

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Nominee Profiles
2017

LOVE GOD. LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Messiah Lutheran Church

Nominee Profile

2017

Council Vice-President Nominee: Bobby Campos
Term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2019

Years Member at Messiah: 7 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

Messiah Church Council At-large, Currently Appointed Vice-President, Paint Your Heart Out home cleanup, B.Y.O.B., Marriage Retreat, Golf Tournament Committee, Sunday School Volunteer

Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

My wife, Tiffany Campos. Her trust and faith in God's plan for us and our two children is unflappable.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

John 14: 6 *"Jesus answered I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me."* Live your life Christ-like. Accepting Christ as your savior is the only path to heaven.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church "To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known"?

By donating time, money and whatever other resources I have.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

I am new to Yorba Linda (December 2010), but immediately felt comfortable calling it home. I am very outgoing, own a small business and enjoy cooking for family and friends.



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Council Financial Secretary Nominee: Steve Jordan
2nd Full Term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2019

Years Member at Messiah: 25 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership
Roles in which you have participated:

I currently serve as Church Financial Secretary as well as the Stewardship Committee Leader. I have also been involved in Fine Arts Ministry, Paint Your Heart Out, Tijuana House Build, Habitat for Humanity, Hope 4 Kids and Love Placentia. I currently am on the board for Thrivent Community Outreach.



Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

Those people with the most significant impact on my life would be my father because of his volunteering in multiple programs throughout the community and church and my mother because of the compassion and love she had in everything she did.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Matthew 5:9: *“Our time, talents and possessions are all gifts from God and our giving back of those gifts glorifies God and spreads love of Jesus Christ.”*

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another?”

I want to grow Generous Living so that it is how we all respond to the boundless love God has first given each one of us.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

I don't know the first thing about music and have no talent in singing. Just sit in front of me at church and you will see.

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Council At-Large Nominee: Jill Keeler

Nomination 2nd Full Term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2019

Years Member at Messiah: 5 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

Brownie Brigade, Communion Server, Donut Duty, Pre-K & Kinder Sunday School, MFAM



Who has been the most significant influence(s) upon your life and your faith, and why?

My college roommate's parents. They are the most encouraging, uplifting, devout Lutherans. No Matter what happens in life they never doubt that God has a plan and it will work out.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

I Corinthians 13: 1— 13. This passage gives me encouragement that God will always love me and will be there for me.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another”?

Helping the community through our many ministries,

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

Friendly yet somewhat quiet. If anyone needs to vent or talk to someone, I'm always willing to listen.

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Council At-Large Nominee: Chris Ross

Nomination 2nd Full Term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2017

Years Member at Messiah: 23 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

Messiah Fine Arts set builder for 10+ years. Completed 1 term as “At Large” Messiah Church Council Member. Coached Youth Baseball and Hockey for years.



Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

My Mother had the biggest role in my faith journey. My father had serious health issues as I was growing up. I witnessed my Mom gather strength and peace thru prayer. She continues to be the rock of our family and I continue to learn from her to this day.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* This passage gives me strength to persevere thru those difficult times that we all face on a daily basis. Knowing that God has a plan is very comforting.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another”?

Having served on the Council now for 2 years, my eyes have been opened to the importance of providing a welcoming and safe place for all people to worship. A place where no judgments are made just support and comforting words and guidance. These words ring true both globally and in our neighborhoods.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

It has been an honor to serve on the Church Council and I look forward to a 2nd term to learn from the other members and grow in my faith.

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Council At-Large Nominee: Tracy Seagren

Nomination 2nd full term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2019

Years Member at Messiah: 5 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

Living Vine, Confirmation Small Group Leader, VBS Leader, Nominating Committee, Small Group, Connections Committee, Trunk or Treat.



Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

My Mom has been a huge influence on my life and my faith as she dedicated herself to making sure her children knew God and knew the church, and saw her example of going to church and studying the word.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Proverbs 3: 5—6: *“Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”* This passage is a reminder to me that God has a plan for all of us and that it will be revealed in his time, but most importantly that I don’t need to worry about it. My God has a beautiful plan and I have a place in that plan.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another?”

