Directors Candidates

*The following members are candidates for the three open Board seats.*

### **Gary Daggett**

Gary has been a faithful member of the Southland Region since 1988 when he moved to Chicago with his family to become a disciple and be a part of the Chicago Church of Christ. He and his wife, Karen, have been married since 1970, have led several small groups in the church and have led in Kingdom Kids ministry since 1998. His children, Liz, Gary and Christina are all faithful disciples who have married faithful disciples and are raising his four grandchildren in the Chicago area. Gary is currently a Deacon and has worked in sales & management at Kar Products for 25 years.

### **David Mercurio**

David leads a House Church in the North Region and he and his wife, Carla, are facilitators in the Marriage Dynamics program. They were married in 1990 and have been faithful disciples since 1995. They have three children, Thomas, Gina and Michael. David is employed as a Certified Financial Planner and Vice President with First Bank.

### **Elroy Smith**

Elroy Smith has been a faithful member of the Chicago Church of Christ since his baptism in 1994. He and his wife, Vonda, are the proud parents of one son, Colin Spencer Smith. Elroy has garnered numerous awards in the radio industry and has become one of the most sought after speakers and workshop leaders in the industry. Elroy serves as the Operations Manager of WVON, the only African-American owned and operated Urban Talk format station in the city of Chicago.