

Annual Meeting Board of Trustees Election Slate

November 5, 2023



Tabitha Blanski

My family and I started attending C3 in October of 2022. We were looking for a vibrant community that was intellectually and emotionally wrestling with questions around what it means to be human, the nature of God, and how to be a spiritual elder. C3 is a place exploring those kinds of questions.

Professionally, I'm a filmmaker and photographer and the owner of my production studio, Inkling Pictures. While most of my time over the last 10 years has been spent making wedding films and taking family photos, I'm moving into documentary filmmaking. My first film, *The Birth of a Mother*, is currently in post-production and follows three women as they navigate life's changes after becoming pregnant and having their first babies.

My husband and I live in Grand Rapids with our four young kids. When I'm not making documentaries or keeping my children alive, you will find me singing with my choir (The Choral Scholars), at the movie theater, reading a good book, or working on a puzzle of some kind.



Karen Cotton

Our family began attending what is now C3 in 1995, shortly after moving to Grand Haven from Montpelier, Vermont. We actually joined the day the congregation voted to leave the denomination! I've been involved in the children's program, the outreach commission, a variety of fundraisers and am currently a greeting host and provider of small bites.

Ryan and I have parented three "children" (now all in their thirties!) and have two granddaughters, all living in the Pacific Northwest. We get out there as often as we are able. I am a GHAPS retired educator and have been in the local steel drum band, Steel Doin' It, for over 20 years. Creating things from recycled materials is another thing I enjoy doing as well as biking for local transportation and travel.

Growing up in the United Methodist Church, I appreciate having an "alternative to church as usual." C3 continues to challenge and inspire. Our values and questioning resonate. I am proud of our openness and the community we have created as we continue to grow both individually and collectively.



Tod Wyn

I have attended C3 regularly since 2021, and have enjoyed participating in the "Pre-Talk" discussion group and "Dine with Nine". I have found C3 to be a unique and very special group of people and teachers and I am grateful to be a part of it.

For the first 17 years of my career I was an Emergency Physician in West Michigan. For the past 12 years I have been Medical Director of Hospice of Holland and Keystone Medical Services (palliative care). I have found this field to be very rewarding and I hope to continue to practice for many years. I live in Grand Rapids and in my free time I enjoy fishing and hiking.

I have enjoyed taking part in various aspects of C3 over the past couple of years and hope to be of service in continuing to promote its sense of community, its core values, and its excellent teachings.