
Partial Report of the District Conference 2019 Nominating Committee

After extensive preparatory work, your committee met on November 22, 2018 and January 17, 2019 at the District Office and brings the following partial report.

Please note that the names of incumbents are *italicized*. A short bio for each non-incumbent nominee is included on page 4 and following.

District Executive Committee (DEXCOM)

Treasurer

Mark Hutchinson (Staff, Chilliwack Alliance Church)

Secretary

Jeffrey Ku (Staff, North Richmond Alliance Church)

Members at Large

Abe Chan (Staff, Fraser Lands Church)

Joel Croswell (Staff, North Cowichan Alliance Church)

Walter Huebert (Layperson, Penticton Alliance Church)

Janet Kirby (Layperson, Mission Creek Alliance Church)

Andrew McGregor (Staff, Fort St. John Alliance Church)

Linda Rae (Official Worker)

Kyla Ward (Staff, Victoria Alliance Church)

According to the *Policy on Process for Electing DEXCOM Members*, additional nominees for election to DEXCOM can be submitted to the Nominating Committee according to the following procedure:

- m) Additional nominations, received on the prescribed form and signed by three eligible voting members of a member church, will be received by the Committee for inclusion on the ballot up to 14 days in advance of the District Conference. Additional nomination papers must be accompanied by a biographical sketch, a criminal record check, and a written Pastoral reference (for a layperson) or District Superintendent reference (for an official worker). The names of additional eligible nominees will be included in the final report of the Committee annotated by “*”.

Accordingly, if you wish to nominate someone for election to DEXCOM, please send all the above requirements in digital form to the chair at darcyr@intheriver.ca **no later than May 1st, 2019**. The prescribed form for additional nominees is on page 3 of this report. As per the above policy, there will be no nominations for DEXCOM members from the floor.

General Assembly 2020 Nominating Committee

Carmen Kinniburgh (Staff, Vernon Alliance Church)
John Poon (Staff, North Richmond Alliance Church)

Alternate

Cyril Marlatt (Staff, Dawson Creek Alliance Church)

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Cres Casimong (Staff, New Life Alliance Church)
Dave Driedger (Staff, Lakewood Alliance Church)
Kenda Reimer (Staff, The River Church)

District Conference 2021 Audit Review Committee

Chair

Dwayne Boyd (Staff, Vernon Alliance Church)

Deanna Akai (Layperson, Surrey Alliance Church)
Teresa Bartel (Layperson, Lake Country Church)
Kelsey Ferguson (Layperson, The River Church)

Elections will take place at District Conference at Vernon Alliance Church in Vernon, BC on May 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy Reimer, Chair
Dave Sattler, Co-Chair
Collins Kung, Secretary
Abe Chan
Carmen Kinniburgh
Matt Mordaunt

**Prescribed Form for Additional Nomination to the
District Executive Committee**

Name of Additional Nominee _____

I consent to allow my name to stand for election to the District Executive Committee.

Signature

Date

1. _____

Name and Signature of an Active Member of an Alliance Church

2. _____

Name and Signature of an Active Member of an Alliance Church

3. _____

Name and Signature of an Active Member of an Alliance Church

Nomination Profiles

DEXCOM

Abe Chan



as the Senior Pastor in 2018.

I grew up in Vancouver in a non-Christian home. While studying architecture in Winnipeg, I received Christ into my life at the age of 19. Shortly afterwards, I fell in love with Deb and we got married in 1987. We feel blessed to have a son. Since my calling to pastoral ministry in 2003, I have been trying to follow the Lord as best as I can. This has meant: Discerning God's will with my family; leaving my architectural career after 15 years; going back to school at 41 years of age for a seminary education; serving as a pastor at Fraser Lands Church since 2004, getting ordained in 2009, and being installed

The words of the Apostle Paul have become my life verse for ministry: *"On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts"* (1 Thess. 2:4). The Lord has placed in my heart a deep passion for "The Spiritual Practices of Church Renewal" and "Being a Loving Presence of Christ in Our Neighbourhoods." Aside from ministry, my favorite foods include crab and prime rib, preferably eaten at the same time! I love fishing, gardening, and hockey, and will remain a Canucks fan to the end. I also enjoy traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Janet Kirby



I grew up knowing there was a higher power and viewed God as a distant deity. At the age of fifteen I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal saviour. Very soon after, our family was posted to West Germany. During the next eighteen years I lived very much of this world and not of God's world. The Holy Spirit was at work in my life and I came back to Christ in 1996 and in obedience was baptized in 2000. I have attended Mission Creek Alliance Church since 1996.

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My husband is not a Christian and looking back, I know God protected our marriage and then strengthened it through those tough years. My husband is an amazing person and since then he has become even more supportive of me and of our children's walk with God. In the spring of 2007, he stood with me in front of our church family as I encouraged first Jillian and then Sean at their baptisms.

