Petition for Candidacy Form

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I wish to be a candidate for election to the Board of Directors of Lakeport Cluster Association.

Styrhun Sayy, PhD August 31, 2025

Signature Date

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

In no more than 250 words, please tell us about yourself, what you expect to contribute to the Board and Lakeport Cluster based on your experience and abilities, and why you want to serve. (Statement will be shared with owners. If necessary, attach a separate page.)

After growing up in Asheville, NC, I earned three degrees from Duke University, where I met Mary, my wife of 55 years (!). We spent five wonderful years in Naples, FL, where I was Associate Pastor of a large Presbyterian church, before moving to Miami for the next 34 years. As a faculty member in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Miami, I taught primarily in the area of biomedical ethics, specializing in end-of-life issues and aging and spirituality. In 2015, we moved to Lakeport at the invitation of our son and daughter-in-law in Great Falls to be "a regular and constant presence in the life" of our grandson Beckett (now almost 13), and later our granddaughter Lowell (10), who are often seen enjoying our wonderful Lakeport community.

While at UM, I served in a number of administrative positions in which I gained a great deal of experience that I have called upon as a member of Lakeport's Board: I chaired my department for 14 years, the Faculty Senate for three years, and the Social and Behavioral Sciences Institutional Review Board for 4 years. Outside the University, I was president of our homeowners association for 19 years, chaired the Biomedical Ethics Committee of Miami Children's Hospital for 18 years, and was founding president (and later president again) of the Greater Miami Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

As President of Lakeport's Board for the past two years, I have used my abilities, training, and experience to enhance our sense of community (which I have also done for the past eight years as editor of Lakeport's quarterly newsletter *Ripples*), to ensure continued financial stability, and to maintain the attractiveness and value of our property (as I have done since I moved here by participating in most of the Landscape Committee's projects and workdays). I intend to continue to do all I can to keep Lakeport the wonderful place that Mary and I feel blessed to be part of.