

2024 Board of Director Candidates Candidate Profiles

Rhonda Abdullah

- Zion member 30 years
- Served on Usher ministry
- Worked with Youth Ushers
- Served on Health and Wellness Ministry
- Served on Silver Saints Ministry
- Registered Nurse over 30 years
- Desire to be a member of the board of directors to help further programs and development of the church and its community involvement

Ariel Bouie

- Zion Member over 15 years
- 5+ years of Managerial/Supervisory Experience
- Knowledge of Generational Group Dynamics
- Works with Music Ministry
- Works with Student Ministry
- Desires to better serve the church because of impact on her life
- Will to add a voice and generation to Mt Zion's leadership that is currently underrepresented

Jeff Easley

- Longtime member of Mt. Zion
- 30 years corporate management
- Experience in logistics, distribution, project management, and system management
- Corporate/Technical Trainer
- Current Superintendent of Christian Education
- Organized multigenerational learning events including VBS

Matthew Heath

- Zion Member for approximately 30 years
- Extensive experience in banking, construction management, insurance and financial investments
- 35-year professional of corporate/private sector and 13 years as a small business owner
- Currently serves on Budget Committee; previously served as committee member under Pastor Latimore and Pastor Singleton
- Has previously served on two other boards in Illinois; one as Vice Chair
- Current member of the Diaconate
- Desires to leverage spiritual beliefs, professional knowledge, and heart to serve to help grow the church and assist the pastor.

Janet Howard

- Majority of work experience is in the banking field
- Promoted to teller supervisor/personal banker due to work ethic, being responsible and accountable
- Worked for non-for-profit organizations
- Worked with CASA court appointed special advocate for youth
- Member of Including You non-for-profit committee
- Serves on the Culinary Arts Ministry
- Former member of Zion's finance committee
- Little Miss Black Joliet Board of Directors
- Confident in taking on challenges

Ralph Johnson

- Longtime member of Mt. Zion
- Formal education in Business Administration
- Over 40 years leadership experience in Business Development, Security/Law Enforcement, Sales, Insurance, and Team Development
- Over 20 years supervisory experience – managed 120 individuals
- Veteran – Former member of United States Army
- Served on Budget Committee under Pastor Isaac Singleton

Milton Jones

- Trustee experience – over 10 years
- Leadership/supervisor experience -over 20 years; managing a multi-million dollar business (department of corrections)
- Lewis University – one year business classes
- Sunday School teacher
- New Membership teacher

Keyana Kirkland

- Member of Mt Zion Baptist Church
- Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Joliet Kappa Mu Omega Chapter & Tealight Foundation
- Deputy Registrar in Will County
- Formal Education in Biology and Africana Studies
- Formal Education in Human Resources
- Professional associations include Black Leadership Network Council, Mentorship Association, and Working Moms Committee
- Will bring the voice and perspective of young professional and parent of a young child to leadership that is currently absent

Scondreka Lee

- Goal oriented and results driven Human Resources Professional
- 20 years of Strategic Planning, Sr. Level Management and Continued Development Education Experience to include Non-Profit Management, Government, Higher Education, Leadership and Development Training, Police and Procedure Processes, and Employee Relations and Labor Negotiations
- Dual MBA in Management and HR Management from Robert Morris
- Director of Human Resources for Metropolitan Family Services
- CEO/Creator of SS All Things HR, LLC
- “With my education and experience, I would be valuable asses that is committed to making a difference with planning and future outcomes. I would be a great contributor to assist with challenges, policy, procedure and foundation that will best serve the members and the Mt. Zion community as a whole (history, present and future).”

Shirley Milsap

- Assistant choir director for children Mt Zion Baptist Church
- Assist choir with teaching songs
- Responsible for safety of children
- Making sure parents had info. regarding practices and upcoming events
- President of Mt Zion nurses
- President of Lebanon nurses
- Responsible for monthly meetings
- Responsible for correspondence of upcoming events

Mary Owens

- Member for 56 years
- Former President of Senior Ushers
- Former Budget Committee Member
- Former Chairperson of Pastor's Anniversary & Women's Day
- Former Sunday School Teacher
- Extensive Leadership experience
- Supports the church financially and currently works with Ushers

Betty Washington

- Longtime member of Mt Zion
- Formal Education in Organizational Management, Training & Development (Concentration on Adult Learners), and Community Development
- Over 30 years of supervisory experience in public and private sector
- Former President of NAACP Joliet Branch
- Active on several community boards germane to Zion's congregation
- Founding Member of African American Business Association
- Community minded/Community Driven
- Deputy Registrar for Will County