

## **Partial Report**

### **District Conference 2025 Committee on Nominations**

**March 14, 2025**

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The District Committee on Nominations began our work in June of 2024 to prayerfully discern nominees for the positions set out in the *District Committee on Nominations Terms of Reference*. We met seven times over the next nine months before completing our work in March of 2025.

The committee carried out our work with a commitment to prayer and discernment, as well as a desire to populate the respective committees with godly, wise, and competent people. In addition, we were committed to constructing committees that represent the diversity of our larger family of churches. As such, special care and attention were given to geography, ethnicity, and gender in our discernment process.

As this is an election year for the District Superintendent (DS) position, the committee did their due diligence in discerning a nominee for the position while following the *Policy on Process for Electing District Superintendents* found in the *Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada*. A call for nominations notice was posted with the district and national offices in early November 2024 indicating that Mark Peters, who is eligible to serve another term, had informed the committee of his willingness to serve another term. No nomination papers were received from any other potential candidates.

As part of the committee's discernment, we sought input from our President, Darren Herbold, and the DEXCOM Chair, Steve Schneider, regarding the incumbent DS. We are pleased to nominate Mark Peters for another term as the District Superintendent and thank him for his faithful and fruitful leadership!

Through our committee work, two things have become clear. The Lord is at work among Alliance churches in our district and He has blessed us with diverse, talented, and Spirit-filled leaders. For that, we give our thanks and praise to the Lord!

### **Nominee for District Superintendent**

Names of incumbents are *italicized*.

*Mark Peters (Official Worker, Canadian Pacific District)*

### **Nominees for the District Executive Committee (DEXCOM)**

#### **Treasurer**

*Brad Boyd (Layperson, North Shore Alliance Church)*

#### **Secretary**

*David Driedger (Official Worker, Lakewood Alliance Church)*



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## Members at Large

Names of incumbents are *italicized*.

*Keith Cheung (Official Worker, Burnaby Alliance Church)*  
*Danielle Johnson (Official Worker, Kamloops Alliance Church)*  
*Carmen Kinniburgh (Official Worker, Threshold Initiatives)*  
*Terry Ann Opperman (Official Worker, Leadership Development International)*  
*David Paradisco (Layperson, Victoria Alliance Church)*  
*Kenda Reimer (Official Worker)*  
*Steve Schneider (Official Worker, Maple Ridge Alliance Church)*  
*Nathan Sun (Official Worker, Fraser Lands Church)*

According to the *Policy on Process for Electing District Executive Committee Members*, additional nominees for election to DEXCOM may be submitted to the Nominating Committee according to the following procedure in 1. 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 be nominated or nominate someone for election to DEXCOM, please complete the prescribed form and send all the above requirements in digital form to the chair at [keith@mcachurch.ca](mailto:keith@mcachurch.ca) no later than **April 29, 2025**. As per the above policy, there will be no nominations for DEXCOM members from the floor.

## Nominees for the General Assembly 2026 Committee on Finance

Deborah Chan (Layperson, Fraser Lands Church)  
Janet Kirby (Layperson, Mission Creek Alliance Church)  
Ryan McCurdy (Official Worker, Peace Portal Alliance Church)

## Nominees for the General Assembly 2026 Committee on General Legislation

Aaron Caleb (Official Worker, Lake Country Church)  
Bekah Hagan Ahenda (Official Worker, Victoria Alliance Church)  
Jeffrey Ku (Official Worker, North Richmond Alliance Church)



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## **Nominees for the General Assembly 2026 Committee on Nominations**

Joseph Chan (Official Worker, Fraser Lands Church)  
Erin Peters (Official Worker, Fort St. John Alliance Church)

## **Nominees for the General Assembly 2026 Committee on Strategic Plan**

George Brodie (Official Worker, Revelstoke Alliance Church)  
Jeremy Cook (Official Worker, Oliver Alliance Church)  
Sonia Friesen (Official Worker, Coquitlam Alliance Church)

## **Nominees for the District Conference 2027 Audit Review Committee**

Martin Jacobs (Layperson, Maple Ridge Alliance Church)  
Jessica Low (Official Worker, Timbers Alliance Church)  
Ken Tsang (Layperson, Vancouver Chinese Alliance Church)

