

## Nominees for Trustee

### Alan Abramson



Alan Abramson became a member of All Souls Church in 2002. At All Souls, Alan has served on the Beckner, fundraising, and nominating committees; taught religious education; ushered; and participated in service trips to New Orleans and North Carolina. In recent years, the All Souls Parents of Teens group has been an important part of Alan's life. Selfishly, above all, Alan just loves coming to services to listen to the sermons and music and see friends. After many years – even decades – together, Alan married Alex Wilson at All Souls on 10/10/10, a date that Alex picked so neither one would forget it. Extra special was having their son Ben serve as Best Man. In his day job, Alan is a professor at George Mason University where he teaches nonprofit management and directs Mason's Center on Nonprofits, Philanthropy, and Social Enterprise. Alan previously worked at the Aspen Institute and Urban Institute, and has been a member of quite a few local and national nonprofit boards and advisory committees. His volunteer activity has included service as president of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), the nation's major association of university-based and other nonprofit researchers. Alan earned his B.A. at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and his Ph.D. at Yale University.

### Brian Petruska (Treasurer)



Brian J. Petruska has been a resident of DC since 2005. He has attended All Souls since 2006, and became a member in 2019. He has served as All Souls' Assistant Treasurer since January of 2020.

Brian is married to Juliene James, who is a member of the All Souls Choir and of the Women's 8 singing group. Julie and Brian have two children: Raffi (12) and Johanna (10) who both perform in the All Souls Junior Choir.

Brian is the General Counsel for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Organizing Coalition of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA!), where he serves as counsel for LIUNA's organizing campaigns in the Baltimore-Washington area. He is a graduate of NYU Law School. In 2004, Brian served as a judicial law clerk for United States Circuit Judge Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and in 2005 for United States District Judge Virginia Emerson Hopkins in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Brian was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a life-long Cardinals fan.

## Nominees for the Nominating Committee

### Lydia Mosher (two-year term)



I came to All Souls around 1991 to be with Jubilee Singers. My husband and I joined in 1996. Greeting and Silver Souls were added to my activities as I continued my 52 years as a teacher and Head of school. I have been a member of the women's covenant group for over 20 years. I have developed and taught art lessons in RE based on the church monthly theme in person and on zoom. A trained OWL teacher, I now also serve on the RE committee. Vespers village is an important part of my spiritual life. I look forward to being able to serve the larger church community.

### Georgia Yuan (two-year term)



Georgia is Mom to two wonderful 30 somethings, an attorney, an executive coach, geologist, pianist, harpsichordist, flautist, quilter, sewist, knitter, and curious about life in general. Georgia and her husband Larry Meinert joined All Souls in 2010. She has served on the Board of Trustees and the Committee on Ministry and is currently serving on the Beckner Advisory Committee, Rev Sinkford's ministry committee, and helping with the ASC archives.

### Mark Matthews (two-year term)



A second-generation Unitarian, Mark Matthews joined All Souls in the late 1980s. He served on the Nominating Committee several times in the past--once as chair. He has also been Church Secretary and held various roles on Annual Giving campaigns. He is currently a co-coordinator of ushers and a member of the Migrant Solidarity Team. His half-century in journalism included many years as a DC-based diplomatic reporter, a posting to the Middle East, and a decade editing a technology-focused higher education magazine.

### **Eileen Findlay (two-year term)**



Eileen Findlay has been a member of All Souls for almost 30 years. She was married and raised her children at the church. She has been active in a wide range of spaces at All Souls: Jubilee Singers and the All Souls Choir, the Adult Spiritual Development Committee, RE teacher, covenant groups, a founding member of the Parents of Teens and the White Folks Confronting Racism study/action groups, among others. All Souls has sustained her through decades of joy and deep grief. She can't imagine life without this church. Eileen is Professor of Latin American and Caribbean History at American University, where she chairs the Department of Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies.

### **Topher Kandik (one-year term)**



Topher Kandik first started attending All Souls Church right after 9/11, and he has been a member of All Souls since taking ASC's very first Roots and Wings class. As a high school English teacher, Topher has served as a teacher for the Religious Education program and as a leader for the Adult Spiritual Development committee. He has both led and participated in ASD classes. Topher has drawn motivation from two trips to New Orleans with All Souls. Additionally, Topher has served as an usher, a money counter, and even volunteered in the front office when he was between jobs. His son Theo and wife Allison Denny are both currently active in RE programming.

### **Nominee for Membership Secretary**

#### **Donna Olsen (one-year term)**



Donna Olsen is currently All Souls' Membership Secretary, completing her second one-year term. Donna joined All Souls in 2010, after moving to the Washington DC area following retirement from a career as an elementary school principal and professional development specialist in Raleigh, NC. Donna and her husband relocated here to be near their two adult children who both work for federal agencies. They are blessed to have been present for the births of five grandchildren and participants in weekly family dinners over the past 12 years. Donna has served as Co-Chair of the annual giving campaign several times and served on the Stewardship Committee as well as a member of the ushering team. For five years prior to the pandemic, Donna managed the church's Bed and Breakfast program. While serving as Membership Secretary, Donna has led the creation of geo-groups as one way to encourage members to engage in radical hospitality.