The mission statement “Love God. Love one Another” is one of the things I love most about our church. Recognizing and remembering that every one of us is a child of God and that we are to love and be in community with one another is something I strive to do every day.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

I love the opportunity to listen and get to know others. Encouraging others is one of my favorite things to do.

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Council At-Large Nominee: Charles E. Streitz

Term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2019

Years Member at Messiah: 10 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

Counting Team, Scripture Reader, Usher, Video Tech, Hosted a Small Group.



Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

I was raised Roman Catholic and attended Catholic schools up through high school. However, in my early adulthood, I fell away from the church because I felt disenfranchised, and not connected to messages I was hearing in the services. It wasn't until after I was married that my wife (a Lutheran) gently guided me back to the church. It was through serendipity that we came upon Messiah Lutheran through the activities of my daughter (MFAM). I feel blessed at that connection, and have found renewed sense of center and calm as a result of my attendance and participation at Messiah. Certainly I have found much inspiration in the sermons of Pastor Ron while he was our pastor, as well as Pastor Bob and more recently Pastor Angela. Many times I find the sermons hit very close to home for me, and the messages certainly reach out to me.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Romans 12:2: *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.* I believe that Jesus wants us to be like him, and not get caught up in the world around us and let ourselves get pulled into the negative behaviors around us. In many ways it's like fighting a daily battle, trying to resist things that are the opposite of the teachings of Jesus. As followers of Christ, I think that our obligation to Jesus is to do our best to resist those temptations, and defend and promote the teachings of Jesus whenever we can.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another?”

I hope to be able to provide some input in helping to guide Messiah to an even stronger, thriving organization, so that the tremendous good that is accomplished by this church, not only locally but globally, can be expanded even more. In this way, Messiah can influence and help even more people that are in need.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

I have twenty five years of experience in drafting, negotiating and executing various types of contracts for major corporations. As a result, I also have a general background in finance, though by no means am I an expert in accounting/finance. However, I've been the Treasurer of several start-up companies and I'm currently the Treasurer of our HOA (as well as doing the data entry for the counting team here at Messiah). I also have an engineering background and know my way around power tools. I'm not as extroverted as my wife, but I think I'm getting better in that regard. Participating in social activities at Messiah has definitely helped me in feeling more comfortable interacting with people in general. I'm always willing to learn, willing to help.

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Pacifica Synod Delegate Nominees:

John & Ellen Franklin

Assembly May 2018 and May 2019

Years Member at Messiah: 26 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

John—Sanctuary Choir, Messiah Fine Arts Ministry, Sunday School, Confirmation, Nominating Committee, Communion Assistant, Capital Campaign Committee, Donut/Hospitality Committee, Paint Your Heart Out, Artistic Voyage, Music Call Committee



Ellen—Messiah’s Preschool Advisory Board, Sunday School Teacher, Communion Assistant, Confirmation Guide, Altar Guild, MFAM Dinner Theater “Prep” Team

Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

John—My Dad, My Mother, Grandmother, Pastor Bob, Pastor Ron, Chuck Smith and Raul Riese—Calvary Chapel, Rich Lewis, Father Silva—University of the Pacific, John Wilker—St. Peter Lutheran, Santa Ana, Nuell Lunde

Ellen—Pastor Wilker, Pastor Shoemaker, Pastor Bob, Pastor Ron and many of my friends from Messiah have been significant influences on me in my life.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

John—Romans 12: 11: “ *Never be lacking, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord*”

Ellen—Zephaniah 3: 17: “*The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.*”

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another?”

John—Encouraging, serving, singing and worship and giving praise to the Lord.

Ellen—To continue to love and pray for my Messiah Partners and to continue to spread the word about our wonderful church.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

John—Married 35 years, two beautiful adult daughters, President of the MACY Awards, Circle of Governor of the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House. Love baseball, golf, guitar and singing. Trustee of the Community Justice Foundation.