## **Nominees for the District Conference 2027 Committee on Nominations**

Rowell Casimong (Official Worker, Surrey Vietnamese Alliance Church)  
Michelle Derksen (Official Worker, Mission Creek Alliance Church)  
Prince Thomas (Official Worker, Pacific Community Church)

Elections will take place at the virtual District Conference on May 14, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Whitaker (Chair)  
Monique Chan (Vice-Chair)  
Kyla Ward (Secretary)  
Jon LeFave  
Anita Leung  
Benjamin Pantoja



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## Nomination Profiles

### District Superintendent

#### Mark Peters



I was born and raised in Surrey, BC, and grew up attending Surrey Alliance Church. After discerning a call to pastoral ministry, I went to Canadian Bible College in Regina and completed a degree in Bible and theology; upon graduation, I served at First Alliance Church (Calgary) for 9 years. While at First Alliance, I completed a Master of Arts in Leadership at Trinity Western; after resigning from First, I completed a Master of Arts in Theology from Regent College (Vancouver).

I went on to serve as the Lead Pastor at North Shore Alliance for 13 years; for the past four years, I have been serving as the District Superintendent of the Canadian Pacific District. I am currently enrolled in a Doctorate of Practical Theology at McMaster Divinity College.

I have been married to Naomi for 26 years and we have two young adult children, Luke and Anna.

### DEXCOM (2025-2027)

#### Brad Boyd

Brad is a member of North Shore Alliance Church and has served on the Elders' Board in various roles over many years and also served on the Board of the church he attended while living in Egypt for work from 2012-2016. He became a member of the District Finance Committee of the CPD in late 2022.

Brad started his work career with the accounting firm KPMG and has a CA, CPA. He joined a Vancouver-based chemical company in 1996 taking on a variety of accounting and finance roles and is currently in an executive role with oversight responsibilities for Human Resources and Information Technology.



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## David Driedger



I have been on a journey following Jesus most of my life. I am married to Tara (27 years this June), and we have three young adult sons. 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 previously served on DEXCOM for eight years, most recently serving as Secretary again starting in 2023 and twice served on our District Nominating Committee (2011 and as chair in 2021). In 2015, I

completed the Arrow Leadership Program and have had the privilege of serving on multiple occasions as a Leadership Partner with Arrow.

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 travelling in the summer. I look forward to continuing to serve our district family as Secretary of DEXCOM.

## Keith Cheung

Keith was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan and grew up attending and serving at Regina Chinese Alliance Church. During university, he felt God calling him into full-time ministry, first earning a degree in finance. After working and studying for several years in Calgary and Vancouver, he eventually received an MDiv at Ambrose Seminary.

Keith was also an active member at Westside Calgary Chinese Alliance Church before moving to Vancouver to begin full-time pastoral ministry. After a brief stint pastoring in a church from another denomination, Keith began serving as the English Lead Pastor at Burnaby Alliance Church in 2017 where he continues to serve today.



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Keith is married to Cecelia, and they are raising two beautiful daughters who they adopted from Taiwan and Korea respectively. He loves, in no particular order, cooking and eating and conversations, the Saskatchewan Roughriders, road cycling, family reunions, good movies, and music.

### **Danielle Johnson**



I'm Danielle Johnson. I live in the beautiful city of Kamloops, BC, with my husband, Ben, and our two children, Eloise and Oliver. Our family loves spending time outdoors hiking and biking, and we're always looking for any excuse to visit a good café.

My life stands as a witness to the incredible and ongoing transformative work of Jesus, and I am driven by a deep desire to see others grow in rich relationship with Him. This passion has shaped and defined my pursuits over the last 15+ years, including my decision to minister in Cairo, Egypt, church plant in Coquitlam, BC, and enter full-time pastoral ministry.

In 2018, our family left the Lower Mainland and returned home to Kamloops where I now serve as the Senior Associate Pastor of Spiritual Formation at Kamloops Alliance Church. It's a privilege to be part of our Senior Management Team, developing strategy, shaping culture, and furthering our mission to know Jesus and make Him known. I hold a Business degree (Honours) from Simon Fraser University, which has equipped me with valuable skills in organizational leadership and management, which I combine with a deep love of theology and spiritual formation.

