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2021 Deacon Nominations

The Nomination Committee proudly presents five nominees to be voted in as Deacons and one nominee as Deacon/Trustee.

Deacons: Deacon Carlos Tejeda, Deacon Cliff L. Jean-Michel, Dinnel Spencer, Otis Coleman, Jr. and Stephanie Cunningham.

Deacon/Trustee: Michelle D. Newkirk.

Please keep them in prayer and attend the next Congregational Meeting to vote on our nominees.

**Congregational Meeting — Sunday, February 21, 2021
1:00PM**



Deacon Carlos Tejeda – 2nd Term

I started attending Central Baptist Church in 2007 and since then I have been active in any area where I was needed. My goal in serving the church and the Kingdom of God is to better the lives of the people in any way that I can.

Going forward, I hope to create partnerships with missionaries in order to distribute educational materials to youth in impoverished communities and build relationships with organizations that can provide opportunities for the less fortunate.



Deacon-Trustee Cliff L. Jean-Michel – 2nd Term

Cliff Jean-Michel surrendered his life to Christ at the age of 12 and since then, he has been faithfully serving the Lord. He has been a loyal and faithful member of Central Baptist Church for the past 24 years, serving in various ministries as a Sunday School Teacher, Youth Leader, Deacon Trustee, Treasurer for the Missions Committee, Single Ministry Co-Chair and as an Usher. He knows God has gifted him in the areas of service and missions. Cliff looks forward to giving continued service to his church community.

Cliff enjoys spending time with his daughter, Destiny, driving long distance and trying out new restaurants during his down time. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Cliff has taught himself how to ride a bike and enjoy exploring different hiking trails in the Tri-state area. He is grateful for all God has blessed him with, especially his daughter, his health, and his Central family.



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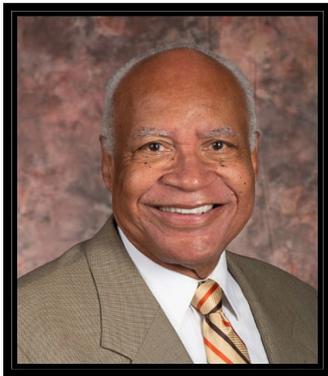


Dinnel Spencer

My spiritual history began in North Carolina where I learned at an early age to have compassion for the elderly and less fortunate. With my mother (an evangelist) and the pastor's wife, I visited two hometown nursing homes once a week until my family relocated to New York in 1968. I began attending Central Baptist in 1971 and have worked with the Vacation Bible School, on the annual church picnic and on anything that I am asked to do.

I have had an extensive career in the medical field and currently, I both volunteer and hold leadership positions in several community organizations.

“Love doesn't make the world go round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile.” This saying has become my mantra over the years. I am ever grateful for the faithfulness of God in sustaining me through my life's journey.



Otis Coleman, Jr.

I have worshipped as an active member of Central Baptist Church (CBC) for more than 19 years. Over this period, I have served in numerous positions at CBC including as an Usher, Deacon/Trustee, Chairperson - Senior Ministry, Coordinator - Men's Ministry and on the Personnel, the By-Laws and Endowment Committees. I have also participated in the Homeless Shelter and other CBC community outreach programs.

The COVID-19 pandemic has ignited an increased desire in me to serve and to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His love with my sisters and brothers. I am humbled by this opportunity to serve as Deacon once again. I solicit your prayers for God's wisdom and guidance.



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Stephanie Cunningham

My name is Stephanie Cunningham. I have been a born-again believer since December 21, 1996. I joined Central Baptist Church around 1999 and have participated in several ministries over the years. I am currently with the Altar Workers Ministry and I am part of a Discipleship Group. I enjoy meeting new people, hearing their stories, laughing with them, praying for them and helping them grow as we all grow in the Lord together.

CBC 2021 Deacon/Trustee Nomination



Michelle D. Newkirk

Michelle D. Newkirk joined Central Baptist Church in 2018. In 2019 she completed training with YoungLife Leadership, an organization which partners with CBC for the enrichment of our youth. Michelle's passion is engaging with and teaching God's Word and spreading the Gospel to our youth. This is demonstrated by her involvement in teaching Sunday School. She also participates in the Women's Discipleship Groups.

Michelle earned her bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Utica College of Syracuse University and is employed with Morgan Stanley as a paralegal specializing in restricted securities. She has volunteered at food banks and other community outreach programs through her employer.

Michelle resides on Manhattan's Upper West Side with her handsome husband, Lawrence and their two beautiful daughters, Maya and Tianna.