

# Nomination Bios



## **GLEN MADDEN**

**Executive Board: Executive Committee, Moderator**

Glen has been part of the BCMB family for over 15 years, serving in pastoral ministry in a variety of roles, including Campus Pastor and now as Campus and Executive Pastor at Willow Park Church. He has also served on the BC Camps Board and the BCMB Stewardship and Advisory Committee, and currently serves on the CCMBC Executive Board, Legacy Board, and CCMBC Investment Board.

Married for 32 years to the ever-patient and incredible Sarah, Glen has three grown children and one daughter-in-law. He is a big fan of dating his wife, supporting Manchester United, and renovating their older home.



## **LAURENCE MATZEK**

**Executive Board: Executive Committee, Secretary, Governance Committee Chair**

Laurence Matzek has served on the BCMB Board since 2019, currently as Member at Large, and previously as Assistant Moderator. He has attended North Langley Community Church for 30 years and volunteers on its personnel committee. Professionally, Laurence leads a small team at the roofing association, overseeing guaranteed projects, developing standards for design, materials, and installation, contributing to research, and delivering industry education. He and his wife

Elaine have been married for 38 years and have two adult children.



## **LEVI FRIESEN**

### **Executive Board: Member at Large**

Levi is married to Haley and has been serving as a pastor at Northview Community Church since 2024—a church he has been a part of his entire life. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology from Columbia Bible College and completed his Master of Divinity through Northwest Baptist Seminary and Mennonite Brethren Seminary. At Northview, Levi serves as the East Abbotsford Campus Pastor and the Ministry Apprenticeship Academic Coordinator. In his campus role, he engages in the full scope of pastoral ministry,

including preaching, prayer, and shepherding the community he serves. Alongside this, he has the unique privilege of helping train and mentor Ministry Apprentices as they discern their calling and grow in character, skill, and faith. Seeing these apprentices learn, develop, and express the gifts God has entrusted to them is a great joy for him.

Levi values the historic Mennonite Brethren commitment to the authority of Scripture, believing it is through the Bible that the church encounters the Triune God. He is eager to continue strengthening this emphasis as the Mennonite Brethren family seeks to faithfully live out its identity and mission together, trusting the Lord's leading in whatever role he is called to serve.



## **CRAIG THIESSEN**

### **Provincial Faith and Life Team: Committee Member**

Craig Thiessen is the Lead Pastor at Ross Road Community Church, a position he has held since 2018. Prior to this position he served as the Youth Pastor at RRCC for 7 years. Craig holds a BA in Youth Work from CBC as well as a Masters of Divinity from MB Seminary. He loves the ministry of preaching and studying God's Word and supporting people in their discipleship journeys.

Craig is married to Jenny and they have two kids, Josh (13) and Kenzi (11). He loves most sports, particularly golf and hockey. He also loves to read. Having grown up in the BCMB he is excited to serve the Lord with this family of believers.



## **JORGE SALAZAR**

### **Provincial Faith and Life Team: Committee Member**

Dr. Jorge A. Salazar has served in pastoral ministry, theological education, leadership development, and church planting for nearly three decades. He holds a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology and serves as Director of the School of Ministry at Central Community Church. He also teaches on the RightNow Media platform and trains pastors in restricted and persecuted regions through international ministry partnerships.

Dr. Salazar is passionate about Jesus and the Word of God and is committed to equipping local churches to train their own leaders, and strengthening churches to become healthy, reproducing families. He and his wife, Aimeé, a biblical counsellor, have served in ministry together for 28 years; they have three sons who have pursued Christian higher education and seminary training, and they are grateful for their growing family, including three grandchildren, with another on the way.



## **ANDREW GLEDDIESMITH**

### **Provincial Faith and Life Team: Committee Member**

Andrew has served as Lead Pastor of Fraserview Church in Richmond, BC since 2018. He grew up in Dublin, Ireland, where his parents nurtured his faith through church involvement and personal devotions. Christ Jesus grabbed hold of his life shortly before his eighteenth birthday. The Spirit's fire in his life led him to join with his youth leader peers in opening a youth outreach center which developed into a church plant during his undergraduate years. He came to Canada in 2005

to pursue his calling through theological education. During this time, he met Stacey, his wife, and in 2010 they moved to Bon Accord, AB, to plant a church. They returned to BC when Stacey began teaching at Columbia Bible College. Andrew loves dogs, enjoys board games, reads science fiction, and played rugby until he became too old to get up off the ground.



## MARY BIELMANN

### Stewardship Advisory Committee: Committee Member

Mary Bielmann has been a lifelong follower of Jesus Christ. She has been attending Main Street Church since 2017 and has been on staff since 2024. Mary and her husband, Lou, have been married for 25 years and have raised ten children, eight of whom were adopted through foster care in the U.S. and Canada. They now also enjoy five grandchildren. As a family, they value time together, being outdoors, and seeking to be open to where God calls them, guided by the words, "Here am I, send me." They make their

home in Chilliwack, BC.

Mary is a U.S. designated CPA with over 25 years of experience in accounting, finance, and operations in both the public and private sectors as well as for profit and non-profit organizations. She currently maintains a non-practicing CPA license in British Columbia.

Since July 2024, she has served at Main Street Church Society in Chilliwack, BC, providing leadership in Finance, Human Resources, Administration and recently assumed leadership for Support Services - facilities, cafe, and kitchen.

In 2025, Mary became the Executive Director of LCC International Fund Inc., a Canadian charitable organization supporting post-secondary education in Europe in joint ministry with LCC International University in Lithuania.

Her experience includes financial analysis, compliance, governance, reporting, and organizational decision-making, with a focus on upholding compliance, promoting strong governance, supporting a healthy church culture, and maintaining alignment with the mission of Main Street Church Society.



## CHRISTINE REIMER

### CBC Nominations Committee: BCMB Member

I am a member of Willingdon Church where I have served as a choir member, Bible Study Leader, Mom's Place and Women's Ministry Committee Member, and Prayer Group member. I am currently serving on the WAM (Worship Arts Ministries) Team as Lighting Director for our larger Willingdon Productions.

I have served on the CBC Board as a Director for 9 years and on its Executive Committee for the last 8 years.

I love Jesus and His Word deeply and am passionate about maintaining the integrity of the Word in all areas of ministry and service.