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the Ascension



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ASCENSION - 2022

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2023 Annual Meeting

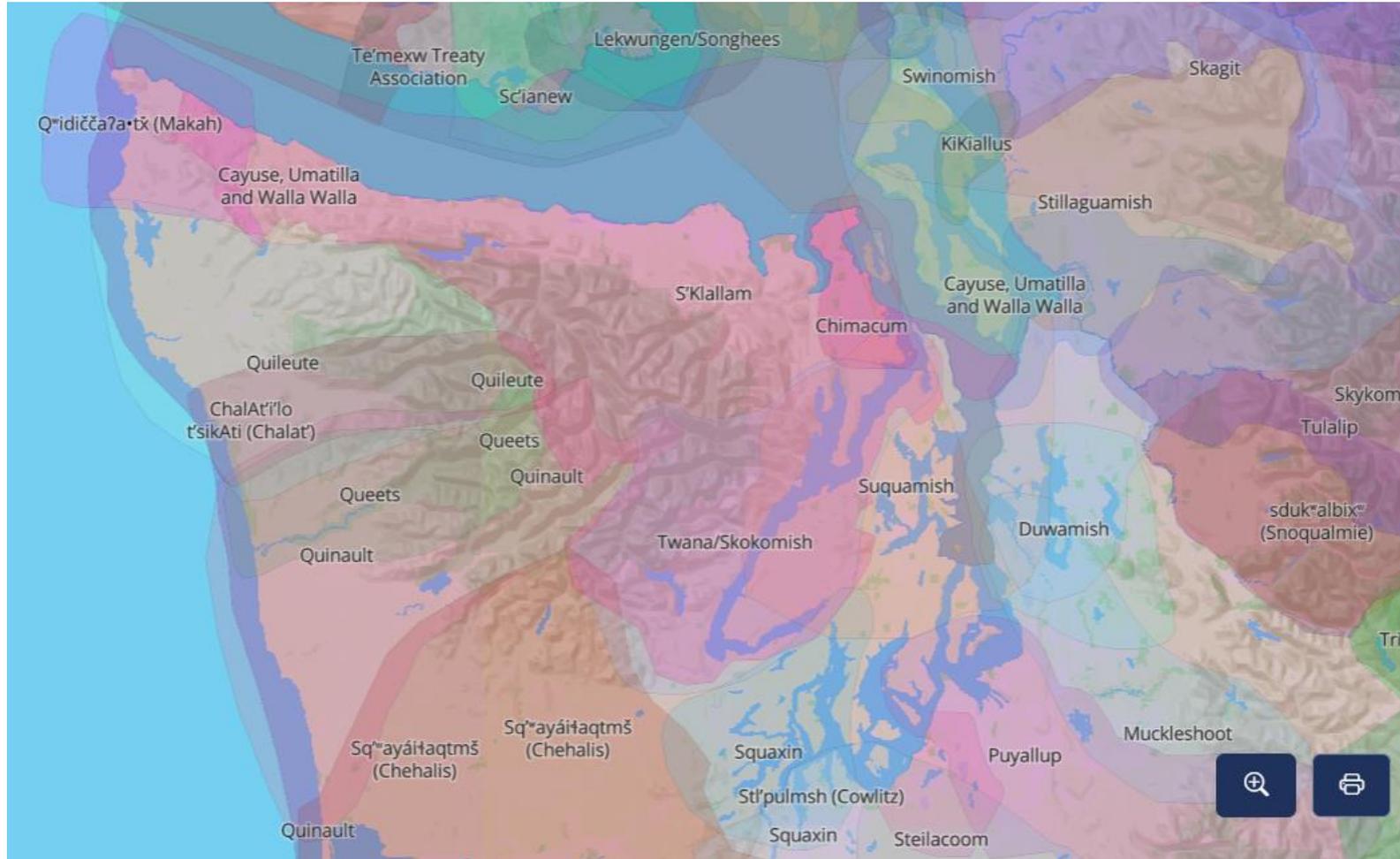
Welcome and Call to Order

Appoint Ian Clunies-Ross as recording secretary

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Prayer

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Opening Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel today for the renewal and mission of your Church.

Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Annual Meeting Agenda

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 - Melanie Audette, Brian Edwards, Nicole Janzen
 - Vestry class of 2025 (vote for one):
 - Greg Daniel
- Diocesan Convention Alternates (vote for two)
 - Don Fornoff, Linda Snider

2. Rector's Report

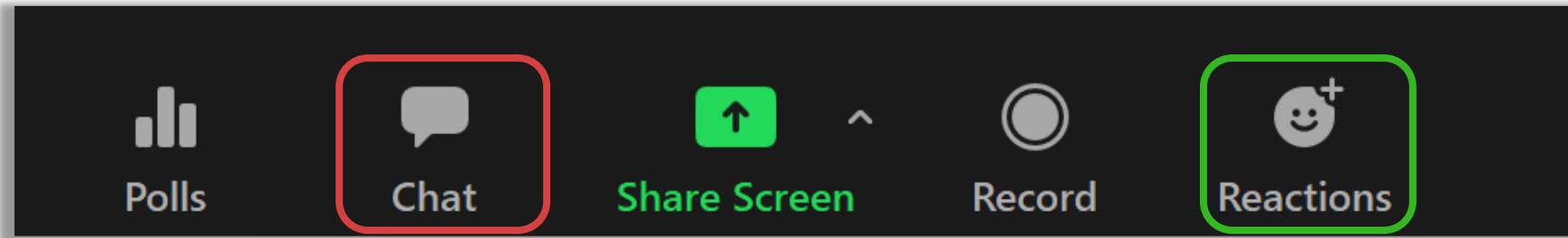
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4. Treasurer's Report

5. Recognitions

6. Blessing

Zoom Features

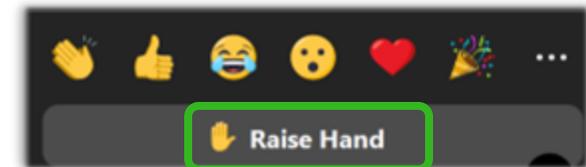


Click *Chat* to open the chat panel:

- Use to add your name during the call for quorum
- Use to ask questions and/or add comments throughout the meeting

Click *Reactions*, then select *Raise Hand* during voting to approve motions

Do not "raise hand" when voting no approval



Certify a Quorum

Please sign in so we may determine quorum.

Qualification of Voters and Certification of a Quorum

Canon 9, Sec. 2b “Adult communicants (which in Canon 20, sec 1&2 defines) – baptized person faithful in worship, 16 years old or older and who contributes to the parish financially or with time and talent – is in good standing shall chose by vote the Vestry members to serve.”

Quorum: presence of 20% of voting members (21 persons)



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Vestry class of 2025 Nominees:



Melanie Audette

Melanie is inspired by the word of God, having been an Episcopalian for most of her life. While moving multiple times for jobs and career, Melanie sought out the local parish and therefore has experienced varying perspectives on the faith. Most recently, Melanie was a member of St. Michael's in Issaquah, where she served on the Vestry. She and her husband Mike Grimme chose Magnolia as their forever home when they became empty nesters after her fourth child Matthew left for UW. Melanie's profession as a nonprofit executive at Mission Investors Exchange, where philanthropy and investing come together to make more impact for foundation endowments, reinforces her philosophy of making the most of life and all of our assets – influence, reputation, capital, time and, most of all, our capability to share God's love.



