

Nominating Committee Report 2021

October 9, 2021

The nominating committee met on September 8, 2021, to discern candidates to recommend to the membership to serve on our Board of Elders. Currently the board consists of:

Michael Saufferer (Term 1, year 1)
Janet Kirby (Term 1, year 2)
Marian Petkau (Term 1, year 2)
Brendan Pauls (Term 2, year 1)
Matt Moorehouse (Term 2, year 2)
Clint Kilback (Term 2, year 1)
Craig Merkl (Term 3, year 1)
Kevin Fierbach (Term 3, year 2)
Keith Whitaker (member ex officio)

The current Board of Elders set the number of elders at 8 people. Based on the 2-year terms set by our church bylaws and the maximum of 3 consecutive terms allowed, there were 4 open spots on the board.

Both Kevin Fierbach and Matt Moorehouse are at the end of 2-year term and will not eligible or able to let their name stand for another term. Janet Kirby and Marian Petkau are at the end of a two-year term and are willing to let their name stand before the membership to serve another term in the position.

After prayer and discernment, the Nominating Committee would like to recommend to the membership the following to serve on the board of elders:

Janet Kirby (returning)
Marian Petkau (returning)
Adam Southgate
Michelle Derksen

A picture and short biography of each elder (prospective and current) is attached at the end of this report.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Nominating Committee for their diligence and prayer going through this process. I would also like to thank the Board of Elders for their service and

prayer to our church family. Of special note, I would like to thank Kevin Fierbach and Matt Moorehouse, who have both served our church with care and a great faithfulness to our Lord. Kevin and Matt, you're led our people with integrity and faith; for that we are truly thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Whitaker', followed by a long horizontal line.

Keith Whitaker on behalf of the Nominating Committee,
Brendan Pauls, Jocelyn McCaskell, John Jasper, and Kevin Fierbach

Prospective Elder Biographies

Janet Kirby (Completed 1 Term)

Janet Kirby has been part of Mission Creek Alliance Church for almost 25 years and a member for over 20 years.

Her spiritual gifts and skills include administration, leadership, governance, discernment, compassion, financial stewardship, strategic planning, mentoring, and team building. Janet has a long history of leading and serving the people at MCA Church. In addition to serving as the Vice Chair of the MCA Elder's Board, currently she also serves on the Missions Committee, on a worship team, and in hospitality ministries. Janet also served as the Chair of the most recent Pastoral Search Team, a Good \$ense/Freed Up Financial ministry facilitator, on the Nominating Committee, on the Finance Committee, as a Mexico missions team member, on the Capital Campaign Committee, as a media team member, a children's ministry leader, and as a Leader In Training – Board of Elders. She also served on staff part-time (2006 – 2011) as the Director of Finance overseeing church finances and budget development and overseeing other church administrative matters and systems as needed.



Janet is a Chartered Professional Accountant and also has a master's degree in Christian Studies from Trinity Western University and Seminary. She has served on many non-profit boards, and currently is the Associate Governance Officer on the District Executive Committee of the Canadian Pacific District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. Janet also served on the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada from 2012-2018. While on the national Board, Janet served as the Secretary (2012-2017) and the Treasurer (2016-2018) and on a number of committees (Finance 2012-2018 including as Chair 2015-2018, Audit Review 2014-2018, and Investment Advisory 2016-2018).

Janet is passionate about living her life in obedience to God and offering to Him, with love and open hands, her best in everything and in stewarding the gifts, skills, and resources that He gives her in a manner that glorifies Him and that furthers His kingdom purposes. She and her spouse, Arnold, have been married for over 32 years and have two adult children and one grand-child with one more grand-child on the way.

Marian Petkau (Completed 1 Term)



I first became part of the Mission Creek Alliance family in 1966 – it was Kelowna Alliance back then. Over the years I have enjoyed serving in various areas of church life including Sunday School, Kid's Day Camp, Women's ministries, mentoring, ushering and prayer. I have been privileged to serve on the Board of Elders the last two years.

I sense a desire, among our people, to embrace God's plan personally and as a congregation. I love the atmosphere of hope and love and genuine caring for each other that I sense at MCA

My absolute delight is to journey with Jesus, through the adventure each day brings, practising living in His presence and experiencing His Peace and Joy. My greatest desire is for others to know that God truly loves them and wants them to be free to live lives full of Peace, Joy and Love as they grow in their relationship with Him.

I have a real soft spot for young adults and for young parents

I have been a widow for 8.5 years and have 3 terrific adult children and 8 amazing grandchildren. I am truly blessed!

Adam Southgate (First Term)

I Born and raised in High River, Alberta and received a Bachelor's degree in church ministry from Ambrose University, before moving to Kelowna in 2016. I am married Michelle and currently work for Rockys Reel Systems.

