

## **THE UNITED CHURCH OF ROWAYTON 2026 PROPOSED SLATE**

The proposed slate has been prepared by the Nominating Committee for election at the Annual Meeting of The United Church of Rowayton, Incorporated to be held on Sunday, February 8, 2026. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

### **OFFICERS**

|                      |               |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Lay Leader/Moderator | Through: 2026 | Rob Ayala     |
| Clerk                | Through: 2026 | Bill Peltz    |
| General Treasurer    | Through: 2026 | Bill Sarr     |
| Business Manager     | Through: 2026 | Laura O'Brien |

**COUNCIL** There shall be an Executive Council which shall consist of the Pastor, Lay Leader, Clerk, and Chairperson – or designated substitute – of the four Boards and five Standing Committees plus two Members-at-Large.

**MEMBERS AT-LARGE:** Pending approval proposed changes to Bylaws.

Joanne Brown and Tammy Langalis

### **BOARDS**

**DEACONS:** The Board of Deacons consists of at least six active members who have general supervision of the spiritual interests of the Church and the public services of worship. They shall in such matters consult with the Pastor and oversee the work of these Subcommittees and Committees: Caregiving Ministry, Ushers, Music, Altar and Memorial Fund.

Donna Gauthier, Kerry McFarlin Benita Raleigh through 2026;

Jean Constantine, Lisa Keyworth, Fouad Onbargi and Roger Smith through 2027;

Robert Allen, Julie Begos, Sally Brown, Lissa Short through 2028.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** (Term runs September to September)

The Board of Christian Education consists of at least six representatives who are charged with overseeing programs pertaining to Christian education for both children and adults.

Norma Sabol through September 2026

Leslie Borum and Meggan Douglas through September 2027;

Samantha Buisson and Nick Ferroulo through September 2028.

**HOUSEHOLD CONCERNS:** Membership on this Board shall consist of at least six active members with responsibility for finance, property and stewardship.

Anne Campbell, Josh Jewett and Tom Robinson through 2026;

James Bildahl, Chris Kettenmann and Trevor Stanco, through 2027;

John Davidson and Patrick Steele through 2028.

**CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:**

The Board of Christian Outreach consists of at least six representatives who supervise the Church benevolence and mission programs.

Christine Sullivan through 2026;

Ellen Bobka and Debbie Douglas through 2027;

Wendy Foster, Claudia Gelzer, Sally Cordovano and Christina DiBona through 2028;

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **NOMINATING:**

Lynne Pratt through 2027;  
Carol Soennichsen through 2028.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:**

Bill Peltz – UCR Director of Communications

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:** consists of the current Lay Leader/Moderator, past Lay Leader/Moderator, and current chair of BOHC for a 3 year rolling term.  
Rob Ayala, current Lay Leader  
Tammy Langalis, past Lay Leader  
Michael Harden, current chair Board of Household Concerns

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN:**

Debbie Douglas through 2027  
Jim Ackerly through 2027  
Rob Ayala and Kate Davies through 2028

### **SOCIAL:**

Linda Fritsch, Terry Machette, Kathy Morsey through 2027.  
Debbie Douglas, Meggan Douglas, Laura O'Brien and Wendy Cruikshank through 2027;  
Jean Constantine and Stephanie Close through 2028.

## **DELEGATES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

The Southern New England Conference of The United Church of Christ: Bill Peltz  
Fairfield West Association: Bill Peltz

**Respectfully submitted on February 8, 2026 by the Nominating Committee  
at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the United Church of Rowayton**