

ELECTION OF OFFICERS - BIOGRAPHIES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



Alberto Galvan. Streamwood, Illinois. Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Jerusalen (Jerusalem Covenant Church). Formal Pastor and Church Planter. Alberto has been serving in some way in the church since his conversion at age 17, in the church leadership and now as a bi-vocational planter pastor. He has served on the Executive Board, filling an unexpired term, and is now being elected for a second full 3 year term, serving as one of the non-anglo representatives on the board. He loves to put his gifts in service to God and serving on this board is one way to do that.



Bill Orris. Crystal Lake, IL. Hope Covenant Church. Co-Pastor. He has been a pastor for 30 years...25 of those in the ECC...the last 5 years at Hope serving with his wife, Lisa; they have three children: Billy-with Jesus; died 8/7/15 at 26; Lauren, 25; Michael, 22. Bill has served in the role of a transitional Interim Pastor in 5 churches; his last interim lasting 18 months at Batavia Covenant. Bill is in his 38th season as a licensed Baseball umpire/Football & Basketball referee and has worked State Championship Games three times each in football & baseball in Illinois. He has previously served from 2006-08 on the Evangelism Commission of the Central Conference. Bill is a current member of the Central Conference Executive Board and would be honored to serve one more term.



Laurie Schwalm. Rockford, IL. Evergreen Evangelical Covenant Church. She graduated with a BS degree in Elementary Education. She was a Mary Consultant and then a Sales-Director from 1998-2007 leading a unit of 30-40 women. She had a small Calligraphy business and continued teaching class at the local college twice a year in the Continuing Education Department. Currently, she also works at Huntington Learning Center part-time tutoring children after school in reading and math to help bring them up to grade level.

She's been faithfully serving at the congregation along with her husband, Pastor Jim Schwalm for 25 years before retiring. She was very active in the Women's Ministries at church as well as at the district and conference levels.

They've recently celebrated their 46th Wedding Anniversary and enjoy spending time with their children, Matt, Beth, and Nate and their 7 (+1 more due in March) wonderful grand children.

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HPM BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES 2017

Shalondon Christensen – 2nd term of service/3-year term



Shalondon Christensen with a Business Administration degree from Redlands University in California, brings solid planning and administrative strengths, coupled with vision to any endeavor in which she is involved. Her business career in insurance was on two coasts, beginning in New York, and in Pasadena, California, where more recently she was a senior underwriter for Old Republic Construction Program Group for over 10 years. Shalondon received a Masters Degree in Biblical Studies from Moody Theological Seminary in May 2016, and is involved in the children's ministry at Oakdale Covenant Church in Chicago, Illinois.

Shalondon is known for her strong organizational skills and the ability to motivate others. As a child and young adult, she volunteered with Hollis Development Corporation, in

Queens, New York where she grew up. She actively contributes her strategic leadership and support to the ministry of Soldiers for the Second Coming, in Los Angeles, and the chaplaincy ministry of Ballers Behind Bars in Chicago, Illinois and the Skinner Leadership Institute in Washington D.C. She is committed to furtherance of the Gospel through the camping ministry of both Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point. Shalondon makes her home in River Forest, Illinois with her husband Mark, and their two daughters, Sara and Ava.

Dwight Huse – 1st term of service/3-year term



I live in Kingsford, Michigan and am a member of First Covenant Church in Iron Mountain. I work as a computer programmer at our local county hospital.

My wife, Karen, and I have been married for over 30 years. We met at Covenant Bible College in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. We have made the Upper Peninsula of Michigan our home for the last 27 years. Karen works part time in a coffee shop and has just started as a Deaconess at our church. Our son, Brent, will graduate from the Biblical and Theological Studies program at North Park University in May 2017. He has worked at Covenant Point the last three summers and plans to be on staff at Covenant Point again this summer. Our daughter, Bonnie, is in the culinary and hospitality management programs at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin. Bonnie has worked at Covenant Point the last five summers and plans on being an assistant cook at Covenant Point this coming summer. Both Brent and Bonnie attended the Solid Rock School of Discipleship at Lake Beauty Bible Camp in Long Prairie, Minnesota. Brent attended the first year, 2014-15, and Bonnie the second year, 2015-16.

My work at the hospital is part programming, part system administration, part application analysis, a lot of data extraction and report writing, and a little bit of hardware troubleshooting. I use some of these skills to support the computer systems at our church. I also teach an adult Sunday school class and am part of the Christian Education board of the church.

I grew up in the Covenant as my father, Robert Huse, is a Covenant pastor (retired). As a youth, I attended Bible camps at Covenant Heights in Estes Park, Colorado and Covenant Park in Mahtowa, Minnesota. As an adult, I had the honor and privilege of working for and beside Chuck Frasier. I was the summer Registrar at Covenant Point the summer of 1987. Karen was head cook that summer having spent several previous summers in that kitchen. Living somewhat close to Point, I have been able to volunteer at camp from time to time. I have also enjoyed working with Bill Fish, Kevin Johnson, and Erik Strom in these volunteer roles. I have been blessed to attend almost every Men's Retreat at Covenant Point since the days we met in the fall time frame back in the early 90's.

I see Bible camps as an essential part of the church organization. I look forward to working with the camping ministry at a different level which I have not experienced before. I am excited to see our two camps succeed at their ministry.

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Anne Jorgensen – Fulfill remainder of term/1-year term



Anne grew up attending First Covenant Church of Marinette, WI. She was very involved in the church with the youth programs, and loved going to the junior and senior high retreats up at Covenant Point. While growing in her faith she always felt called to love people, to serve, and to lead. With a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Anne served in the non-profit sector for roughly 10 years. Over these years she supervised afterschool programs and worked directly with youth and foster children with severe autism and cognitive disabilities. In 2010, Anne came to Chicago to study at North Park University and completed a master's program in Non-Profit Administration in 2012. During that time Anne felt God also calling her into ministry in the church. Following God's leading she entered seminary at North Park Theological Seminary in 2012. Anne graduated with her Master of Divinity in the summer of 2015 and was called to Glen Ellyn Covenant Church as Associate Pastor in December of 2015. Anne has an adventurous spirit and loves to go off exploring new places, new things, good food, or playing with her much beloved nephews and niece.

Heather Rose – 2nd term of service/3 year-term



Heather lives in Round Lake, Illinois and attends Anchor Covenant Church in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. She grew up in Wilmette, IL and attended Winnetka Covenant Church for most of her life. Heather is married to David for almost 19 years, and they have three children: Scott (14), Annika (11) and Kristin (10). Heather and David met while they were both counselors in training at CHIC '94 in Ft. Collins, CO. Heather is a partner at Erickson-Papanek-Peterson-Rose, a law firm in Northbrook, Illinois. Most of their practice involves estate planning, real estate, and taxes. She has served on the leadership team at Anchor Covenant Church and recently started a ministry there for the third through fifth graders.

"My husband and I both attended both camps as children, for both summer camps and various retreats with our youth groups. As a family, we attended Covenant Point several years in the summer with Winnetka Covenant Church. Our children started attending Covenant Harbor as soon as they were able, and our son has attended Covenant Point for the last several years. Each experience with each of the camps has left each member of our family enriched and renewed. I am excited to work with this board to help promote and encourage the camps in their vital ministry."