

2022 Governing Board Candidate Bio



Cory Tylenda

How long have you been a member of Asbury First?

I became an official member in February 2014. I started to attend Asbury in the late 1990s while I attended college at the University of Rochester.

What have you been involved in as a member of Asbury First?

I served as the chair of the Stewardship Committee (now Giving Team) for five years in addition to Church Council and the Better Together Capital Campaign. I have been part of the Parables in Parenting group and also served as a member of Hospitality Team 9.

Currently, I am a member of the LGBTQ+ Advocacy Group, a Discipleship Group, and the Gardening Club. In February, I am starting to volunteer in the Storehouse.

Why do you want to be on the Governing Board?

I am called to help people and provide service to others where I feel my contributions can make a difference. Based on my past experiences with Stewardship and Church Council, I can provide insight to support the operations and governance of our church. I am skilled at collaborating with others to make decisions that reflect the mission of Asbury First. Through my leadership roles in the past, I have developed meaningful relationships with the church staff, committee members, and volunteers. I also strive to introduce potential new members to Asbury First through my work with the LGBTQ+ community, ensuring that Asbury First is a welcoming place for all.

What is something that you want people to know about you?

I am the Business Continuity Manager for Algonquin Power and Utilities Corporation, an international clean energy/utilities company, based in Toronto, Canada. In the past I have worked for three members of the U.S. House of Representatives and a member of the NYS Assembly. I am an avid reader, and I love to do home construction and gardening projects. I also love to travel and shop for antiques.