I Came to MCA in 2016 shortly after moving to Kelowna. I knew after my first Sunday at the church that it was the church for me. I started volunteering with the youth group and worship ministry right away and still lead a worship team regularly.

I love the welcoming environment and "family" feel of this church. Our congregation is friendly, our pastors give challenging and enlightening sermons, and our volunteers serve faithfully.

What's on my heart for our church is to continue working alongside our neighboring churches to serve our community and city. To see our congregation grow in their love and understanding of Jesus and scripture. And to see our church continue to develop a contagious kindness, love, and support for one another.



Michelle Derksen (First Term)



I am married to Murray, and we have 4 adult children 2 of whom are married, plus 2 grandsons. We have lived in multiple countries serving with the C&MA over the last 30 years. I came to “Kelowna Alliance church” as a teenager in 1980 when my parents and I moved here from Regina. I quickly integrated and became involved with youth group, choir, youth choir and teaching Sunday School.

Mission Creek church has been a formative place for my faith and development. As Murray and I were commissioned from here into full time ministry, the church also became our supporters and landing pad whenever we’d come home for Home Assignment. I am so thankful for the open arms of MCA and your willingness to extend beyond your walls. Thank you, I have been a recipient.

I love the ways in which MCA engages the community and works to be a blessing. I am also thankful for the way Pastor Keith continually calls us to walk with grace and humility in our city, and most recently to listen well to those around us.

This last season of pandemic has shaken many norms and my prayer for the church is that we will listen closely to how God wants to reshape, rekindle, and stretch us to know him more and to do these things he calls us to, with ever increasing measure.

Returning Elder Biographies

Michael Saufferer (Board Chair)

Amy and I have 3 children. I enjoy my work in the city in the hospitality industry, but really enjoy spending time outside and in unpopulated places.

What attracted us to MCA initially was the young family demographic we were seeking to connect with at that time. What keeps us at MCA are the many roots that others have placed into our lives and have allowed us to place into their lives. Church isn’t a building of course, it’s a collection of people, and we have come to know some really good ones.

What I love about MCA Church is in part the historical DNA of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, born not by

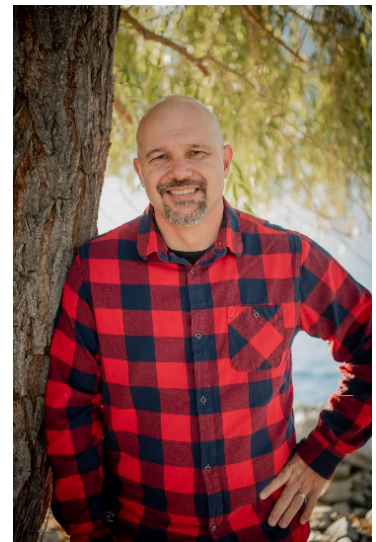


breaking away from another denomination, but banding together to engage missionally. With that denomination history, MCA also has a history of developing leaders and supporting them as they follow their calling.

What's on my heart for our church? That our generation would continue to foster and encourage the development of workers and leaders with a missional mindset and missional abilities, whether for the marketplace, local ministry, or global ministry.

Clint Kilback (Treasurer)

My name is Clint Kilback. My wife Jennifer and I have been attending MCA for 23 years. We have two teenage daughters, Cassie and Dani who have grown up in the church. I have been involved in various ministries over the years including small groups, Alpha, Youth and Worship. I have served on the Board for a number of years and am currently the treasurer. I am also involved in Worship ministry on sound, media and as a vocalist. Jennifer and I are active participants in a Circle discipleship group. We have always loved how friendly and engaging our church is. With no immediate family in the area, the church has become our extended family, sharing holidays and milestones and always there when we need help and support. With new staff coming on and hopefully a further loosening of restrictions, I'm excited to see what God has in store for our church. My heart for our church is to reach out to our community with Jesus' love as it pertains to modern social issues such as homelessness, mental health, and Indigenous reconciliation.



Brendan Pauls



My family and I have been attending MCA since 2013. I learned early from my parents the importance of being active in the church, often through music, visiting care homes, or teaching Sunday school. When I was in elementary school my parents served in missions roles in Africa for one year, and as camp directors at Gardom Lake Bible Camp for three years. Gardom Lake ended up being an important place in my life - God taught me much there through many summers of work, I was baptized in the lake at age 16, and met my wife Krista there when I was 17 (we also got married on the beach four years later!). After getting married, Krista and I attended university together in Kamloops, followed by two years of studying in Sweden where I completed my degree in Geography

and Geomatics. We moved to Vancouver in 2008 where Krista finished her teaching degree at UBC and I began my career as a consultant, working for Urban Systems. In 2013 we moved to Kelowna to continue our careers and stay closer to family. We have two pretty awesome kids, Lauren (9), and Bryce (7), and we have been thrilled to see them grow up in MCA Church, surrounded by such loving people. Krista and I both feel called by God to be rooted at MCA, and we are encouraged by how we see God at work here. We believe there is strength in following Jesus together as a community, and that we weren't meant to walk alone. We have so been blessed by this church and we are honoured to serve this community, as we seek to follow Jesus together.

