

November 2011 Council Nominee Profiles



Geoff Bokan - Geoff has been a member of Cross of Hope since March of 1987. Geoff served on the council from 1992 – 1994 and 2002 – 2004. His services have included singing with the Voices of Hope Choir, Assisting Minister, chairing Fiesta.



Curtis Case—My name is Curtis Case. I have been married to my wife, Susan, for 17 years and we have two children. We have been members of Cross of Hope Church for about 4 years. I have a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and I am medically retired from the United States Air Force. I am currently employed by Albuquerque Schools as a Substitute Teacher. I desire to serve on the church council because I feel that I need to be more involved in the ministry of Cross Of Hope. I would like to be a part of the decision making process as well as the fellowship that the council represents.



Elisa McLellan—I began coming to Cross of Hope in June of 2006. I became a member in March of 2007. It has been an exciting journey taking classes here such as Experiencing God, Alpha, Women on Wednesday and joining the Prayer group. I have been richly blessed over and over again. Now as time has past I am doing W3 on Wednesday evenings with my Mom, coming to church every Sunday for service and still praying as part of the Prayer Chain. I have wanted to serve on the Council ever since I became a member at Cross of Hope. It would be a blessing and a true honor to serve on the Church Council. It would please me to serve our church in this way.



Jeanette McNealy—I would like to begin by saying thank you for your nomination to be part of the Church Council.

My family and I have been members of Cross of Hope since 1996. We love our congregation and we feel very blessed to have Pastor Dale as our leader in our Christian faith.

I'm married to Patrick McNealy and have two daughters, Miranda and Mikayla. I'm a Health Plan Consultant for Presbyterian Medicare Plans and love what I do.

My Christian faith began in the Catholic Church. I grew up in Tome and was a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church. I was introduced to the Lutheran faith and feel very connected in our church community. I'm hopeful that I will be connected in your hearts as one of your council members.



Kenneth Harrington—I was raised in southern Louisiana and east Texas. After high school, I attended Louisiana State University (LSU) for a little more than two-years. In 1986 I returned to school at Tyler Junior College (TJC) and The University of Texas at Tyler (UTT), both in Tyler, Texas. I completed an Associate of Arts degree in Computer Science at TJC, and am just short of a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science at UTT.

I have worked as a programmer on hospital billing systems since 1988, beginning at Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, TX. I have also worked at West Virginia University Hospital in Morgantown, WV; Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, LA; and as a consultant for Superior Consulting in a variety of locations. I moved to Albuquerque in October, 2000 after accepting a programming position at Presbyterian Healthcare Services. I will complete my 11th year with Presbyterian on November 6th, 2011.

I am honored to be one of the newest members of the Cross of Hope Congregational Council. I look forward to working with the Council and the Members of COH to make positive progress in the coming years.



Ruth Hinkel—My name is Ruth Hinkel. I am honored to have been asked to become a council member. I have been a Lutheran since 1966 and a member of Cross of Hope since 2002. I enjoy being active in the life of the congregation in various capacities.

I would bring to this calling my earnest desire to serve God combined with my life experience. If I can represent some of your needs and concerns, I will do my best to be worthy of your trust.



Chris Morgan — I have lived in Rio Rancho since 1988. My wife Julie are currently raising two great nephews, Jeremy and Bradley. I work as a designer/drafter for AECOM, an architectural and engineering firm. Our family has been a part of the body of Christ at Cross of Hope for about three years. Wednesday evenings I have been helping Pastor Dale teach the confirmation class. They are a fun (and woolly) bunch to work with! Since Cross of Hope is coming soon to a major transition, it is my desire to see that we do not lose those things that make this congregation so unique and wonderful. I want to see us continue with the tradition of biblically-based preaching and teaching; to be a place for spiritual growth and encouragement; to be a congregation that reaches out and looks for ways to serve. Most importantly, I want to see us continue to keep our focus on

Jesus, the Lord and Master, whom we are called to love and serve.



Forrest Uppendahl—I've been a member of the Cross of Hope congregation since 2004 - the ninth church affiliation (eight of them Lutheran) since Elaine and I have been married. I have served on two church councils in capacities as youth director, stewardship lead, building director and as council president in two churches in Denver and Joplin. Also have had active leadership in three building campaigns. Am currently serving on the Cross of Hope Elementary School Board of Management. Cross of Hope is entering a period of significant transition. I welcome an opportunity to make solid contributions as the council deals with pastoral change and facility enhancements that will address school and church enrichment and growth. God, desire to serve combined with my life experience. If I can represent some of your needs and

concerns, I will do my best to be worthy of your trust.