Ellen—I come from the land of paradise, Oahu, where one half of my heart still lies...the other half is here in Yorba Linda with my husband, John, two daughters, all of our critters, family and friends. I love substituting, horseback riding, bike riding and hanging with family and friends.

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Nominating Committee Nominee: David Gruchow

Nomination 1 year term : October 1, 2017—September 30, 2018

Years Member at Messiah: 21 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

During the time we've been Partners in Ministry here at Messiah, I have served on the Messiah Church Council as its Treasurer and President. In addition, I have previously served on the Nominating Committee and was Chair of the Call Committee that recruited Pastor Angela. I am currently a member of the Church's Stewardship Committee. In the community, I have served on the Orange County Heart Association Board of Directors and as a member of the Board of Managers for the North Orange County YMCA. I coached youth soccer for five years, was an active PTA volunteer, captained several teams in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life, and put in many volunteer hours with the Girl Scouts and National Charity League with my wife and daughter. For 17 years, I also served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Yorba Linda.



Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

Despite a very troubled youth, the loss of two children, and the untimely death of her beloved husband, my Mom never lost her faith in Jesus Christ or wavered in her devotion to my sister and me. Looking back on how she handled all of the trials and tribulations of her life still fills me with the deepest sense of awe and humble respect. I am profoundly grateful for this great gift that God gave to the world: my Mom, Evelyn Gruchow.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Isaiah 40:31: *"...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

I take great comfort from this passage from Isaiah, knowing that despite all of our earthly problems and weaknesses, the Lord always watches out for us, giving us the strength to faithfully endure the tests He puts before us.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another?”

I consider myself a servant of God. He has blessed me with many gifts and a desire to share them with others. I believe that leading by example, witnessing my faith, encouraging love and tolerance, and using my time and talent to promote the mission of this Church helps me to fulfill God’s plan for my life.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

During my life journey, I have been shaped by a sense of service: to the churches I’ve belonged to, to my community, to my family. My Mom believed in the old saying that we should, “Do for others before self”, and I feel that inspiration in my heart today. I’ve always said that I don’t do any of these things for myself; my contentment comes from knowing that the lives of others may just be a little bit better today because I cared.

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Nominating Committee Nominee: Kelly Reed

Nomination 1 year term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2018

Years Member at Messiah: 4 years

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

MFAM, Donut Ministry, VBS, Special Needs Ministry, Confirmation Small Group Leader.



Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

Mother Theresa—She is the epitome of selfless service, humility and grace. She lived what Jesus taught. She wasn't afraid to follow God's calling.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Joshua 1:9: “...*Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*” Trust, trust, trust in the Lord and you need not fear what is set on your path.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church “Love God. Love One Another?”

I think I have a servant's heart, so helping others and doing good works with a loving heart is what I know.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

I have a daughter. I have been married for 24 years. I love to travel, decorate, garden, read, sing and be in musicals with my family.

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Nominating Committee Nominee: Brooke White

Nomination 1 year term: October 1, 2017—September 30, 2018

Years Member at Messiah: 31 years (my whole life)

Messiah Ministries or Community Activities/Leadership Roles in which you have participated:

I am an active member of the women's Bible study, Living Vine. In the past I have taught Sunday School, sang in the youth choir and participated in child and youth activities.

Who has been the most significant influence upon your life and your faith, and why?

I would say my Mom, Cindy Brandom, has had the most significant influence on my life and faith. She has always lived out her faith through her actions by serving others and being there when others needed her.

Share a scripture passage that has most shaped your faith. What within this passage has given energy to your faith?

Micah 6:8: *"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."* This has encouraged me to fight for justice for all and to be the change here on earth.

How do you see yourself helping Messiah Lutheran Church "Love God. Love One Another?"

I firmly believe as Christians we are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. I am passionate about helping others and motivating others to step up and make a positive change in this world.

What would you like Messiah to know about you?

I am married and have two beautiful children, Cooper who is 4 years old, and Selah-Grace who is 2 years old and who we adopted from foster care. I am passionate about foster care, adoption and individuals with special needs.