Craig Merkl



Many of you know me as Craig the guy behind the coffee bar.

My wife, Agnes, and I have been attending MCAC/KAC since 1997. Agnes enjoys serving in our Sunday school. Our 2 daughters, Annette and Stephanie, attend UBCO, and also serve MCAC in our Sunday school.

We value the God given humanity and relationships we have at MCAC. I enjoy serving you our congregation by providing a warm welcome as well as coffee, tea, hot chocolate and conversation to encourage you in your faith in Christ.

I have served on the Board several times over the years, and look forward to this again. We hopefully return to a true state of normality soon and can freely enjoy the necessary encouragement of meeting and worshiping together in person.

ARCAND, Pat
ASKELAND, Judy
AUTIO, Will & Karen
BARNES, Lorne & Lorena
BARTEL, Aaryn & Tifni
BASKILL, Dave & Maxine
BELLAMY, Lyle
BOHN, Lorna
BOHN, Rachel
BOHN, Ryan
BOLDT, Doris
BRAUN, Bill & Sara
BREARS, Sarah
BURNS, Craig
CAMPBELL, Lorne & Joey
CAMPER, Bernard
CRITCHLEY, Wynne
CYR, Don & Faye
de ZWAAN, André & Lynette
DAVIDSON, Sherrell
DERKSEN, Kae
DERKSEN, Murray & Michelle
DOWNEY, Arnold & Joan
DOWNEY, Chris & Alicia
DRAPER, Irene
DUNWOODY, Laura
EDWARDS, Rob & Lois
ERHARDT, Noel & Crystal
FARRELL, Wade
FICHTNER, Jeremy & Gwen
FIERBACH, Lily
FIERBACH, Kevin & Jackie
FOLEY, Vivian
FORBES, Joani
FRIESEN, Marion
GANDASASMITA, Suryo
GATEHOUSE, Alan
GIESBRECHT, Bud & Marie

GIESTLINGER, Mike & Cara
GLUBISH, Cindy
GODARD, REBECCA
GOWARD, Tim & Janelle
HAASDYK, Edward & Dinie
HAASDYK, James & Noreen
HANSCOM, Colleen
HANSEN, Henry & Agnes
HEINRICKS, Aubrey & Louise
HEPPNER, Fred & Jan
IGEL, Lynae
IKENOUYE, Tak & Geraldine
JASPER, Dennis & Amy
JASPER, John & Patricia
JOHNSON, Lee & Ginger
KAISER, Donna
KILBACK, Clint & Jennifer
KIRBY, Janet
KLASSEN, Jake & Mavis
KNAPP, Danny & Wendy
KOEHN, Helen
KOLEBA, Al
KOOP, Tom & Margaret
KORNELSEN, Arnold & Elaine
KOTSCH, Marion
KUELKER, Heather
MacKENZIE, Bob & Myrtle
McALLISTER, Dave
McCASKELL, Brendan & Jocelyn
McLELLAN, Don & Marg
MABBETT, Ray & Wendy
MAEHARA, Hiroshi & Addie
MARTIN, Barry & Carol
MARYSCHUK Peter & Couleen
MEIER, Thelma
MERKL, Craig & Agnes
MOORHOUSE, Matt & Ashley
MORRIS, Norm

MORROW, Rose
MYERS, Gladys
NICOL, Marlene
OLMEDO, Maritza
OLMEDO, Natalia
OLSON, Kevin & Bonnie
PARSER, Wayne & Jacqueline
PARSONS, Lynne
PAULS, Brendan & Krista
PENNER, Brian & Sharon
PETKAU, Marian
PETRESCUE, Marianne
PROSSER, Dave & Kendall
RATTRAY, Lena
REIMER, Wendy
SAUFFERER, Michael & Amy
SCHIECK, Gary & Karan
SCHMALING, Marcus & Bethany
SOUTHGATE, Adam
SPEIDEL, Gabriele
STUTTERS, Cameron & Leigh
SWAIN, Norma
SWANSON, Sharon
THOMAS, Kelly & Brenda
THOMSON, Andy & Irene
TONN, Marvin & Clara
TORHJELM, Jim & Bette
WARKENTIN, Ralph
WHITAKER, Keith & Gina
WILLMS, Dave & Donna
WONG, Neil & Irene

International Workers

DIRKS, Don - retired
FORMICA, Karen
PETRESCUE, Brenda