

# 1848 Project: Announces new leadership team

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[Middleton, WI] – The 1848 Project has recruited two dynamic conservative leaders, Bonnie Lee and Jennifer Meinhardt, to serve as Executive Directors of the conservative policy advocacy group.

“The 1848 Project has had many successes this year from our more than 50 well-attended listening sessions to the recently released and well received Forward Agenda,” said 1848 Project Senior Advisor Daniel Suhr. “Now we have recruited two rising stars in Wisconsin’s conservative movement to lead the organization as we provide conservative advocates across the state with the intellectual ammunition to advance the Forward Agenda.”

Bonnie Lee is the co-founder of a nonprofit organization focused on economic development in Kenya, Director of Outreach in her congregation, a founding member of a conservative women’s advocacy group, mobilizer of conservative candidates, and policy aide. After running for State Assembly in 2020, Bonnie is committed to sharing what she learned through the process and encouraging others to get involved in improving their communities. With two grown sons out of the nest, Bonnie and her husband, Matt, recently moved to Lisbon with their dog, Oliver.

“I am honored by the invitation to work with the 1848 Project because I feel that the focus on listening and learning is essential to responsible leadership,” said Lee. “Since ideas matter and have real consequences, I look forward to working to advance solid, action-oriented ideas that will build Wisconsin’s brightest future yet.”

Jennifer Meinhardt has been an associate professor of history at Maranatha Baptist University, and she recently ran for State Assembly in an eight-way primary, coming short of victory by a mere handful of votes. Over the past year, Jennifer has spoken

to many conservative groups to educate and advocate for conservative principles. She and her husband Tim are raising their three children in Watertown.

“When I first read about the 1848 Project’s commitment to Listen, Learn, Lead, I remember thinking, ‘Yes. This is the proper order’” said Meinhardt. “I am excited to join the 1848 Project, and I look forward to focusing on the policies outlined in the Forward Agenda while continuing to be responsive to the voices of people across the state.”

The 1848 Project is an issue advocacy organization working to advance a conservative agenda for Wisconsin.