As a C&MA girl through and through, I am proud to be a part of Alliance churches across the world, which exist to be increasingly Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and mission-focused - multiplying disciples everywhere!



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## **Carmen Kinniburgh**

Rev. Carmen Kinniburgh is an ordained and credentialed pastor in The Alliance Canada. She lives in Vernon, BC with her husband Jeremy and their children. Carmen ministered at Vernon Alliance Church as a children's pastor for 10 years. She also served in children's, youth, and music/drama ministry in Quesnel, BC and Hinton, AB after completing her bachelor's degree from Canadian Bible College in 2003.



In 2021 Carmen and Jeremy launched two ministries called Threshold Initiatives and Contributing Pastor, through which they help to equip individuals and churches in spiritual renewal and kingdom living. Her desire in ministry and life is to help others hear God's voice and to experience the freedom and fullness of love found in knowing Jesus and living kingdom lives.

She has recently graduated with a Masters of Theological Studies through McMaster Divinity College in the area of listening prayer with children. Carmen has enjoyed serving on DEXCOM since 2021 and supporting and equipping children's ministry leaders in the CPD over the years in her role as the Children's Ministry Partner.

## **Terry Ann Opperman**



Terry Opperman is a licensed worker with the C&MA and currently serving with her husband Bob at Westshore Alliance Church in Langford, BC. She also serves as a chaplain working in the areas of addictions and recovery with the Alliance Association of Chaplains (AAC) since January 2016 and came on the AAC Canadian Pacific District Leadership Committee in February 2019.

She has served in a wide variety of very large, medium, and smaller churches. She has been on faculty at CBC as well as Taylor University College, where she also served as Director of Student Development, as well as on the President's Advisory Counsel. Terry joined DEXCOM in 2023. Some highlights of ministry have been speaking Internationally in Germany, Thailand, and India.

Undergrad at Toccoa Falls College  
Masters from University of Georgia  
Post-grad work at Canadian Theological Seminary



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## David Paradisco



David and Rhoda have been attending Victoria Alliance since they moved from Ottawa in 2014. They have been married for almost 32 years and have four adult daughters.

David was born in Toronto to an Italian immigrant family, the only one of five siblings who was born in Canada. Independently, both David and Rhoda were raised in Pentecostal churches and together have attended Christian and Missionary Alliance and Associated Gospel churches since they were married.

He has a law degree from Western University in London, Ontario and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada. David's career has been in the oversight and investigation of public sector agencies, including the Ontario Ombudsman, the Ombudsman for Canada Post, the RCMP Public Complaint Commission, the Correctional Investigator of Canada, and the RCMP External Review Committee. David works as Deputy BC Ombudsperson.

They have enjoyed travelling as a family and now spend their time trying to visit together as much as possible. Food is always involved! David and Rhoda cling to Proverbs 3:5-6.

## Kenda Reimer

My husband Darcy and I have been living in Nanaimo for the past three years and in that time I have felt led to offer Spiritual Direction as my main career for this season. On the Island, I have also been a clinical counsellor both in private practice and at Duncan Christian School. We moved to the Island from Squamish where we planted the River Church and co-pastored there for 16 years. While there, I was also a part-time Clinical Counsellor in private practice and a certified Spiritual Director.



Prior to Squamish, I was the residence director for women at CBC, the youth pastor at Ritson Rd Alliance in Oshawa and I have volunteered in several other Alliance churches across Canada. Currently, I love offering Spiritual Direction and filling my spare time with volunteering at our local food bank. I also enjoy exploring our area whether it be finding a new restaurant or coffee shop to something more adventurous like hiking/paddle boarding/kayaking or having all the family come home to visit. I am married to Darcy and mom to four young adults and one dog.



