



Dear FBC family members,

Each year, candidates discerned by the Nominating Committee to serve for the incoming term on the Membership Committee and Nominating Committee are presented for ratification at the AGM. I am very pleased to present this year's slate of candidates for your consideration to approve at the AGM.

The Membership Committee:

Claudia Wakeman (chair - CLT), Jay Connop, Bonnie Nipp, Teresa Findlay, Rebecca Thornber (Minister of Discipleship and Community), Anthony Brown (Senior Minister) and Justin Kim (Executive Minister). The Senior and Executive Ministers serve as voting members.

The Nominating Committee:

Susan Ting (chair - CLT), Bert Paul, Lynda Palmar, Chris Hawkey and Nancy Scambler. Claudia Wakeman (Moderator), Justin Kim (EM) and Anthony Brown (SM) serve as ex-officio non-voting members.

In addition, at the Winter congregational meeting, the Nom Com was still searching for a candidate to serve in the Mission and Justice (M&J) Ministry Area Team (MAT). We are thankful that David Kwan accepted our invitation to serve in early spring. In May, the Church Leadership Team approved our nomination. David is a welcome addition to that team. I invite our FBC members to welcome David on board the Mission & Justice MAT and offer your support and prayers during his term of service, which will be completed as a two year term ending in winter 2022.

Bios serving as brief introductions are attached for your prayers and consideration.

In Christ's service,
Susan Ting



Membership Committee Candidates

Teresa Findlay

My name is Teresa Findlay and I have been nominated to serve in the Membership Committee. I was raised in West Vancouver and acquired a Diploma in Early Childhood Education from Capilano College. I started attending First Baptist Church in the mid 1970's. I was baptized and became a member shortly after. My husband, Peter, and I were married at First in 1978. We have 3 children and 3 Grandchildren.

In the late 70's, Peter and I lead the Young Adult group until we were expecting our first child. In 1980, with my background in Early Childhood, I decided to volunteer in the FBC Sunday School, primarily in the Early Childhood Department. I served in this ministry for 31 years

working with every age group from infants to school age, in various positions including teacher, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent and Administrator. I currently serve as a Tithing Traveller and look forward to my service on the Membership Committee.

Jay Connop

My husband David and I started attending First Baptist in 1970, within a couple of weeks of arriving in Vancouver from the UK. A two-year work contract with a CA firm for David developed into almost 50 years of loving Vancouver and making First Baptist our spiritual home. Plans to visit various other churches evaporated as Roy Bell arrived as senior pastor and we were led in amazing ways to FBC.

I am a retired primary school teacher, mother of two adult children and have four grandchildren. We have been part of the North Shore Bible Study group for many years and I am also a member of the Mackenzie Circle. My areas of service in the church have been as a Sunday School teacher and member of two commissions (now MATS) - Christian Education and the Vancouver Christian Counselling Centre. Outside of the church I have served on the board of North Shore Neighbourhood House and Keats Camps.

Both David and I have a love for First Baptist and I feel that the Membership Committee is an area in which I can contribute to the life of the church.



Claudia Wakeman

I have been worshipping at FBC since 1976, when I started work as the only secretary in the office. I worked alongside Roy Bell, Padre Duncan and John McLaverty. I became a member a couple years later. I have since served on a variety of committees, Church Council (as it was known at the time). I have served on several search committees and chaired a couple of them, and been variously involved with church activities over the years. I began serving on the Church Leadership team since winter 2018, on the Nominating Committee in 2019, and currently serve as the Moderator.

My husband and I were married at FBC. Our daughters have grown up and served in various ministries in FBC over the years. We appreciate very much the gift FBC has been in our lives and have been incredibly blessed by all the many staff, church members and ministries.

Nominating Committee Candidates

Bert Paul

Thank you for this opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee. I have a significant historic link to FBC as my grandfather, Dr. Willard Litch, was the Senior Minister at the Church in the early 1900's. My father, Dr. Elbert Paul was also the Church's Senior Minister for over 17 years through the Depression, the Second World War and the early 1950's.

My wife Lynn and I have attended FBC for the last sixteen years. I am the former chair of the Vancouver Christian Counselling Centre and served on CLT. I, along with others, made presentations to the City of Vancouver on the Heart for the City project in support of the significant and worthwhile opportunities of service it affords to our community. Lynn and I also led an FBC connection group for four years.

