

HIGHLAND 2026 LAY LEADERSHIP

Chairperson	David Hood
Vice Chair	Pat Cronin
Lay Leader	Chuck Stuber
Treasurer	John Madden
Finance Chair	Don Carroll
Finance Director	Deanna Clack
Lay Leadership Chair	John Tyson
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair	Chet Mottershead
Trustees Chair	Kathy Langfield
Facilities Director	Tom Lamb
Communications Director	Stephenie Sanders
Church Council Recording Secretary	Marilyn Mudge
Charge Conference Recording Secretary	Karen Winters
Lay Members to Annual Conference	Bob Seaton Mary Lee Ransmeier Diane Racey
Alternate Members to Annual Conference	Tripp Pearce Mary Jo Van Lente
Children's Ministry Director	Amy Takahashi
Children's Ministry Team Leader	
HCC Team Leader	Kendall Myers
Youth Ministry Director	Neil Smith
Youth Ministry Team Leader	Mary Kathryn Brewer
United Methodist Youth Representative	Maddie Townsend
Young Adult Representative	Tripp Pearce
Highland United Women of Faith Rep	UWF vote
United Methodist Men Representative	Scott Loftin
Highlanders Leader	

Clergy		John Tyson Janet Baucom Kevin Quick
Endowment Chair		Ruth Moore
Hospitality Co Chairs	Connection 11am	Paul Langfield
LGBT+ Co Chairs		Eddie Wood & Becky Wood
Legacy Leader		George Deaton
Library Chair		Jane Gray
Micah 6:8 Chair		Joe Burton
Micah 6:8 Council Representative		Donna Wolcott
Mission Chair		Tripp Pearce
Reach Chair		Eric Townsend
Stewardship Chair		Frank Gray
Worship Co-Chairs	Connection 11am	Julia Shutt Patty Baird
At Large Member		Megan Townsend

Trustees:

Chair:	Kathy Langfield
Sr Pastor:	John Tyson
Facilities Director:	Tom Lamb
Vice Chair:	Irv Pearce
Secretary:	Karen Davis
Rep to Church Council:	Kathy Langfield
Rep to Endowment:	Carneal Downey
Rep to Finance:	Lanny Piper
Rep to HCC:	Irv Pearce
Rep to Parsonage:	Kathy Langfield
Boy Scout Liaison:	Ben Franklin
Safe Sanctuary:	Diane Racey & Ben Franklin
Technology Sub-Committee Chair:	Jack Penny
Victory Garden Liaison:	Rod Rabold

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Lanny Piper
Jack Penny
Kathy Langfield

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Diane Racey
Karen Davis
Carneal Downey

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Rod Rabold
Ben Franklin
Irv Pearce

Care Ministry:

Visitation Team:

Staff Rep: Janet Baucom

Members: Pat Scott, Joyce Faucette, Marcia Nance, Laura Horn, Linda Piper,
Janet Mahoney, Wendell McKenzie, Pam Goss, & Cathy Zachary

Endowment:

Chair: Ruth Moore
Vice Chair: George Deaton
Pastor: John Tyson
Finance Chair: Don Carroll
Finance Director: Deanna Clack
Treasurer: John Madden
Trustee Rep: Carneal Downey
Council Chair: David Hood

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Ruth Moore
John Hunter

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David Hood
Rex Thomas
Cathy Stuart

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George Deaton
Frank Gray

Finance:

Chair: Don Carroll
Vice Chair:
Pastor: John Tyson
Finance Director: Deanna Clack
Treasurer: John Madden
Council Chair: David Hood
Endowment Chair: Ruth Moore
HCC Rep: Kendall Myers
Lay Leader: Chuck Stuber
SPRC Chair: Chet Mottershead
Stewardship Chair: Frank Gray
Trustee Rep: Lanny Piper

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Don Carroll
Floyd Morgan
London White

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Janet Mahoney
Bud Driggers
Jim Rhew

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Wendell McKenzie
Liz Coward
Nancy Zweigart

Hospitality:

Co-Chairs: Connection: Paul Langfield
11am:

Staff Rep:

Greeter Team Leaders: Connection:

11am: Eddie Wood & Becky Wood

Members 11am: Judy Allen, Kendall Myers, Diane Racey, Joyce Faucette,
Janine Wood, Ellen Fortenberry, Pam Hood, David Hood,
Jim Rhew, Karen Copeland, Jane Gray, Frank Gray,
Hope Dodson, Laura Wheeler, Beth Deakle

