

TRUSTEE NOMINEE

Below is a brief bio to help you learn more about our Trustee nominee:

ADAM COPELAND



Adam Copeland grew up in Brazil and Alabama. He moved to Harrisonburg in 2009 to teach English to international students with Study Group North America. He currently works with the same company to recruit international students into 8 different US university partnerships, including JMU. He and Cathy were married in 2010 and placed

membership at MLC that same year. They have two children, Latham (9) and Gwendolyn (6). Some of his highlights of service at MLC include being interim College Minister with Cathy, serving on a couple of call committees, and serving on the Vision 2015 Task Group.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEES

Below are brief bios to help you learn more about the current slate of Council nominees:

GUS KAGEY



My name is Gustavo Alvez Kagey. I am married to Roger Kagey who is also a member of Muhlenberg. I am originally from Uruguay and moved to America in September of 2000. I joined Muhlenberg in 2019.

My experience with leadership in the church started at an early age. When I was sixteen I helped with the Youth Ministry at my church. At the age of eighteen I was invited to help establish a church in a city of Brazil where 30% of the population was from Japan. When I went back to Uruguay I continued to help local Pastors. In 1984 the Mennonite Church opened a new church where I was invited to help build a youth group. I stayed for two years until May 1986 when the Brazilian church sent a new Missionary to reestablish the Assembly of God church in my city in Uruguay. Since I am fluent in the Portuguese language I helped this missionary and his family start the new church. In 1988 I was sent to Brazil to study at the Assembly of God Church Seminary for two years. There I received my Bachelor in Theology that helped me gain knowledge about church administration and how to grow a church. I want to share my experiences and advocate for the best future for Muhlenberg.

BRAD MOYERS

I was born and raised in Woodstock, Virginia. My family attended Reformation Lutheran Church in New Market before we joined Emanuel Lutheran in Woodstock. After high school, I attended Bridgewater College and often attended the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren when Pastor Robert Alley presided. After several years in the working world delivering pizzas, substitute teaching and



doing factory work, I decided to pursue a legal career. I graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1998.

BRAD MOYERS (CONT'D)

I began my legal career as a prosecutor, first in Buchanan County and then in Harrisonburg/Rockingham County. Clark & Bradshaw invited me to join its law firm in 2002 and I have been practicing law at the firm since that time.

I married my wife Amy in 1999. We live in Bridgewater with our two children, Abby and Ryan, as well as our family dog and cat. Abby is a freshman at Virginia Wesleyan and Ryan is in 8th grade at Wilbur Pence Middle School. We officially joined Muhlenberg around 2004.

I have enjoyed serving Muhlenberg in various capacities in the past. I have led and attended several adult Faith Formation classes, served on the Mutual Ministry and Pastoral Call committees, had nearly 100% attendance at potluck dinners and was a mediocre player on the Muhlenberg softball team back in the glory days of Muhlenberg softball. I am also currently serving the Virginia Synod as its attorney. I would be honored to serve on the church council if selected.

RACHEL PETERS



I have attended Muhlenberg since my husband Chris and I moved to Harrisonburg in 2016. I am a music teacher at Ruckersville Elementary, a school within Greene County Public Schools, and hold a master's degree in Education Leadership. I often share my musical gifts as a member of the choir and frequently play my flute in worship. I am also the proud mom of Henry, born May 2021. I have always had a love of church and service, having served past congregations in both professional and lay positions in youth and music ministries. Actively involved in the greater ELCA, I have also attended four different Youth Gatherings as a youth participant and volunteer. I am excited for this opportunity to serve on council as a way to utilize my leadership skills and share my passion for church and community. Muhlenberg has given so much to me and my family that I am looking forward to giving back in this new capacity.

Rachel has served as Muhlenberg's Cherub Choir Director and in 2022 will begin doing that in a volunteer capacity.

MEG WIGHTMAN

My husband Bill and I have been members of Muhlenberg since 2010 when I left the pastorate at Community Mennonite Church at the end of my 10-year call there. Our family (including children Liam and Alice) came to Muhlenberg because I knew Pastors Joe and Dave well through the Interfaith Association and Lectionary Study Group, and it was on my "short list" of good, healthy local congregations to recommend to local church shoppers. Also, Muhlenberg "took in" the Day Care my children were part of when we were desperately looking for a new home.



Following the pastorate I went on to nursing school at UVA and have worked at UVA Medical Center, the HR Free Clinic as Clinical Director, and recently returned to UVA's Cancer Center in Fishersville as an Infusion Nurse. At Muhlenberg I have led a women's Bible study, helped in worship in a variety of ways, and served on the hospitality committee, mutual ministry team, call and personnel committees. Our children chose to be baptized during Easter Vigil several years ago, and Liam was later confirmed.

I have been actively involved in the "Devotional Classics" Adult Sunday School class for several years. I have also been part of an ecumenical local monthly spiritual direction group for over 20 years. I look forward to discerning with fellow council members what God is doing in our midst and how God is calling our congregation forward.