



One of the privileges of this year's family meeting is to recognize two men from our church family into the Community of Elders for LAGBC: Patrick "Pat" Griffith & Leo "Lee" Wadsworth.

According to our constitutional guidelines, both Pat and Lee have been

- a. nominated by a member of our church,
- b. selected for a careful and confidential interview by the Community of Elders
- c. affirmed by the Community of Elders that they are both qualified and called to serve in the role of elder

As of May 2016, the LAGBC Community of Elders recommend to the congregation that both Pat Griffith and Lee Wadsworth be recognized as Elders. The final step of their recognition will be carried out in our Family Meeting on June 26, 2016 by a congregational vote asking this question: "Has this man been called of God to shepherd His people?" Each man must be approved by 75% of those members voting.

Many in our church family know both these men, yet we want to share a little biography of each man for your consideration.



Patrick "Pat" Griffith

I was born in Detroit, Michigan, September 30, 1952. Moved with parents to California in 1959. I grew up in Santa Fe Springs, graduated from Santa Fe High School, 1970. Served in the USAF 1971-1975, as Military Medic, stationed in Japan. Returned to Southern California, worked for Kaiser Hospital Belflower for 3-1/2 years.

A co-worker shared his faith with me in December, 1975, and I received Christ as my Lord and Savior at age 23. Married Viola "Vi" Madrid in 1986, and became a step-dad to daughters Jennene and Adrienne. Our daughter Kaitlin came into our family in 1987. Served as volunteer Chaplain in Los Angeles County Jail and Terminal Island Federal Correction Prison, between 1985 and 1992.

Our oldest daughter, Jennene, became pregnant in 1992 at age 15. This was the beginning of our family's involvement in Teen Parent ministry. Together, Vi and I have served in this ministry called "TLC" to teen parents and their children for 24 years, under the direction of Southern California Youth For Christ.

My wife and I started attending Los Altos Grace Brethren Church in 2006. Our "TLC" children have been attending Green Oak Ranch since 2000. And we have found this to be a great church home for us and for our ministry. It is a great honor to be considered for the role of Elder, and I am looking forward to serving the congregation in that capacity.



Leo "Lee" Wadsworth

I am deeply honored to be considered for a role as Elder here at Los Altos Grace Brethren Church. My family and I have been a part of this church for about 26 years, and love it here.

I am a Christian – saved by God’s wonderful grace 46 years ago at a Hume Lake summer camp in the summer of my 7th grade year. I got my degree from BIOLA

University. I am conservative in my theology, believing in the perfect divine inspiration of the Bible in the original autographs. I am dispensational in my eschatology, believing in a pre-tribulational rapture of His church. I am conservative in my approach to science, and hold to a young earth creationist view. However, except for items directly affecting salvation, I am able to have warm deep fellowship with Christians that hold differing viewpoints.

I am a husband and a father – married 38 years ago to my incredible wife Karen, and father of two grown Christian men. Colin is graduated from college, married to a godly Christian woman, and working at Boeing. The other, Kyle, is in his final years at CSULB studying computer science.

I facilitate the One Accord adult community on Sunday mornings. This has been my privilege and honor for over 5 years. Together we have covered lots of ground including Ephesians, Philippians, Daniel, Philemon, the Gospels, I John, Revelation, Genesis, Ruth, and we are now going through Romans.

For the last several years, I have helped out at Green Oak Ranch. The last few years, I have run the sound, and have gotten to serve as one of the camp pastors. It is a fantastic time in the Lord.

I am blessed to be part of the ministry here at Los Altos. I am a teacher and Director of Technology in our School. I teach the computer and technology classes for all students Kindergarten through 6th grade. I also do devotions with the 5th and 6th grade classes, and teach chapel occasionally. I keep the computer systems and networks running, and help out with the websites as well. I also have a blast teaching the kids at a summer science and technology day camp each week here at the school.

My professional career has been in computers, software, and technology. I have over 30 years of technical experience and over 20 years of management and business experience. I still do consulting with individuals and companies for their IT and Internet Marketing needs.

If you have any questions about the process of selection or either of these men, please contact any one among of the current Community of Elders. We are glad that God is giving us the opportunity to affirm such good and godly men in our church family.

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