

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS



Sarah Swanson (5 year term)

Sarah Swanson has served at Community Covenant Church in North Minneapolis for 17 years, where her husband Luke is the lead pastor. Community Covenant is a reconciling community, shaped and formed by the reconciling love of Christ.

She has been a teacher in the Minneapolis Public Schools for over 24 years and is currently a facilitator of preschool programming. Sarah obtained a B.A. at North Park University, MEd at the University of Minnesota, and Certificate of Early Childhood Education at Concordia University. Sarah's three children are currently fourth generation students at Minnehaha Academy. Sarah also builds relationships in the community through her work as a documentary photographer.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD**Dora Wagner (3 year term)**

Dora Wagner is a Midwestern transplant who has called Minnesota home for 16 years. She spent several years in Iowa completing her undergraduate in English and Studio art and completed her Master in Library and Information Sciences from University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Shortly after arriving in the Twin Cities she discovered the Covenant Church and has found her home in this community of believers. Learning has also been a priority and she intentionally seeks to better understand her faith tradition and how that becomes practical action in her personal, professional, and faith life. She currently serves on the Leadership Team at Catalyst Covenant Church in Saint Paul.

**Jane Palmer (5 year term)**

Jane Palmer and her husband have been members at Faith Covenant Church (Burnsville) for 24 years. She has three grown children. She has been actively involved in a variety of ministries including Children's, Youth, Small Groups, Prayer Team, and Women's Ministry. Her undergraduate degree is in Corrections/Sociology and she has a M.S. in Human Services Planning and Administration. Jane has 30 years of experience in the fields of Corrections, Human Services and Non-Profit Management. She currently works for Joni and Friends International Disability Ministry as a Senior Program Manager. She has also served on several non-profit boards and as a consultant to other non-profit organizations.

**Joe Watson (5 year term)**

Joe Watson works as an IT Project Manager for Enterprise Solutions Corporation. He travels extensively, managing multiple projects with mergers and acquisitions. He lives in Eden Prairie, is married with three grown children and 7 grandchildren. Joe currently serves as the Chair of the Elder board at Sanctuary Covenant Church in Minneapolis. He enjoys working out and spending time with his grandkids.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRPERSON**James Volling, NWC Board Chair (1 year term)**

Jim grew up in Le Sueur, MN. He is a graduate of The Taft School in Connecticut, Harvard University, and George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., where he was Executive Editor of the Law Review. After law school, Jim had the opportunity to serve as a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court. He is currently a partner at Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLC; one of the 100 largest law firms in the United States. He has also been active in leadership at Excelsior Covenant Church, serving twice as Church Chair. Jim has also served as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Minnehaha Academy.