I have a particularly keen interest in the areas of church governance, leadership, administration, and financial stewardship. I am a Chartered Professional Accountant and also have a master's degree in Christian Studies from Trinity Western University and Seminary. In addition to significant formal education in these and other areas, I have extensive and multi-faceted practical experience and knowledge gained through many years of working with local, provincial, and national Christian and other non-profit organizations either as their professional advisor or through serving on boards and/or committees in various positions. This includes being a member on the Board of Directors for The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada from 2012-2018 and sitting on multiple Board committees during that time.

God is so good. My continued prayer is that through my actions, words, and attitudes, my lived-out testimony continues to convey God's unwavering faithfulness, grace, and love to each person He places in my life.

Andrew McGregor



My wife Maria and I have two daughters, Anna (5) and Sophia (3). I grew up in northern Alberta where my family church planted. This instilled in me a confidence in Jesus' ability to change lives. Through a meandering path I earned a B.Th. and MALM and served in three churches: Fort Nelson Alliance, Fort St. John Alliance, and Flin Flon Alliance. I have managed to serve in Fort St John Alliance three times and currently serve as the Lead Pastor.

God has been so good and so gracious to me. He keeps leading me deeper and further, setting me free from my brokenness and gently revealing where I still need to allow Him to work. I am grateful that He keeps trusting me, blessing me, and using me to shepherd His people.

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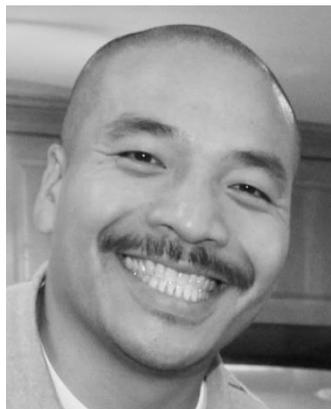
Carmen Kinniburgh



I am a BC girl, through and through. My family lived in both Fraser Lake and then Quesnel when I was a child. We first started attending a C&MA church in 1991 when we moved to Quesnel. Through my years of serving and being part of the community of Maple Park Alliance Church, I knew that there was nothing else I would rather do than to love Jesus, love His church, and share His love with others. My years of education at Canadian Bible College, and wise council by key leaders that God placed in my life affirmed in me the calling to pastor, and for this particular season, in ministering to children and families. I have been a children's pastor in elementary-age ministries at Vernon Alliance Church since 2010.

My husband, Jeremy, and I moved to Vernon in 2005, after pastoring in Quesnel for several years. We have two children: Aria (who turns 13 in April!) and Roscoe (10), and a sweet schnoodle puppy named Maisy. We love to travel, encourage and equip leaders, go camping and fishing, spend time with family and friends, and enjoy the beautiful area that we live in. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, volunteering at my children's school, playing soccer, and building relationships within the Vernon soccer community.

John Poon



John Poon was born in San Francisco and has lived in the Bay Area, the Lower Mainland, Calgary, and Los Angeles. He received a BRE from Canadian Bible College and an MDiv from Rockbridge Seminary. John has pastored at three Chinese Alliance churches in Western Canada and has been serving with the C&MA in Canada since 1999. He is both a second and fourth generation Chinese-American/Canadian. John's parents were first generation immigrants from China while his maternal great-grandfather came to Vancouver in 1918.

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Over the years, John has served on different district committees while also helping from time to time the Joint Missions Conference committee (hosted by the Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association). Currently, he is an associate pastor at the North Richmond Alliance Church where he has served under Rev. Dr. Titus Yu since 2007.

He enjoys ministry with the NRAC team, mentoring young adults, watching football, spending time with his family and going on road trips. John lives in Surrey with his wife Carolyn and their four children.

Cyril Marlatt



I grew up in Calgary, Alberta, where I had early spiritual input from Baptist and United churches, and where I responded to the gospel at nine years of age during a Rex Humbarnd evangelism service. Perceiving the need for forgiveness and a renewed start in faith and life towards the end of high school, I began to read the Scriptures and some Christian books like *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis and *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer. God eventually lead me into the church family at Rockyview Alliance Church where in September 1984, the Holy Ghost invaded my life and set me on a path to attend Canadian Bible College “for only a year” – mainly to gain foundations for a life of faith. A calling to a four-year degree was solidified when I was privileged to lead a teen to respond to the spiritual birthing God was causing in his life and to follow Jesus as His Lord and Saviour. My call had morphed into a four-year time of preparation for ministry (B.Th.); followed by another four years of serving on staff at CBC (Ambrose University) as the Resident Director and in Student Services; and to attend Seminary (CTS and Regent College). While on staff at CBC (Ambrose University) I began a long-distance relationship with a medical student and married Wanda Wiesner in 1995; we now have five children.

I was ordained with the C&MA in 1995, and I have served at North Shore Alliance (Internship), Yarrow Alliance Church (Youth/Worship), Victoria Alliance (Youth/Associate), Comox Valley Alliance (Planter), Minnedosa Covenant Church (Senior), Fort Nelson Alliance (Senior), Cranbrook Alliance (Assistant), and am now serving Dawson Creek Alliance (Lead).

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Cres Casimong



I am in my 15th year of full-time ministry as the Senior Pastor of New Life Alliance Church in North Vancouver. I was born and raised in a Christian home. I surrendered my life to Christ when I was 13 years old and received God's call to ministry at the age of 18. After high school, I attended Canadian Bible College in Regina, SK. Prior to serving at New Life, I studied Information Technology and worked for several Canadian corporations for 9 years as a Network Support Analyst.