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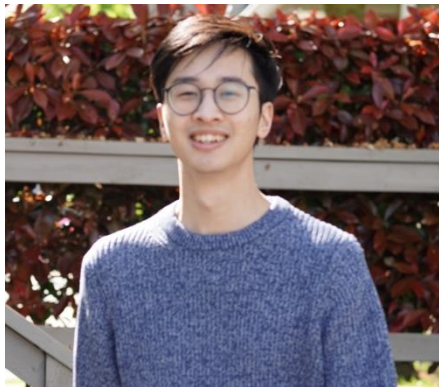
## Steve Schneider

Steve is a recently licensed Official Worker in the district and the Executive Pastor at Maple Ridge Alliance Church. He has been married to Brenda since 1984 and has two adult daughters. Steve is an engineer by background and holds an MBA from Heriot-Watt University. He worked in BC's pulp and paper industry for 36 years before becoming an Official Worker.

Steve has served in various ways over the years but has focused more recently on church board work. He served on his first church board 38 years ago. Since then, he has served on four church boards and the District Executive Committee of the CPD. Over the last 14 years, Steve has actively been teaching and consulting with church and not-for-profit boards within and outside of The Alliance Canada to help them develop healthy governance practices.



## Nathan Sun



Pastor Nathan was born and raised in Edmonton, AB. His love for music transformed into a passion for leading musical worship during his teenage years. Eventually, this passion brought Nathan to discover God's calling on him to full-time ministry. Attending Ambrose University in Calgary, he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology in Church Ministries.

Since 2014, Nathan has been a pastor in Vancouver - currently at Fraser Lands Church. He is passionate about seeing people take steps in obedience to Jesus, especially those of the next generation.

Nathan enjoys spending time with his wife, Christy, and their bunnies, Napa & Truffles. He also loves hotpot, bubble tea, and the Edmonton Oilers. On his off days, Nathan's hobbies include playing guitar and soccer.

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## General Assembly 2024 Committee on Finance

### Deborah Chan



Deborah Chan (“Deb”) is the Executive Vice President, Domestic Finance, with QuadReal Property Group. Deb leads the finance and accounting teams managing the Canadian real estate equity portfolio. Prior to joining QuadReal, she was formerly the Vice President, Finance, Investment Management at Bentall Kennedy (now Bentall GreenOak). Deb has also held Finance positions with Laing Properties and Deloitte.

Deborah holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Manitoba and is a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Deb is married to Pastor Abe Chan, the Senior Pastor of Fraser Lands Church. She has supported Pastor Abe through his various roles at Fraser Lands Church trying to love one person at a time the Lord brings her way. Deb desires to be obedient to use her gifts to serve the Lord’s beautiful bride.

She is currently part of the Missions Committee, Alliance Women, and Prayer Ministry. She has also participated in various roles since Fraser Lands Church started including serving the Teens, Adult Small Groups, Alpha, and Young Adults.

### Janet Kirby

Janet is a Chartered Professional Accountant with a particularly keen interest in the areas of governance, leadership, administration, and financial stewardship. In addition to significant formal education in these and other areas, Janet has extensive and multi-faceted practical experience and knowledge gained through her many years of working with local, provincial, and national Christian and other non-profit organizations either as a professional advisor or through serving on boards and/or committees in various positions.



A member of the General Assembly Committee on Finance in 2022 and 2024, Janet currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Elders of Mission Creek Alliance Church, as the Associate Governance Officer on the District Executive Committee, as a member of the District Bylaws Committee, as the Finance and Audit Committee Chair on the Ambrose University Board of Governors, and as the Treasurer for the Alliance Charitable Foundation.



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## Ryan McCurdy



Ryan McCurdy was born in Burnaby, BC and grew up in Surrey. He has been serving at Peace Portal Church for the past 10 years and currently holds the position of Ministry Operations Pastor overseeing finance, facilities, administration, and communications.

Ryan has a bachelor's degree in Pastoral Leadership and received his ordination with the Alliance in 2019. In 2022, he served on the General Assembly Committee on General Legislation and is passionate about making strategic decisions that have a positive lasting impact.

Outside of his work at Peace Portal, Ryan is actively involved in his community, currently serving on two volunteer boards and coaching his kids' sports teams. He is married to Katarina, and they have two children, Wesley (6) and Willow (4).