I have significant national political experience including public policy matters serving on the board of directors of the Federal Liberal Agency of Canada as the Chief Agent of the Party. I have served seven leaders and four prime ministers over my 30 years of involvement. I have ongoing business responsibilities as the CFO for Cold Water Ranch (2011) Ltd. and as a director for Sema:th Xo: Tsa Developments Ltd. and Kilgard Business Park Ltd.

I am a collector of antiques and music and love to spend time with my mischievous five grandchildren!



Nancy Scambler

I have been asked to allow my name to stand as a candidate for the Nominating Committee. I moved to Vancouver at the beginning of 1980 to study at Regent College. During my first week in Vancouver I attended Sunday worship at First Baptist and it has been my church home ever since. I am passionate about discipleship and prayer and have served in these areas, as well as CLT, Children's and Families Ministry for 18 years, Congregational Care, and Nominating Committee. I am also a member of a Connection Group. I am blessed to be a member of the FBC church family, and have appreciated participating in all areas of service, encouraging me to continue to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

Lynda Palmer

My name is Lynda Palmer, and I have been nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee.

I first started attending First Baptist in 1970 and became a member in 1973.

When FBC birthed a Daughter church in the late 80's, Kitsilano Christian Community I felt called to join them and become their Moderator.

I have been privileged to serve in FBC as a Hobbit volunteer, deacon, and Moderator. Most recently I served on the Senior Minister Search Committee, and volunteer at the Alzheimer Cafe.

I'm a strong supporter of the Connection groups because I know that is one of the best ways to grow as a Christian. My connection group is led by Jan Porcino with 5 other wonderful women.

I also have served the last 7 years in the Costco Reading program at Lord Roberts elementary school. At the other end of the age spectrum I'm a Director at Beulah Garden Homes, providing low income housing for seniors as well as Aspen Green (Life Lease apartments.)

I'm a single woman, living in the West End. At present, I'm retired from a wonderful career working with people who live with a Mental Handicap and their families.

I love to travel and create cards from my photographs and rubber stamps. I'm blessed to be part of the Claudia and Ken Wakeman family with their 2 lovely daughters Naomi (my Goddaughter) and Kaila and her husband and 4 special kids!



Chris Hawkey - Nominating Committee

"I have been attending FBC for over 20 years. I was baptized and became a member in 2005. I am married to Lilac Bosma, former Moderator of the church. We have three daughters - Wren, Ivy and Ruby. I have been actively involved in the Children's Ministry here for the past 12 years, serving in various Sunday school areas, and leading the Welcome Desk team for the Early Childhood and School Aged areas. I was involved in transitioning the church to its database and management system *myFBC*. I have done scripture reading and acting for special occasions, and was a drama leader with summer VBS. I have enjoyed making many connections in our family groups, in the Children's Ministry and beyond. This will be my second term on the Nominating Committee.

I am a Drama and English teacher by training, and taught in the Vancouver School District for about 10 years, both as a classroom teacher (University Hill Secondary) and as a Teacher on Call. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve once again on the Nominating Committee."

Susan Ting

I began worshipping at FBC in Fall 2009, and became a member in 2014. I served as an usher for 8 years, and hosted different connection groups in recent years. I began serving on the CLT in 2017, and have since been serving on the Nominating Committee.

I became a believer in high school through a church youth camp in Singapore. Over the years, I have worshipped in a wide spectrum of church traditions, depending on the city and country I lived in. It gave me the opportunity to serve in a broad variety of ways amongst God's people - student campus ministries in Australia, counsellor in youth ministry in Hong Kong, on mission trips, teaching teenage Sunday School, adult / careers group ministries, hosting Alpha courses and serving as deacon in my previous church in Vancouver.

Physiotherapy is my vocation. In 2000 I took a "sabbatical" from work and came to Vancouver to take Biblical Studies at Regent College. Those years have re-shaped the lens and re-defined the meaning and purpose for my vocation. I work part-time in Vancouver Coastal Health, and the remainder in my own private practice. I love travelling and exploring different countries and cultures.



Mission and Justice MAT candidate

David Kwan

I have been nominated to serve on the Missions and Justice Ministry Area Team.

I began attending First Baptist in the early 1990's after moving to Vancouver. I was living in the Westend at time. I came into membership in 1995 by letter of transfer from Braemar Baptist Church in Edmonton, where I grew up.

Previously I had served two terms on the Resources and Planning MAT and two terms on First Baptist Foundation. I have been with the tithe travelers group since 2008.

I am married to Holly (Mitchell). We first met on a First Baptist bike trip to the San Juan Islands. Holly was an administrative assistant at First at the time.

I currently works as a lawyer in the federal government.