



## NOMINEES

Alma Church of God | 2025 Annual Business Meeting

### **Sarah Doherty** – Governing Board, 3-year term (incumbent)



Sarah was born and raised in the Alma community. She has been attending the church since 2015 and volunteering in various capacities since, including the Governing Board and Finance Committee. Sarah appreciates the family feel and servant leadership Alma Church of God provides and looks forward to the continued positive impact our church can make within our community. Sarah graduated from Alma College in 2009 with a degree in Communication and currently works for Commercial Bank in Retail & Business Operations. Sarah lives in Ashley with her husband Patrick and their three children Evan, Maggie, and Declan.

### **Garrett Whitmore** – Governing Board, 3-year term



Garrett has been attending this church since he was an infant and has enjoyed growing alongside the many friends he has met in the congregation. He served in many different capacities in the church along the way. He has previously served on the Elder Board and/or Governing Board and is honored to be asked to serve the congregation again. He is married to his beautiful wife Andi, and they have four children: Cole, Mack, Carson, and Rori.

### **Marti Bontrager** – Governing Board, 3-year term



Marti has attended the Alma Church of God for the last 7 years. During that time, she has been a part of the choir and a member of the 50+ Steering Committee. After 37 years, Marti recently retired as an elementary teacher. She and her husband, Duane, enjoy spending time with their two grown children and their spouses. Marti is thankful to be considered and excited about the possibility of serving the Lord on the governing board.

### **Bill Hirschman** – Treasurer, 1-year term (incumbent)



Bill was born and raised in the Ithaca area and attended Ithaca High School, Ferris State College, and Central Michigan University. Bill is a certified public accountant and has spent his entire accounting career with Roslund, Prestage & Company, PC. Bill and his wife Shelley have two children, Nathan Hirschman, and Sara De Jong. Bill has been a member of the Church of God for more than 40 years, first at the Ithaca Church of God, then with the Alma Church of God, and has been serving as Treasurer for the past several years.

## **Andrea Palmer – Nominating Committee, 3-year term**



Andrea has been a member of Alma Church of God since 2006. She has served in various capacities, including Elder's/Governing Board, His Kids, and nursery. She is married to Kevin Palmer and they have three kids: Caleb, Julia, and Ryan. Currently, she teaches Spanish at Alma High School. In her spare time, she likes to read, spend time at the lake, and travel.

## **Dale Kemler – Nominating Committee, 3-year term**



Dale has been a member of the Alma Church of God his entire life, except for 5 years when he lived in Indiana after attending Anderson College. He and his wife, Cindy, are both retired teachers, and they have 2 sons, Micah and Noah. Dale has been active throughout the years in various church positions, from Jet Cadet leader to pastor search committees, to currently the “coffee maker”! He’s been an active choir member for almost 50 years and also enjoys singing with the Midstatesmen Chorus. Dale believes serving others is one of the special aspects of Alma Church of God.

### **Other Board Members Include:**

James Larson (2026)	Brenda Shaw (2027)
Pat Benson (2026)	Dan Alward (2027)
Mark Kemler (2026)	Senior Pastor, (Ex-Officio- non-voting member)

### **Other Nominating Committee Members include:**

Brittany Mero (2027)  
Jason Lombard (2026)  
Senior Pastor, (Ex-Officio, voting member)

Thank you to our outgoing board members- Kristina Eggenberger, Ann Brandon, and Aaron Hubble

Thank you to our outgoing nominating committee members- Rob Comstock and Joneen Wight



# ALMA CHURCH of GOD

*Encountering Jesus Together*

## Budgeted Sources and Uses

Fiscal Year from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026

	PROPOSED	CURRENT YEAR	PRIOR YEAR
	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24
<b>Sources</b>			
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 636,532	\$ 656,072	\$ 625,000
Bartley Estate	13,000	13,000	13,000
Planned use of Reserved Funds	-	-	18,402
<b>Total Sources</b>	<b>649,532</b>	<b>669,072</b>	<b>656,402</b>
<b>Uses</b>			
Compensation	388,307	395,097	384,702
Office & Operations	110,450	101,300	99,700
Buildings, Grounds, & Equipment	49,100	57,000	57,000
Worship	11,525	12,825	12,250
Youth	13,500	15,000	15,000
Christian Education	5,000	6,100	6,000
Lay Ministry	6,350	9,250	9,250
Sub-total	<b>584,232</b>	<b>596,572</b>	<b>583,902</b>
Missions / Outreach			
Global Mission	14,000	18,000	18,000
Local Mission	23,100	24,500	24,500
National Mission	1,200	-	-
His Place	27,000	30,000	30,000
Total Missions / Outreach	<b>65,300</b>	<b>72,500</b>	<b>72,500</b>
<b>Total Uses</b>	<b>\$ 649,532</b>	<b>\$ 669,072</b>	<b>\$ 656,402</b>
Monthly Budgeted Uses	\$ 54,128	\$ 55,756	\$ 54,700
Weekly Budgeted Uses	\$ 12,491	\$ 12,867	\$ 12,623
Total Percentage Increase (Decrease)	\$ (19,540)	\$ 12,670	
Total Dollar Increase (Decrease)	-2.9%	1.9%	