## General Assembly 2024 Committee on General Legislation

### Aaron Caleb

Aaron was born and raised in the interior and coastal regions of BC. He came to faith in his teens and trained as a theatre artist, receiving his BFA and teaching certificate from Simon Fraser University and his MFA from the University of British Columbia. Aaron taught theatre for a number of years at Trinity Western University before answering the call to full-time ministry in the Okanagan. He has been the Associate Pastor at Lake Country Alliance Church since 2016. Recently, Aaron pursued further education through Regent College as he worked towards his ordination, which he received in May of 2024.



Aaron feels both honoured and privileged to serve his beautiful church family and the people of Lake Country alongside his wife, Christina (m. 1996), daughter, Aliya (b. 2007), and son, Zion (b. 2010). He is a reluctant home renovator who enjoys reading, playwriting, watching movies with the family, hiking and camping in the great outdoors, and gasping for air behind his friends on far-too-long runs through our paradisiacal surroundings and on the occasional Spartan race. May we not despise the day of small things (Zech. 4:10); rather, in all we do, may we glorify the Lord (1 Cor. 10:31).



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## Bekah Hagan Ahenda



Bekah is a third-generation Alliance pastor. Born on Treaty 4 Territory in Regina, SK she has spent her life in Alliance churches across Western Canada. Her faith in Jesus emerged in her at an early age, and she is so grateful and honoured to carry the heritage of Christ to the people she serves.

Bekah graduated with a Bachelor of Ministry in Intercultural Studies from Ambrose University in 2016. She carries with her overwhelming gratitude for all the leaders she's been privileged to learn from on her journey, which began with her parents (thanks, mom and dad).

Her ministry internship was in Thailand with International Workers Derek and Bonnie Burnett, and Darren and Naomi Herbold. From there, she settled into a staff role at Foothills Alliance Church in Calgary, AB. There she supported Intercultural Ministries with Ric and Patricia Love, Executive Pastor Ed Temple, Worship Arts Pastor Scott Weisner, and then served as the Communications Director under Executive Pastor Clint Mix. It was in this role that she learned that she was a policy nerd while working with Lawrence Stalder on policies and procedures for Foothills. In 2019 Bekah moved to Victoria, BC – the lands of the Lekwungen speaking peoples and the Coast Salish peoples – where she became licensed and has been thriving ever since as the Associate Pastor alongside Lead Pastors Kyla Ward and Rob Olsen at Victoria Alliance Church.

Bekah is a jack-of-all-trades kind of pastor who's passionate about ministry in Canada and the intersections of faith, justice and equity, diversity, policy, technology, and community. A recent project she's excited about was completing sick leave, parental leave, and other leave policies and procedures for VAC based on the lived experiences of Alliance pastors. When she's not engaged in her work, you can find her with her husband Mark and 1.5-year-old boy Robin, on her e-bike, or looking at birds (or sometimes, inadvisably, all three).

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## Jeffery Ku



I am an Associate Pastor at North Richmond Alliance Church and have been serving there since 2010. I served on the CPD DEXCOM from 2017 to 2023 and am currently serving on the Bylaws Committee. Before my full-time ministry calling, I was a Systems Engineer at Data General, a Management Consultant with Andersen Consulting, and an Enterprise Resource Planning Consultant with SAP Canada.

My wife Grace and I immigrated to Canada from Hong Kong in 1989. I am happily married with two grown-up sons Joshua and Jesse. I hold a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Wisconsin, an MBA degree from the University of Michigan, and an MDIV from Regent College. I love college football and am a die-hard fan of the Michigan Wolverines. Go Blue!

## General Assembly 2024 Committee on Nominations

### Joseph Chan

Joe has been serving in pastoral ministry for over two decades in Alberta and BC. Currently serving as the English Congregation pastor at Fraser Lands Church, he is passionate about equipping leaders, mentoring others, and fostering spiritual growth. He values thoughtful, Christ-centred theology, and is committed to building sustainable ministries that reflect Jesus by loving God wholeheartedly and serving people faithfully.



