

2008 TRUSTEE CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

Brian Deyaert



Born into a large Catholic family in a small town in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I have been fortunate to walk with Christ along a path filled with His grace. I was baptized as a child and recommitted my life Christ during my senior year of high school as part of a Christian Youth Group member. I met my wife Joni during my last year of Engineering school at Michigan state where we were promptly married in her hometown Lutheran Church in Midland, Michigan. We were active members of the New Hope Lutheran Church in Columbia, Maryland for 7 years, where God helped me discover my gift for bringing others to Christ through teaching Children's VBS and Confirmation. Joni and I moved to Carroll County, where we began a family of our own with Olivia and Alec and were re-energized into Christ's body as members of the LifePoint Church (formerly Carroll Community Church) family. Our move to this non-denominational church taught us of God's awesome love and His desire to have a relationship with us. Upon moving to Frederick County 6 years ago, we searched for a local Church body that allowed us to continue to grow in our relationship with God and become active members of a community of believers that are committed to spreading the Truth and Gospel of Christ to both children and adults. In October, 2002 our family walked through the doors of Damascus Road Community Church and found ourselves at home amongst a welcoming community of believers.

For the past six years, I have committed myself to spreading the love of Christ through Children's Ministry and to the people of Honduras through our missions. I have found that God not only gave me the gift of a servant's heart, but has graced me with a hunger and passion for teaching the Word of God through small group ministry and men's accountability groups. I have committed myself to the vision of Damascus Road Community Church to 'build homes of light by the power of Jesus Christ' through prayer, leadership and a humble heart. I have served as a member of the Trustees for the three years; and Chairperson for the past two. I believe that God has called me to continue being the church and building the church as an active member of the Board of Trustees at Damascus Road Community Church. As a Trustee member, I will continue to serve all those whom call Damascus Road Community Church home and uphold my commitment to being the spiritual leader of my family.

Paul Henning



DRCC has become more than a church to me and my family, more than a community; more than an extended family. It is a place where we have been able to grow in our relationship with our Lord, and with a people He loves deeply. It has been such a blessing to see my wife and children, and people I care for, thrive in this church and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

I have enjoyed serving in different capacities, most recently as a facilitator in Dynamic Marriage, with my wife Shelly; as a team member of the India Missions; as a member of the Volunteer Chaplain prayer team; with the Green Team Sunday setup team; as a WaterBoyz 10Men table leader, and I remain open to whatever the Lord determines to be the Next Right Thing. Lastly, I have been blessed to be a member of the Ellington/Bohraus' life group.

Each of you realizes what a treasure we have in Jesus, and in this church in which He has placed us. It is my desire, should I become a Trustee, to ensure that any and all decisions to be made will be for His highest glory, and be of greatest benefit to the members and future members of Damascus Road Community Church.

Mike Schuchardt



I have been a Trustee for this church for the past three years. During that time I have worked with the other Trustees to help prepare the church finances for our next season – the build. Due to my finance and accounting background I like to think there is some value added by blending the notion that churches are a business, and that business goal is to show others the True and Living Christ. To accomplish that goal, strong business acumen is imperative for the long-term survival of DRCC.

I firmly believe that if a church maintains a strong children and youth program, the rest of the church family will fall in place. I also believe that core bible doctrine is important so we have points of reference available when we begin the broken times that all humans enter, at any age. Without waiver, I believe there is a hierarch for success. If you place God first, family second and all other aspects (including occupation) third, you will be blessed. This pyramid has worked successfully in my life since leaving school 23 years ago.

Most of the congregation knows one of the people in our family, but if we have missed meeting you – please know that I was fortunate enough to grow-up in a Christian home during my childhood years. After moving away from home, I was further blessed to meet my wife Debbie, who also grew up in a Christian home. We married in September 1988; Emily was born in 1991, followed by Mark in 1993. Our family moved back to Mount Airy, Debbie's hometown, in 1994 and began searching for a church to begin our new roots. After several church moves, we settled down at DRCC in early 2001 – because of the strong youth ministry that we witnessed. It was at that point that my family began developing a relationship with Christ, an upgrade to the notion of being a “Christian”.

Immediately after that first few weeks of attendance at DRCC, I began helping with the Middle School and High School Ministry. I have been a D-Team/Alien Nation leader for the Middle School and High School groups, leader of Alive and Impact trips with the youth, and most recently have worked with others in the area to help form a local chapter of a group known across the country as Teen Community Bible Study (similar to the adult version of CBS).

From a technical point, I graduated 22 years ago from Salisbury State College, with a BS in Accounting. Since that time, I have been employed by 3 Baltimore based banks as a Commercial Lender and Line Manager. On April 16 of this year, a group of season bankers (including myself) started and opened my newest employer – Blue Ridge Bank in Frederick. Over the years I have had the opportunity of meeting thousands of businesses, interviewing and reviewing their financial statements. I have gained first hand knowledge of what it takes to succeed or fail in the business world. This is an important aspect of my offering as a Trustee; not only is the technical business knowledge available but the practical knowledge. As I mentioned above, for success and growth, churches are technically a business – the business of planting seeds for Christ. Like all successful businesses, professionalism and substance are the keys to success. I feel, and hope you will agree, that my experiences will benefit the group's knowledge of future church decisions.