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BOARD OF LAY MINISTRY CANDIDATES



Julie Davis

My husband, Tony, introduced me to King of Kings in 2007 and in 2008, Pastor Roger Theimer married us at Joslyn Castle. Our two adult children have blessed us with four grandchildren and one on the way. Having them in my

life has been an amazing experience that I treasure.

The connectedness to others with our same beliefs was missing from our lives before becoming members at King of Kings. We have loved growing in our faith together with the amazing pastors, leaders, volunteers, and members of King of Kings. It is home for us. The depth of the relationships are like nothing we've previously experienced.

Tony and I have been a part of the Food Ministry team since 2018 and started greeting as part of Guest Experience last fall. We have participated in two of the "Night to Shine" events, preparing and serving food, shining shoes, and celebrating each guest on the red carpet. We have also participated in a couple of small groups and really enjoy the depth of the relationships we have found and built with our King of Kings family.

I have been with Alorica for 22 years in the Information Technology space, holding a variety of leadership positions. I currently work as a Chief of Staff to our Chief Information and Digital Officer. I am a driven, high-performer who loves to achieve goals by leading with love, compassion, and empathy. I value relationships and find tremendous joy in seeing others grow professionally and personally.

The most impactful experience I have had is participating in the Red Letter Challenge. Walking through the six-week plan with Tony daily along with the small group and Church weekly, opened a new world to show that my brokenness and life experiences were not so different from everyone else's. I could see that others felt just as broken as me and that we are worthy of forgiveness. My eyes were opened, my heart was full, and this critical realization, (though it may seem small), has helped

me have a better sense of who I am, the struggles everyone walks through, and the kind of God that I am building an intimate relationship with. I find that when I start my day off in prayer and gratitude, it sets the tone for the rest of the day. There is no truer love than that of our Lord.

A fun fact about me is that my husband and I have been vegan for five years!



Ryan Downs

My wife, Valerie, and I have been married for 27 years, and have attended and been members of King of Kings since 2001. We have three children: identical twin girls Emily and Lauren (23), and a son Carson (18). Valerie is a

physical therapist in Omaha and our children are all pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees.

I have been involved at King of Kings in various capacities over the years. I have served on the Board of Lay Ministry for the last three years, where I was an Elder and part of the Finance Committee. I was a shepherd in Kids Kount ministry for many years. I also served as a member of two call committees: the one that called Greg Griffith and the one that called Peter Baye. I have been a member of the team that designed the transition plan for the new lead pastor as well as the Vice President of the Board for Royal Land, Inc. I also participated in a mission trip to Jamaica and have served as sort of an informal advisor for the senior leadership team at the church, assisting with questions regarding strategy, operations, human resources, real estate, and other matters.

I am currently President of a California FinTech company called Unison. We have created a financial instrument that allows homeowners to access the equity in their homes without incurring debt. Before that, I served in several executive roles with high-growth tech companies, including Proxibid, eBay, and PayPal.

An important experience that has been transformational in my walk with Jesus occurred a few years ago. Valerie and I went through a difficult time, financially, when a contractor failed to perform on the construction of our new house. We were extremely stressed and didn't see a way through the situation. We both prayed frequently and asked for guidance, and every single time we faced an obstacle we had no idea how to overcome, God would provide for us — an unexpected bonus, an unexpected investment return, a contractor willing to give us more time. For almost three years, without exception, God came through. This experience, as painful as it was at the time, strengthened our relationship with God and our relationship with each other. It taught me not to try to bear life's burdens alone, but to give those burdens to Him. Faith in our powerful and loving God will get you through anything.

One fun fact about me is that I grew up on a farm and ranch in western Nebraska. Throughout my childhood, I participated in real cattle drives in which we drove the cattle many miles across the Sandhills on horseback.



David Millen

My family and I have attended King of Kings since 2013. Kari and I also attended from 2004 to 2006, when we lived here the first time.

My wife and I have promoted Family Life Weekend to Remember

and were table leaders at Confirmation Class for two years. I've helped organize the annual Father-Daughter Dance the past several years and served on the Call Committee and the Board of Lay Ministry. My wife and I lead a Connect Group and volunteer in Kids Kount. I'm a large group leader for children ages four to six and have so much fun with those kids. I've also gone to Peak Challenge eight times.

Kari and I have been married for 17 years and have two daughters: Lexi (14) and Zoe (11). Kari does an amazing job homeschooling the girls, and she directs in our Classical Conversations homeschool community. The girls enjoy volleyball, singing, music, art, Legos, and reading. We love playing games, reading, and biking together.

I work as a Project Engineer for Kiewit, currently on a couple projects at the zoo. Previously, we moved to California, Virginia, and Maryland for various projects. I plan, coordinate, strive to keep operations on schedule and under budget, and motivate people to do their jobs and work together.

For several years, my bedtime routine with the

girls shifted from reading devotions with them to reading a chapter or so of Scripture each night. Being in the Word each night, finding ways to connect with the text, and using footnotes and cross-references to answer some questions gave me another level of growth in my walk with Jesus.

A fun fact about me is that I was a couple days old before my parents decided on a name for me. At first, I was "Moose" or "Conehead"... I probably preferred Moose!



David Reddel

I attended King of Kings as a single person in the mid 1990s and my family and I have been attending King of Kings since 2004. Julia (an educator) and I have been married for 29 years in June and we have four adult children Michaela

(25), Madeline (23), Allison (23), and Emily (23) that all grew up in this King of Kings family we call home!

King of Kings has blessed our family with the opportunity to serve and lead in many ways. I led men's ministry for a long time and still lead Peak Challenge. My wife and I have both served in children's ministry and youth ministry and I have served on many boards and committees. Previously, I served and led the Board of Lay Ministry and, currently, I serve on and lead the Royal Land Board.

I am an attorney that has worked in Omaha for 32 years, with the last 27 of those years as in-house legal counsel for Oriental Trading Company.

Since 2004, God has blessed the transformative, life-giving work that happens with Band of Brothers ministry and a related ministry called Peak Challenge. Through regular Band of Brother gatherings, we have leaned into God's word and the presence of the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus and impact our world. We have seen many lives changed, including my own. Through the annual trek to Colorado with Peak Challenge, I have joined over 150 other men across 20 states as we sit at the feet of Jesus in the greatest classroom in the world. Experiencing the Colorado Rocky Mountains, we challenge each other to walk/hike/run in the calling that God has set out for each of us.

One fun fact about me is that I am a life-long athletic challenge seeker, having grown up as a coach's kid. At the center of it is running many 100, 100k and 50 mile races, hiking 70+ 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado and even getting my girls to do 12 of those mountain peaks with me!