In addition to his pastoral role, Joe volunteers as the Associate Executive Director of English Ministry with the Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association (CCACA), focusing on coaching other English pastors and congregations in strategic planning, effectiveness, and wellness since 2016.



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## Erin Peters

Erin Peters has been on staff at Fort St. John Alliance Church since 2015, serving in various roles including Director of Worship & Women, Director of Operations, and currently as the Executive Ministry Director. She has been a member of the CPD Bylaws Committee since 2022 and previously served on the General Assembly Committee on General Legislation in 2022 and 2024.

Erin lives with her husband, Adam, and their three children on an acreage just outside of Fort St John. She is an avid reader and enjoys walking her dog and quadding with her family.



## General Assembly 2024 Committee on Strategic Plan

### George Brodie



George was born and raised in Scotland. He was converted to the faith in his early 20s and later had the privilege of being a bi-vocational missionary in Russia for four years with his wife Stefanie.

Starting their family after moving to Canada, George and Stefanie now have four awesome adult children! George put aside working as a CPA to enter full-time ministry 16 years ago. Six of those years he served as the Young Adults Pastor at Chilliwack Alliance Church and the last 10 years as Senior Pastor at Revelstoke Alliance Church.

George has his Masters in Biblical Studies from Alliance Theological Seminary in New York and is currently studying for his doctorate in US History and Politics (focusing on the sermons of Martin Luther King Jr) at the University of Memphis, TN.



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## Jeremy Cook



Jeremy has been a pastor with the C&MA for 27 years. He graduated from Canadian Bible College in 1997. He is currently the Lead Pastor of Oliver Alliance in Oliver, BC and has been in this role for 19 years. Previous to that he served as the Assistant Pastor at Rockyview Alliance Church in Calgary for seven years. In the past, he has enjoyed serving on CPD's DEXCOM for six years as well as various General Assembly committees over the years.

Jeremy and his wife Coralee have been married for almost 30 years and have three sons: Aiden, Jonah, and Ben. Jeremy enjoys running, photography, fingerstyle guitar, and woodworking.

## Sonia Friesen

Sonia Friesen is a Toronto-born, Prairie-grown, BC-living girl with Spanish roots. The diversity of her background has fueled a passion for her to make Jesus known – regardless of who you are or where you come from. She serves as the Pastor of Alpha and Prayer at Coquitlam Alliance Church and is married to her favourite person, Rylan. She loves exploring hiking trails, the ocean, and local shops.



## District Conference 2025 Audit Review Committee

## Martin Jacobs



I was born in London, England, and emigrated to Canada in 1973. With a 40-year career in the insurance industry focused on underwriting, risk management, and marketing, I retired in 2017.

I am blessed to be married to Diane, a truly Godly woman. My primary focus is serving the church, and whenever possible, Diane and I look forward to travelling through Europe.



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## Jessica Low



Jessica has been following Jesus since she was a teenager when she started attending a youth group in 2000. She began serving in church then and hasn't stopped since. She is married to Darius (21 years in August) and they have three children, Caleb (17), Liam (14), and Abigail (12). In 2012 they moved to Prince George, BC where they began attending Timbers Community Church. Jessica served in several roles including teaching Sunday school, leading the mom's group and a lifegroup, affectionately called "the Low Lifegroup".

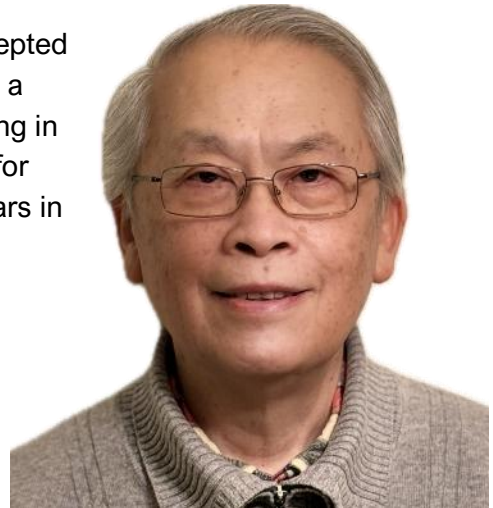
She was invited to serve on the Board of Elders and in 2015 Jessica was called onto the staff team as the Children's and Families Pastor, where she became an Official Worker with The Christian and Missionary Alliance. After filling this role for eight years, she moved into the role of Associate Pastor, where she continues to serve today.

