

Senior Minister Search Committee Members

Old South Church in Boston



Jonathan Aleshire joined Old South in 2012 after moving to Boston. He currently works for Brandeis University and is looking forward to his wedding at Old South this coming fall.



Maren Batalden grew up very Lutheran in Minnesota. She studied English and religion at St. Olaf College and came to Boston for medical school. She came to Old South Church in 2009 with her partner, Alta, and son, Amos, looking for a church that could feel like home for the whole family. She works at the Cambridge Health Alliance as a general internist caring for patients, teaching students, and -- as the institution's Chief Quality Officer -- making the health system work better. She loves ideas and turning ideas into programs. She served for two three-year terms as the Chair of the Christian Formation Committee and currently serves as an at-Large member of Council.



June Cooper serves as Old South's Theologian in the City. June recently retired in 2021 as Executive Director of City Mission Boston, which is the second oldest nonprofit organization in the country. City Mission She has over thirty years of management experience in health and human services and community organizing. In June's role at Old South Church she works to engage the congregation in the life of the city. June values the promise of what can be accomplished by mobilizing people of good faith to overcome social injustice She lives in Boston and is a model train enthusiast.



Anne Dearing joined Old South in 2017. Having just served as the chair of the Transition Team charged with writing Old South's Local Church Profile, she is excited to move into this next phase of Old South's journey on the Search Committee. Anne is a graduate of Wellesley College and works as a Senior Product Manager at Wayfair. She met her husband Phil at an Old South retreat, and they were married in 2021.



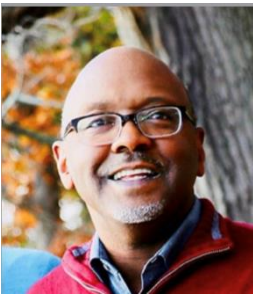
Allen Gifford and his wife Laurel Leslie have been Old South members since 2009. Allen has just completed a six year term on the Board of Ministers & Deacons. He is a physician and Professor of Health Policy and Management, in the Boston University School of Public Health and of Medicine in the School of Medicine.



Quinn Grant Quinn is a rising junior at Reading Memorial High School, and he attends First Worship with his parents and three brothers. Quinn was baptized at Old South in 2006 and he has literally grown up in our church! He was excited to finally become a member of OSC in June 2022 after his 2020 Confirmation class was interrupted by COVID. Quinn loves playing and watching soccer, running track, singing in choir, and playing guitar in his free time. Quinn enjoys giving back to his community, and is taking a trip to North Carolina with his school's Habitat for Humanity club in the summer of 2022.



Erin Hull is a sixteen year member of Old South. She works as a 2nd grade teacher in the Boston Public School system and lives in Roslindale with her husband Jay Harris and sons Eli and Sam. She has served on both the Christian Service & Outreach and Christian Formation Committees. She has been leading a fantastic small group of Old South women for the past five years.



Tracy Keene is an active lay leader at Old South Church in Boston, where he has been a member since 2007. He currently serves on the Church Council and is the Chair of (G)RACE Speaks, a standing committee of the church that deals with all matters of race/racism. He also serves on the Ordination Discernment Committee and has served on the associate pastors search committee. Tracy works as the Director of Theater & Facilities Operations at the Loeb Drama Center at Harvard University. Tracy volunteers as a co-leader for his daughter's Girl Scouts Troop. He serves as the President of the Board of Directors for Alliance for Children, an international adoption agency. He is on the Board of Directors of the national setting of the United Church of Christ, as well as the Vice-President of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ and as President of the Massachusetts Historic Conference of the United Church of Christ. He is married to Tim Longman and they are raising two children, Emily (12) and Cliff (8), both of whom were baptized at Old South Church.



Jake Maliel Jake Maliel has been attending OSC since 2009. Jake, his wife Katie and their three daughters all regularly attend First Worship service. Over the years he's served on previous pastoral transition committees (which brought us Ron Buford and John Edgerton), Leadership Committee and currently serves as a Deacon. Jake is excited to get to work with his fellow OSC members on this very important next chapter in the Church's future.



Bill Matson and his wife Donna became members of Old South after moving to Boston eight years ago. Bill retired as the Chief Human Resource Officer at Analog Devices in Wilmington, MA in 2016. He worked for IBM for 25 years in Human Resources after graduating from Cornell University with a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations.



Stefanie Pietras loves learning, growing and connecting with others at OSC. She first attended Old South in 2009 and joined the church in 2018. Over the last few years, she has participated in a young adult small group, jess' Nourish small group, City Mission's pilgrimage to Montgomery, AL, and the environmental stewardship group. She is a public health researcher and enjoys reading, biking, and playing tennis. She is looking forward to serving on the Search Committee.



Rory Razon joined Old South in 2007. He has served Old South in many capacities over the years, including Deacons, Minister of Music Search, and Council. Rory teaches in our Church School and volunteers regularly at the Front Desk. When not serving at Old South Rory works at Boston Volvo and lives in Brighton.



Phil Stern has been a member of Old South since 1998. He currently serves as OSC Church Moderator. Previously, he chaired the Board of Trustees, the Minister of Music Search Committee, and the 2019 Working Group that evaluated organizational options for Old South. He served on the committees for Christian Education, Christian Formation and Music, sang in the Schola Cantorum, and directed the Children's Chime Choir. Phil and his wife, Susan, sing in the Festival Choir and their children, Emma and Ben, have both been confirmed at Old South. In addition, both children previously attended the Old South Preschool.



Deb Washington grew up in small town Louisiana and moved to Boston about 40 years ago. She grew up in the church and has been a member of a local church over the years without regard to denomination; as long as she was being spiritually fed. Deb joined Old South Church because it met her need to address issues of social justice through the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Deb is Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Health and Community Partnerships Manager at Mass General Hospital, a Volunteer Ambassador for AARP Massachusetts, Board member for City Mission Boston and Moderator for the Metropolitan Boston Association of the UCC. Deb is also an instructor in the graduate program at Emmanuel College School of Nursing. Deb served as Old South's Moderator from 2014-2019.