Library:

Chair: Jane Gray

Staff Rep: Amy Takahashi

Members: Elizabeth Sandling, Earleen Barnes, Billie Poole

LGBTQ+:

Co-Chairs: Eddie Wood & Becky Wood

Staff Rep: John Tyson

Members: Debbie Carroll, Janine Wood, BJ Stallings, Teresa Dozier,
Jay Brame, Ginger Brame, Robin Pendleton, Christine Taylor,
Frank Gray, Anna Lockett, Meg Smither, LJ Coward, Paige Gant

Micah 6:8:

Chair: Joe Burton

Council Rep: Donna Wolcott

Members: Marty Babcock, Linda Edwards, Judy Allen

Mission:

Chair: Tripp Pearce

Staff Rep: Janet Baucom

Disaster Response: Cullen Whitley

CROP Walk:

Family Promise: Hope Dodson

Habitat for Humanity: Tripp Pearce

Helen Wright Meal Coordinator: Barbara Knight

Meals on Wheels:

Rise Against Hunger:

Victory Garden: Donna Wolcott

Members: JoAnne Swartz, Judy Allen

Nominations & Lay Leadership:

Pastor: John Tyson
Lay Leader: Chuck Stuber

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Bob Seaton
Eric Townsend

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Diane Racey
Jimmy Johnson

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Jamie Pierce
Christine Taylor

Reach:

Chair: Eric Townsend
Staff Rep: John Tyson & Stephenie Sanders
Members: Rex Thomas, Lee Smither, Rod Rabold, George Deaton,
Hope Dodson

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: Chet Mottershead
Vice Chair:
Pastor: John Tyson
Lay Leader: Chuck Stuber
Lay Mem to Annual Conference:

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Pam Hood
Lee Smither
Byron Baird

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Chet Mottershead
Jamie Pierce
Earleen Barnes

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Rick Richards
Cathy Zachary
Laura Horn

Stewardship:

Chair:
Pastor: John Tyson
Finance Director: Deanna Clack

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David Hood

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Frank Gray
Christine Taylor
Marilyn Mudge

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Children's Ministry:

Children's Director: Amy Takahashi
Safe Sanctuaries Rep: Diane Racey & Ben Franklin
Members: Meghan Quick, Cathy Zachary, Christine Taylor,
Katherine Robbins

HCC Team:

HCC Director: Gretchen Shaffer
HCC Office Admin: Judy Sprout
Pastor: John Tyson
Finance Director: Deanna Clack
Children's Director: Amy Takahashi
SPRC Rep:
Trustee Rep: Irv Pearce
Finance Rep:
HCC Team Leader: Kendall Myers
Members: Susan Taylor, Tom Turner

Worship:

Co-Chairs Connection: Julia Shutt
11am: Patty Baird
Pastor: John Tyson
Music Director: Kevin Quick
Members: Byron Baird, Earleen Barnes, Lou Davis, Jennifer Dilley,
Elizabeth Hudgins, Beau Parker, Ryan Phillips, Rod Rabold,
Mary Lee Ransmeier, Debbie Sykes, Lisa Templeton, Mary Jo
Van Lente, Whitney White, Hilary Wilkinson, Beck Wood
Advent Coordinator:
Lent Coordinator:
Communion: Connection: Lisa Templeton
11am: Earleen Barnes
Funerals: Organ: Bill Shelton
Parameters: Emily Saunders
Parlor: Ann Pearce
Sound: Byron Baird, Tom Lamb
Streaming: Kevin Quick
Ushers: Ann Pearce
Parameters: Team Leader: Emily Saunders
Members: Judy Allen, Liz Coward, Ann Morgan, Rick Richards,
Chris Richards, Steve Sykes, Debbie Sykes
Sound: Byron Baird
Streaming:
Ushers: Team Leaders 11am: Becky Wood & Eddie Wood
Members: Byron Baird, Patty Baird, Judy Allen, Don Carroll,
Brett Yarborough, Anna Yarborough, John
Seymour, Bud Driggers
Weddings: Earleen Barnes

Youth Ministry:

Youth Director: Neil Smith

Team Leader: Mary Kathryn Brewer

Youth Rep to Council: Maddie Townsend

Members: David Hood, Chuck Stuber, Jennifer Dilley