

June 19, 2022

Dear IPC Congregation,

Below is the list of candidates for the election of the IPC Pastoral Selection Committee (PSC).

The Membership & Nominations Committee has checked to ensure all nine of the candidates are valid, active members of IPC in good standing.

Per section 3 of the IPC By-Laws, the Pastoral Selection Committee should consist of three members of the IPC Council of Elders and four additional active members of the Church.

Per section 4.2 of the IPC Constitution, the Membership & Nominations Committee has to nominate at least one candidate for each vacancy on the Pastoral Selection Committee.

The candidates marked with an asterix (*) represent the Nominations Committee nominees, as required by the IPC Constitution, but the most important factor as you prepare to vote should be the Lord's leading.

Yours faithfully,

IPC Membership & Nominations Committee

The candidates for the three Pastoral Selection Committee seats for IPC Council members are:

Dorli Scherer*
Marco Schnitter*
Brian Sparks*

The candidates for the four Pastoral Selection Committee seats for IPC active members are:

Maio Chen*
Joël Duss*
Patty Jehle*
Michael Weeks*
Annelies Guthman
Jamie Yi

Council Members



Dorothea 'Dorli' Scherer*

Having been born and raised in Japan as a missionary kid I missed the international fellowship with other Christians during my first years back in Switzerland. When I came to IPC about 25 years ago, I felt that I had finally found what I was longing for. Since then, I have been actively involved in different ministries in the church, including a PSC.

This summer I will retire from my job as a junior high school teacher in a Swiss public school. I am married to a wonderful husband and IPC is our home. We love being part of this diverse body of Christ.



Marco Schnitter*

I'm Swiss, from a very international family (Dutch, Canadian, French, etc.). I came to faith in 1986, was active in a Reformed Church youth group and the students' ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) where I led a Bible study group and three missionary outreaches in Austria. I have been with IPC for about 16 years, involved in the money counting and safety teams and in home groups. My passions include Bible study, reading great Christian authors (especially C.S. Lewis), living my faith in a tangible, practical way, and talking and listening to people. With my background in applied psychology and economics, I have been working in market research for over 25 years. I am used to hard work, efficient meetings, a high level of commitment, leading a team and orientation towards results. I served on the council from 2013 to 2015 and on the 2013 PSC that proposed Pastor Doug Brouwer as the senior pastor for IPC.



Brian Sparks*

I'm semi-retired after 30 years in the financial services sector that took me from Chicago to Frankfurt and eventually to Zurich. My wife, Juliane, and I have been active members of IPC for over 15 years and I'm currently serving on Council and in various other committees and ministries. I served on the 2013 PSC and I am very active in BAM (Business As Mission), serve on the core team of B4T.org and on the board and screening/investment committees of Legacy Kingdom Fund. Our daughters, Esther and Nora, are spreading their wings so it's a good time for me to serve on the PSC if so elected. I pray that God leads IPC and the PSC to find the senior pastor that God has selected.

Congregational Members



Maio Chen*

I was born in Taiwan and was baptized as a young adult. Soon after my baptism, I moved to the United States. Through involvement in various Bible study groups and churches, I slowly soaked up the richness of the Biblical messages, learned to take comfort in the gospel, and grew in Christ. My husband and I moved to Zurich in 1994, and IPC has been our spiritual home since then — both our daughters were raised in IPC. During my time at IPC, I have served in various areas of IPC ministry: the nursery, Sunday School, adult choir, coffee team, office volunteer, a PSC, and 2 terms as a council elder. Currently I am serving as the cashier.



Joël Duss*

I was born in Zurich and grew up in a Christian family. After being part of a German-speaking congregation for nearly 25 years, I joined IPC in late 2018 and became a member shortly afterwards. I am involved in Nexus, the Sunday School Safety Officers and Evening Worship usher teams, and occasionally do the Scripture reading in the evening worship service. Being typically Swiss in many ways, I am thankful for this international and multicultural church community.

I have been working as a German teacher for more than 10 years. I currently co-run a private school in the city center. When I am not at work or in church, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading German and English literature, good food and I follow different sports. I like learning about church history, particularly the early church and the Reformation, and I am a big fan of old towns.



Patty Jehle*

I'm a US/Swiss citizen who has been living in Switzerland for almost 30 years, have been a member since 1994 and have attended since 1993. I am married to Patrik and have three adult children, all members of IPC. I am currently a university lecturer in communications (FHNW-HSW), a certified spiritual director, and a certified business coach/supervisor and trainer with my own practice. I am and have been a deacon, home group leader, Sunday School teacher and childcare provider, part of the IPC Moms&Tots and IPC women's ministry. I helped train the small group leaders for the Life Springs Christian women's equipping and training lectures in Zurich in 2010-2012. I spoke at an IPC women's retreat a while ago and I have been on a PSC.



Michael Weeks*

My family and I have been part of IPC since moving to Zurich in 2011. I served on the IPC council (2016-2019) and have regularly helped with different parts of the morning worship service. Though my early church life was in a Baptist congregation, I found my church home with two non-denominational Bible churches in Texas. I believe that Christ stands as the head of our church, and that with the Scriptures and the leading of the Holy Spirit we will identify the senior pastor he has in mind for us.



Annelies Guthman

IPC has been our church family for more than 15 years. I am originally from the Netherlands and attend the evening service on Sundays with my children. Over the years, I have taught Sunday School, was the cashier for 7 years and have served on several committees including a PSC. I am currently a member of the Adult Education team.

I am passionate about God's Word and it has been a joy to lead Precept Bible study classes for women for many years. It is my hope and prayer that IPC will get a pastor who knows and loves God's Word; who points us to Jesus;

preaches the Bible clearly in a way that is applicable to our lives and who will be a shepherd to IPC.



Jamie Yi

I was brought up in a Korean Christian family in Australia and through God's grace, I have been blessed to have lived in NZ, the UK, and now Switzerland. My vocation is in IT engineering at a bank where I also enjoy sharing the gospel with colleagues at every opportunity. I have been part of IPC from September 2017 and became a member in November 2019. I have been serving in the youth ministry since late 2017 and have been leading a midweek Bible study for the past 3 years. In the past I have served in the evening service

sound team and the morning service coffee hour.

Back in London, I helped with a weekly lunch time Christianity Explored course as well as the follow-on one to one Bible study.

It's been a blessing and joy to serve at IPC and I'd like to further contribute by being on the PSC to search for a pastor after God's heart.