

Multi-church (three-church) initiative board of directors

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Three building board members have been selected from each church to organize our partnership and its assets. In addition, the faith leader from each congregation will serve as a non-voting board member. As you can see, we're blessed with strong leadership!

Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church

Sarah Borgerding (chair)

Sara has experience bringing cultural change and healing to communities, and uses dialogue, questions, and creativity to solve problems. She spent her career in healthcare strategy.

Ginny Rudloff (vice chair)

Ginny is a 25-year member of the congregation with deep knowledge of its vision and membership, a former Church Council member, and member of many church committees. She was the executive director of two nonprofits, and is experienced in strategic planning.

Eric Grube

Eric is an active and long-term member of Lake Nokomis Lutheran, with extensive service on the finance committee. He is head of the accounting department at Concordia University and active community member in South Minneapolis.

Living Table United Church of Christ

Cindy Schipper

Cindy has served as Clerk and as Co-Moderator, and sees this multi-church initiative as an opportunity to renew our commitment to serve as custodians of our shared resources, including welcoming community groups. She is a retired social service professional with experience in residential care as a behavior analyst and program supervisor.

Thomas Ruffaner

Tom has served as Co-Moderator and a property committee member since joining Living Table in 2014. He served as Facilities Supervisor at Augsburg University, supervising 15-30 custodians on a 23-acre campus with 18 buildings and approximately 2 million sq. ft.; and has served as a member of multiple community organizations.

Greg Owen (secretary)

Greg has served multiple times as a moderator and property chair during his 40+ years at Minnehaha UCC and Living Table, and helped guide the merger of Minnehaha UCC and Spirit of the Lakes UCC from 2008 to 2012. He is now semi-retired from his position as consulting scientist at Wilder Research in St. Paul.

Spirit of St. Stephen's Catholic Community

Karen Klein

Karen is serving in her ninth year on the Spirit Catholic Community finance committee, and recently finished six years of service in the Community Council. She had a 37-year career in finance with General Mills.

Shaun McElhatton

Shaun worked with the law firm Leonard, Street & Deinert for 27 years, focused on housing and multi-use development, including some work with churches.

Larry Luck (treasurer)

Larry has been the chair of the Spirit Catholic Community's finance committee for 12 years, and served on the Community Council for six years. He was a teacher in the Minneapolis Public Schools for 31 years, and taught at Anoka Ramsey Community College, Macalester College, University of Minnesota, Moorhead State University, and University of St. Thomas.