Jessica loves reading, tea, and creating cozy spaces for good conversation. She loves time with family, being outside, and looking for beauty. She loves to see God at work around her and be a part of partnering in that work, in whatever ways God leads.

## Ken Tsang

Praise the Lord that I grew up in a Christian Family and accepted Christ (1 John 1:9) when I was a teenager. I graduated from a Hong Kong Anglican High School and completed Engineering in California and Oregon. I am a retired engineer and worked for the chemical industry in Canada/China for more than 40 years in the environment, safety, health, security, and emergency response areas.

In 1972, we moved to Vancouver for five years and became members of Vancouver Chinese Alliance Church (VCAC) before moving to Edmonton. We became members of Edmonton Chinese Alliance Church and South Edmonton Alliance Church. In 2006, I was transferred to Shanghai for a Southeast Asia assignment. We attended Shanghai Pudong Gospel Church and were active in a Family Group and Bible Study Fellowship before returning to VCAC in 2013. Since then, I have served in the Missions Department and English Conversation program.



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Between 1977 and 2006, I served on the Deacon Board and Elder Boards in Edmonton churches in Administration, Building Committee, Sunday School, Training and Development, Finance, and Missions. I participated in five short-term missions to Jiangmen and Panama. During my business travels around the globe, I visited churches and local Alliance missionaries.

I served on the Boards of China Christian Mission (CCM Canada) in Vancouver and Ambrose University in Calgary and currently serve on the Morning Star Montessori Centre Board in Edmonton. In 2021, I joined the VCAC Elder Board and served as the Treasurer and then Secretary. May God continue to guide me and provide strength, wisdom, and health to continue to serve Him.

Kathy and I have been married for over 50 years, and we have a daughter Joyce (Tombert) and a son Ben (Jenny) with five grandsons. My motto: I will try my best and God will do the rest.

### **District Conference 2025 Committee on Nominations**

#### **Rowell Casimong**



Pastor Rowell Casimong is the English Ministry Pastor of the Surrey Vietnamese Alliance Church, serving since 2019. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Leadership from Pacific Life Bible College.

Rowell is married to Esther, and they have a son, Miles, with another baby on the way, expected at the end of March. Their family also includes their beloved dog, Winston. Passionate about discipleship and biblical teaching, Pastor Rowell is dedicated to equipping believers to live out their faith in Christ.

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## Michelle Derksen

Michelle resides in Kelowna, BC, is on staff at Mission Creek Alliance, and is also a licensed mediator. She and her husband Murray (and family) served from 1992-2021 as International Workers with the Alliance in various countries and roles. Their last assignment was together as Regional Developers for Latin America.

In her faith journey, Michelle has found God to be bigger, better, and scarier than she ever imagined, and so worth it! She continues to enjoy that deepening relationship and inviting others onto the journey with her.

Michelle served on the CPD Nominating Committee in 2021 and has served on various boards and teams through the years.



## Prince Thomas

My name is Prince Thomas, and my wife, Marisa, and I hail from the twin island state of Antigua and Barbuda, which is located in the Eastern Caribbean. While we've spent the majority of our lives living on our home island, we are elated that God has granted us the privilege of serving His Church at Pacific Community Church.

In light of this, my desire is for God to use my life and ministry in a manner that leads to men and women growing in their capacity to be Christlike in all areas of their personhood. To make this a reality, I will endeavour to utilize my gifts to connect with individuals from different sociocultural backgrounds.

I thoroughly enjoy working out in the gym, playing sports, and reading articles/books on subject matters that draw my interest. I am a huge fan of NBA basketball, MLB baseball, and NFL football. To this end, spending time watching shows on Netflix with my wife brings me a great sense of joy.

Consequently, my vocational calling is to serve God and His Church in any capacity possible, and I take great pleasure in sharing the grace and love that the Triune God has exhibited in my life with others within my sphere of influence.

