

# BOARD

## Nominations



### **SLY MARINCA**

**How long have you been attending Journey?**  
6 years

**List your current/past involvement at Journey Church.**

We started attending Journey in 2017 and completed Growth Track in 2018. I've served on the Security team since 2018, and continued my involvement by serving on the Journey Open Golf Committee in 2023. Beyond that, I supported the 2023 South Asia Islands mission trip team and signed up for the 2024 mission trip. I am also a corporate sponsor for CLS Athletics and Fine Arts, and my two daughters have attended CLS since kindergarten (currently 2nd and 5th grades).

**What is your heart for Journey Church?**

I love how easy it has been to experience God and His goodness through Journey Church and have thoroughly enjoyed serving alongside the many wonderful volunteers. From top to bottom Journey Church and Christian Life School are a true blessing to Kenosha and surrounding areas. My heart is to continue to be a part of everything Journey is doing to further God's Kingdom and be the hands and feet of Jesus, locally and abroad.

**What is your current employment and/or profession? Please explain.**

I am a Sr. VP at CrossCountry Mortgage and currently manage teams at 3 locations (Antioch, IL; Lindenhurst, IL; McHenry, IL). As the local branch manager of a large national mortgage lender, I'm in charge of overseeing production and working closely with our operations staff to ensure our clients expectations are exceeded. I received a bachelor's degree in Finance from UIC in 2002, and started working in the mortgage industry upon my graduation.

**What is your involvement in the community?**

I currently serve on the board, as well as a weekly volunteer at My Father's Business, NFP, a registered 501c3 youth outreach program in Waukegan, IL, and surrounding areas. We meet weekly to share the gospel and provide guidance to underprivileged local youth in a safe environment. Previously, I was a volunteer at Love INC in Zion, IL, and also volunteered at Captain James A. Lovell VA Hospital in North Chicago, IL. Also, through my work I'm involved in many charitable sponsorships and activities primarily focused on finding ways to give back to our local communities.



### **LODZE NOEL**

**How long have you been attending Journey?**  
12 years

**List your current/past involvement at Journey Church.**

Our daughters, Rebecca and Stephanie, introduced us to Journey Church and we became members on May 10, 2014. My husband, Raymond, and I have servants' hearts and desire to share Jesus' love with others. We serve at Journey Church as ushers and have had the privilege to serve on several mission trips. In addition, I have been blessed to serve in other capacities within the church: Life Group leader, LaunchPoint volunteer, and table lead for Journey Women Gather. Two of our grandchildren attend Christian Life School.

**What is your heart for Journey Church?**

Journey Church is more than our place of worship; it has become our home. Its mission is "Making it easy to find and experience God," and Raymond and I strive to make this a part of our daily lives. I pray that God will continue to equip Raymond and me to do His will, and for continued guidance and wisdom for the leadership team. I pray that Journey Church will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of all people in our community and beyond.

**What is your current employment and/or profession? Please explain.**

I recently retired after 40+ years of working in corporate America where I held various leadership positions. Retirement has afforded me the opportunity to partner with Raymond in pursuing our passion for real estate and renovating homes. We are currently working on expanding our real estate business.

**What is your involvement in the community?**

I have volunteered with the food pantry and partnered with Iron Men to share the love of Jesus with the women and children as the men work on their homes. As a small group leader, we have volunteered with several organizations to bring hope and share God's love to those in need. In Illinois, I volunteer with Feed My Starving Children and The American Red Cross.

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### **FRANK PORCARO**

**How long have you been attending Journey?**  
14 years

**List your current/past involvement at Journey Church.**

I have been on the board on and off for about 12 years and have served in a variety of technical positions (graphics, video, and audio) since the beginning.

**What is your heart for Journey Church?**

I would like to see more people find and experience Jesus in this area and around the world because of the ministries and people of Journey Church.

**What is your current employment and/or profession. Please explain.**

I am an Enterprise Software Architect at Artisan Partners, an investment firm in Milwaukee, WI. I am also Assistant Adjunct Computer Science Professor at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

**What is your involvement in the community?**

I co-direct Racine's Royal Family Kids Club—a mentoring program for foster kids ages 7-11 and I spend a week at Royal Family Kids Camp every year as the drama and music director.



### **ELIZABETH SIMMONS**

**How long have you been attending Journey?**  
18 years

**List your current/past involvement at Journey Church.**

My husband and I have been in small group ministry for 16 of our 18 years at Journey. We were on the leadership team for several years, as well as designed and delivered training for small group leaders. I was on the board for Hope Run back in the day, which was an event designed to bring awareness of human trafficking occurring in our area. While our children were small we were involved in the children's ministry, where I led worship and began a worship team comprised of grade school-age students. Currently, I pray for those who come down for prayer at the end of Sunday services.

**What is your heart for Journey Church?**

I love our church. When we moved to Kenosha 18 years ago, we were looking for a church that we could grow with and through. We found Journey even before we found a house! We wanted a church that loves Jesus and serves the community. We definitely found both here. My heart is that the people of our communities would know the love of God through our kindness and our service.

**What is your current employment and/or profession? Please explain.**

I have been a teacher in KUSD for the past 16 years. Currently, I am at Indian Trail High School and Academy where I teach Spanish. I have been part of a committee called the "Guiding Coalition" which is a building-level committee that helps to inform decisions concerning our school.

**What is your involvement in the community?**

Because my profession and church home offers ample opportunities for service to our community, most of my community involvement revolves around these two organizations. I'm involved in First Step with United Way, a warming and meal organization for the homeless. I am also a member of the Kenosha Running Club.