I am married to Ninia and we have 3 young adult children. Our two boys are studying in the Bible College preparing for pastoral ministry and our daughter is a teacher in the Burnaby School District. I also have the privilege to serve as the Executive Committee Secretary of the Conference of Filipino Alliance Ministry (CFAM) since 2013. Currently, I am in a dissertation phase for my Ph.D. in Leadership from Piedmont International University, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dave Driedger



I have been on a journey following Jesus most of his life. I am married to Tara (just over 20 years) and we have 3 teenage boys. Our family has been in Prince George since the fall of 2002 when I started my first ministry role as Associate Pastor of Lakewood Alliance Church. In 2005, I took on the Lead Pastor role and have been serving in that capacity since. In addition to church ministry I have served our District on the 2011 District Nominating Committee and for 6 years on DEXCOM. In 2017, I completed the Arrow Leadership Course and now have the privilege of serving as a Leadership Partner with Arrow. I have also been serving as a marketplace chaplain in our community since 2013.

I am thankful that God continues to enlarge my understanding of his love for me and my capacity to love others and has continued to challenge and grow me through many joys and challenges in life. I am passionate about leading others to a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ, particularly through one-on-one discipleship and mentoring, but also through preaching and teaching.

I love hanging out with my family, cross-country skiing in the winter; walking, biking, and traveling in the summer. I look forward to the opportunity to serve our district family again as part of the Nominating Committee for the 2021 District Conference.

Kenda Reimer



I grew up mostly in Regina, SK and had the joy of being raised at Hillsdale Alliance. The experience of growing up in that setting greatly impacted me from an early age and laid a solid foundation for the rest of my life. I remember “praying the prayer” when I was 5 with my family and growing up in a very loving, Christian home. As a pre-teen I experienced overwhelming fear and through that discovered how to run to Jesus. Thankfully, He eventually set me free from the power this had over me. I was baptized at 15, and through the rest of high school felt drawn to ministry but didn’t know what that would look like.

I attended CBC and graduated with a Bachelor of Biblical Studies. Following graduation, I moved to Kingston, ON and worked/volunteered for a year at Bayridge Alliance helping mainly with children and youth. There I discovered that ministry involved lots of counselling and I felt the need for more training so went to OTS (now Tyndale) in Toronto and graduated with an MDIV in Counselling. While there I worked part-time as a youth pastor at Ritson Rd Alliance in Oshawa, ON and for a few months at the National Office in various capacities.

From there I moved back to Regina and became the Residence Director for women at CBC. While there, Darcy and I got married and we had our first child. We then moved to the North Shore where Darcy joined the staff at North Shore Alliance and I took a break from paid ministry to raise our family. 6 years and 2 more kids later, we felt called to church plant in Squamish where we have now lived for 13 years and have added a 4th child through adoption.

I am currently at the River Church co-pastoring part-time with Darcy. I’m also in private practice as a registered clinical counsellor and as a spiritual director as well as working for Sea to Sky Community Services 20 weeks a year running a parenting course. Because of the nature of our church, I’m able to be actively involved in volunteering in our community, which I love. My greatest joy though is our family of 4 teenagers - 3 at home and 1 at university.

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Deanna Akai



My name is Deanna Akai; I am a Christ-follower, a wife of 33 years to an incredible husband, a homeschool mom to 4 wonderful (most of the time) children, daughter, sister, friend, Bible study leader, children's ministry worker, and bookkeeper.

I have been the bookkeeper for Surrey Alliance Church since Feb 2007 (with a two-year break June 2014-Aug 2016). Prior to that, I was a 30-year banker with an emphasis on operations, management, and customer service. My specialty, then and now, is reconciliation (though I don't get to do as much of it in this position as I did in the bank).

I have been a member of the C&MA close to 25 years and would be honoured to serve on the Audit Review Committee as a way of giving back to an organization that has done so much for my family.

Teresa Bartel



I have enjoyed a long walk as a Christian accepting Christ at the age of 4. At camp in Ontario at age 13 I rededicated my life to the Lord. While living in Kamloops, I was a member of a Baptist Church and acted as their treasurer for almost 20 years. I am now involved with that church as a client.

I received CA designation in 1991 and moved to Kamloops in 1992 and worked as a controller at a division of a public company until 2010.

Living in Vernon again in 2014 I started attending Vernon Alliance. I usher Saturday night and enjoy Stuart's teaching a bunch. Through friends, I started attending Lake Country Church and decided to be a member there. I have enjoyed working with them on their budget and enhancing their reporting to the congregation.

While working at KPMG I did several audits and tax returns for medical professionals.

Kelsey Fergurson



I obtained my Chartered Accounting designation in 2008 while working at BDO Canada. Since then, I have been working as Financial Director at Awana International Canada and am also currently working on a consulting and financial oversight basis for several registered Canadian charities. My husband and I have a four-year-old son, and attend The River Church in Squamish, BC.