



Board of Directors Nominee

Name: Terra Dickerson

Home Congregation and City?

Gethsemane Lutheran, Austin

What is your occupation and/or former occupation(s)?

Marketing Manager, AECOM

Why do you want to serve on the Cross Trails Ministry Board of Directors?

Camp changed my life growing up and then becoming a Camp Counselor for several Summers. When I saw the post of applications it spoke to my heart immediately, and feels like the right next direction. Also of note I served as the Board Chair for Gethsemane Lutheran Children's Ministry in Austin for four years.

What experience do you have with Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch Camp, Off-site programs, or any other summer camps or retreat centers?

I was a camper at Chrysalis (and Lutherhill) growing up and then on staff at Chrysalis Summer of 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.



Board of Directors Nominee

Name: Mel Fain

Home Congregation and City?

Peace, New Braunfels

What is your occupation and/or former occupation(s)?

Middle school math teacher

Why do you want to serve on the Cross Trails Ministry Board of Directors?

More than anything, I have a passion for the mission. Camp is a great outlet to provide a transformative experience for children and youth as well as adults, and for fostering spiritual growth. Volunteering on the board aligns with my commitment to serving others and giving back to the community. Camp ministries rely on dedicated volunteers to fulfill their mission, and serving on the board is a meaningful way to me to contribute. Being part of the board allows me to build relationships with like-minded individuals who share my passion for the camp ministry's mission. After serving for over a year, I can't imagine not being a part of this wonderful mission. I am greatly invested in camp and the services it provides.

What experience do you have with Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch Camp, Off-site programs, or any other summer camps or retreat centers?

For years, my own children have attended Camp Chrysalis. From year to year, they look forward to going and are not ready to leave at the end of the week. But as we head home, I am overwhelmed with the stories, the connections, and the spiritual growth they experience at camp. It's a well-oiled machine that functions so well and yet the counselors and other adults involved maintain an upbeat and enthusiastic demeanor that sets the tone for the campers. It is so inviting and we, as a family, were hooked! Chrysalis has made a lasting impression that my children will remember for their entire lives.

Now that my boys are in confirmation and my husband, Jake, is the pastor, we attend family camp at Ebert Ranch. I must admit this is my favorite; and it's not just the food! I love that Ebert gives me the chance to get back to nature and experience God's beauty as my family and I learn and grow in faith.

Also, I have served on the board of Cross Trails Ministry for a little over a year. I'll admit at the beginning all I had to offer was my enthusiasm and dedication to camp. But as the year went on, I got to be involved behind the scenes and it allowed me to develop leadership skills, gain experience in governance, strategic planning, and decision-making to continue the legacy of Cross Trails.



Board of Directors Nominee

Name: Molly Friedrich

Home Congregation and City?

Palm Valley, Round Rock

What is your occupation and/or former occupation(s)?

Broker Owner of Friedrich Realty

Why do you want to serve on the Cross Trails Ministry Board of Directors?

Camp is a special way to reach people of all ages on their faith journey. I would be honored to serve in a position to continue the Cross Trails Ministry legacy and hope that some of my leadership skills and camp experience might be an asset to the team.

What experience do you have with Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch Camp, Off-site programs, or any other summer camps or retreat centers?

Our family attended advent retreat each year from approximately 2010 until Covid. Our children are now in college and high school so have missed the chance to align schedules the last couple of years. While in college, I served at a YARP and enjoyed many weekends serving at Chrysalis and Lutherhill. Additionally during my college summers (1995 to 1999), I returned to Indiana to work at Camp Lutherwald and had roles in the kitchen, as a counselor, and two summers at program director.



Board of Directors Nominee

Name: Beth Luckenbach

Home Congregation and City?

Bethany, Fredericksburg

What is your occupation and/or former occupation(s)?

Retired teacher

Why do you want to serve on the Cross Trails Ministry Board of Directors?

It has been an important part of my life for many years.

What experience do you have with Lutheran Camp Chrysalis, Ebert Ranch Camp, Off-site programs, or any other summer camps or retreat centers?

I am currently serving on the board and have previously served on it as well as working one summer at Camp Chrysalis as a cook.