Bethel Church of San Jose

2025 Candidate Profiles

Board of Deacons Candidates - Vote for three (3)



Leng Tan

Leng has been attending Bethel Church for 28 years and is married to Susumu Agari. She retired from Oracle as a Senior Vice President of Engineering.

Leng currently serves as a leader in Bible Study Fellowship and Alpha course. She has served on Bethel's Deacon Board as Secretary, Missions Board, Women's Committee, Digital Ministry, Royal Family Kids Camp and Mentor Club as Assistant Director.



Mark Jones

Mark's full name is Russell Mark Jones but has gone by Mark since birth. He works at an electrical construction company in Sunnyvale.

Mark has attended Bethel with his wife Theresa for about 20 years. He has been at Bethel his whole life, now at 61 years.

Mark has been involved in Bethel's sports outreach, coached Upward basketball, served at various outreaches, and has been on missions trips.



Don Clanton

Don Clanton is married to Lynn and they have three adult children: Sandra, Gregory, and Douglas. Don is retired from Lockheed-Martin Aerospace, and is currently involved in Real Estate development.

Don has attended Bethel Church for 32 years and has served on the Foundation Board, World Missions Board, Finance Committee, Heartbeat Committee, and Eldership member. He has also served as an Usher, Greeting Team member and re-model of two church parsonages.

Additionally, Don has served at the Santa Clara church, prior to the Bethel Church merger, on the Deacon Board, as an Adult Bible teacher and foreign missions and local Church Building projects.

The remaining candidates are on the following page.

Please be in prayerful consideration for these candidates.

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*Kevin Little

Kevin Little is the Asst. Corp. Controller at Marvell Technology.

He and his wife Carol have two children: Brayden and Brianna. His family has been a part of Bethel for over a decade.

He currently leads the Bethel Men's Ministry, has served on the Board of Deacons for the past 3 years, served on the finance committee for several years before that and has continued to serve on the Bethel Safety & Hospitality teams for many years.

*Denotes Incumbent



Hannah John

Hannah John and John Joseph have been married for 19 years and have 2 wonderful children Hansel John and Krysle John.

She has been attending Bethel Church since 2018.

Hannah serves on the Building Committee, Bible Quiz Ministry, Women's Ministry and as a Greeter.

She has a passion for prayer and is involved in various ministries to see transforming revival in the Bay Area and our Nation.



Melvin Manning

Mel and his wife Frieda have been attending Bethel for 37 years, married for 40 years and have two children, Daniel and Michelle. Daniel is married to Ali, and they have a 3 year old daughter, Taylor (she is so special!!).

Mel has been employed in finance/real estate for 40+ years and a public-school teacher for 5 years specializing in special needs children. Currently, Mel and Frieda are licensed real estate agents for 25+/30+ years.

During his 37 years at Bethel, he has served in children's ministry in Sunday school and royal rangers as a commander. He has served on the official board for 6 years, taught the financial planning class, and is currently an usher and on the prayer team.

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World Missions Board Candidates - Vote for two (2)



Sandy Holt

Sandy is a single mother of two wonderful grown daughters and a proud grandmother of eight! She's been blessed to call San Jose home since 2008, and has been a member of Bethel Church since 2009. It's been a truly enriching experience.

Her career has spanned over thirty years in the jewelry industry, a field she's found incredibly rewarding. Sandy loves being a part of people's special moments, helping them celebrate life's milestones.

At Bethel, she's had the privilege of serving in various capacities. Her involvement includes contributions to several hospitality teams, Women's Ministries, the World Missions Board, our church coffee house, Divorce Care, and Financial Peace University. These experiences have been incredibly meaningful, allowing Sandy to connect with the community and contribute to the church's mission.



*Michelle Hawthorne

Michelle Hawthorne and her husband, Richard Hawthorne, own a family business in Santa Clara. She and Rich have four adult children (Sarah, Alisa, David and Daniel) and one grandchild.

Michelle has been a part of Bethel Church since approximately 1980. She is currently attending and serving at the Santa Clara campus. She also is on the Women's Ministry Team and the World Missions Board.

She has previously served in the Children's, Youth, and Young Marrieds ministries and has also served on numerous missions trips.

*Denotes Incumbent



Steve Gustafson

Steve is married to Cheri and they have three children: Matt, Elise & Chris; who all grew up at Bethel. Steve and Cheri have six grandchildren. He is a Vice President at Critchfield Mechanical.

Steve and Cheri have attended Bethel for 42 years. They currently serve as elders and prayer partners. Steve has been a children's SS teacher and has served on the Building Committee, Finance committee, World Missions Board and Official Board.



*Linda Tencati

Linda Tencati owns Scotty's Automotive with her husband Dave Tencati and does the bookkeeping for the business. She has two adult daughters, Megan Dequine and Melissa Cid.

She has attended Bethel Church for her entire life. Linda has served as a Sunday school coordinator, Sunday school teacher, Kids Club leader, table leader for Women's Bible Study and served on the Finance Committee.

She has also served in the music department, youth ministry, helped at many large events, and hosted a small group for several years.

Linda is currently serving on the hospitality team and on the Missions Board.

*Denotes Incumbent

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