Nicole Janzen

Nicole Janzen was born and raised in a small rural community in British Columbia where she met her husband Carl. As a child of immigrants and a first generation Canadian and English speaker, she grew up helping her grandparents learn English where her passion for teaching was planted. Nicole has a BA in English and a Masters in Teaching and has taught everything from Kindergarten to Adult ESL, including a short-term volunteer teaching position in Bangladesh in 2012 where Carl was doing volunteer medical work. After many full-time years in the classroom, Nicole currently works as a substitute in Seattle Public Schools. She has led and facilitated women's Bible studies in her previous churches, as well as leading home groups with Carl. Together they were active volunteers at Bethany Women's Shelter for a number of years. Nicole and Carl moved to Magnolia in 2014 and began attending Ascension in the fall of 2021 after deciding to find a neighborhood church community to call home. She has been delighted to be trained and serve as a LEV and a LEM this past year and looks forward to investing her time and talents as a new Vestry member. Nicole and her husband have 30-year-old twin daughters who are both married and live in the Puget Sound area. Nicole is happiest when she is doing something creative and also loves to travel, hike, garden, rummage in thrift stores and read.



Brian Edwards

Brian was raised Roman Catholic, but he came to the Episcopal church during college when he met his (now) wife, Heather. He grew up in southern Illinois, Houston and California before moving to Washington in 2004. Holding a Master's in clinical psychology and a JD from Seattle University, Brian works as a family law attorney (joking that it is the oldest Anglican profession). When not working Brian is frequently chasing his two kids (Wilson and Felicity) these days, but he still tries to volunteer when he can. Some of his favorite volunteer opportunities are Seattle Humane Society where he and Heather cared for cats for years. He has also served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for underserved children who find themselves in the court system.

Vestry class of 2025 Nominee:



Greg Daniel

Previously a parishioner at St. John's in West Seattle, Greg Daniel and his wife Theresa joined the Church of the Ascension once the West Seattle Bridge closed (having moved to Magnolia a month prior.) Not raised an Episcopalian, Greg was drawn to the church by the sense of love, compassion, openness, and community, and considers his faith journey a continual work in progress. Greg oversees the global information technology operations for a large NGO which works in 72 countries. He is experienced in implementing large scale systems, tools, and processes in challenging work conditions and even more challenging governmental regulations. As part of a work fellowship, Greg created an Enterprise Safety program and created an IT remote workforce enablement program (Virtual by Design) which was prescient as we entered pandemic lockdowns. In his free time, Greg likes to spend as much time outside as he can fly-fishing or doing something tangible like flipping a wrench on older cars.

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vote for three

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2023 Diocesan Convention Delegates

Delegates Class of 2023 *(approved last year for 2-year term):*

- Joe Jennings
- Debbie Crouch
- Jim Crouch
- Carol Lumb

Vote for Alternates:

- Don Fornoff
- Linda Snider

Call for nominations from the floor > Vote for two candidates

Rector's Report



Senior Warden's Report

Treasurer's Report

Great 2022!!

- ✓ The 2022 operating budget ran a \$40,000 surplus
- ✓ The sale of the Rectory was successfully completed, and a new property purchased that resulted in a reserve of over \$145,000
- ✓ The campus grounds and facilities were improved

There are challenges for 2023

- Grow children's ministries with Sunday School and Children's Choir and
- Prioritize and tackle Campus projects, including Columbarium
- Spring Appeal is planned to raise \$16,500 to close the operating budget gap

Treasurer's Report

Budget Highlights

	Actual 2022	Budget 2023	Growth
Total Operating Fund Income *	\$ 343,102	\$ 352,848	3%
Total Christian Formation	\$ 18,000	\$ 27,300	52%
Total Church Expenses	\$ 30,953	\$ 42,024	36%
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$ 142,579	\$ 161,466	13%
Net Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 41,088</u>	<u>\$ 1,283</u>	

*2023 income includes successful Spring Appeal

Sacraments of 2022

Baptisms

- Felicity Aila Edwards McRobbie
- Wilson Finnan Edwards McRobbie

Marriage

- Hannah Marie Burton
- Will Weckel-Dahman

Burial

- Joy Eden Goodenough

Vestry Recognition

Outgoing Vestry Members:

- Eileen Askew (Senior Warden)
- Stephanie Henderson (Junior Warden, Chair of Stewardship Ministry)
- Nancy Reeder (liaison to Music Ministry)
- Lucy Kelly (liaison to Hospitality and Fellowship)

Appoint 2023 Senior Warden

Meeting Close

Meeting adjourned