

Kevin Smith

Kevin (Rector's Warden) has been a Trustee of the Cathedral since 2019 and was previously a member of Parish Council. He and his wife Camilla value the Cathedral's blend of excellent music, progressive theology and strong commitments to social justice, inclusion, and community service. During the week, Kevin is a lawyer with a wide-ranging litigation practice including among other things acting for public interest groups, charities, not-for-profits, and religious organizations. Outside the office, he enjoys running, other outdoor activities, and chasing around his rambunctious toddler (as the 10:30 congregation is well aware!) Kevin also serves as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese of New Westminster.

Jane Hope

Jane (*People's Warden*) is pleased to continue as the People's Warden at the Cathedral. A member of this community since 2011, she has volunteered in many capacities, particularly in hospitality and governance. She is also a lay delegate to General Synod and sits on the Provincial Council. Jane works in marketing and communications for MODO Co-operative and enjoys participating in the feminist literary work of Room magazine.

Michael Law*

Michael (Associate Rector's Warden) started attending Christ Church Cathedral in the mid-1990s. He joined the Cathedral Choir and not too long after this and was baptized. Since then, the Cathedral has been a significant presence in his life. He was married here and his son, Nate, has been a server. He is thankful for the Cathedral's blend of liturgy, music, inclusion, and social outreach. Michael is an anesthesiologist in the Fraser Health Authority (Royal Columbian and Eagle Ridge Hospitals) and is a member of the UBC Anesthesiology Department

John Ross

John Ross (Assoc. People's Warden - Building Projects) is a Registered Architect and Project Manager currently employed by the City of Vancouver. He and his wife, Jacki, have been active parishioners for over 25 years. John served as Secretary to the Cathedral Corporation for 20 years and Secretary to Parish Council for several years. He is currently an Associate Warden with responsibilities for Buildings and Grounds. John also served as coordinator of

the Bread Makers for more than ten years. He and Jacki have also been active lay administrators. Jacki has also been an active member of the Altar Guild, contributing her talents by making purificators and an Altar cloth. They have contributed their creative baking to the Christmas Fair and have been readers at the 10:30am service. Both are keen gardeners, backyard birdwatchers and share their East Vancouver home with their rescued cats — Bertie, Charlie, Eddie and Magoo.

Jane Osler

Jane Osler (Elected Trustee) has been a parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral for over 25 years and has been very grateful for the friendship and support this community has provided. True to its motto, Christ Church Cathedral has opened doors to a breadth of experiences and opportunities. A former Rector's Warden, Jane has been involved as a volunteer at the parish, diocesan and the national levels of the church in various roles including strategic planning, communications, stewardship, and fundraising. Outside the church Jane consults with clients in the tourism sector assisting them in addressing new challenges and opportunities.

Irene Pang

Irene (Elected Trustee) first wandered into Christ Church Cathedral in late 2017, a day before her interview for a job in Vancouver. After she was offered the job, she relocated to Vancouver with her partner and two cats. She started attending the Cathedral soon after she arrived, drawn by the Cathedral's amazing music, but also, importantly, by its progressive theology and commitment to social justice, for which she hopes to advocate in her role as trustee. Irene enjoys singing in the Cathedral choir. In her day job, she is a political sociologist and studies issues of labor, rights contestation, and state-society relations in contemporary China and India. She is originally from Hong Kong.

Mark Halyk (Secretary to the Corporation)

I've been a parishioner at the Cathedral for six years. I was drawn to the Cathedral by the wonderful congregation, amazing staff and outstanding body of ordained ministers who deliver a wealth of crucial ministries and engaging programming. Away from the Cathedral, I Love to spend time with my wife and kids. Our favorite summer retreat is Hornby Island. Professionally, I'm a long term entrepreneur and a seasoned manager in local government; making for a unique combination of small business nimbleness mixed with patient longer term agility.

Ian Birtwell

Ian (Treasurer) and his wife Jenny have been involved, committed and active parishioners for over 45 years. Ian is a retired community planner and development manager, and former Treasurer and Warden and provided hands-on project management and fundraising leadership through all phases of heritage building restoration from 1995 to 2017. Ian has been involved for many years in building and financial Ministry through the Cathedral Trustees, Stewardship Committee, Legacy Bequest Stewardship, Buildings and Grounds, Treasurers Advisory Group, and Restoration Fundraising. Ian is passionate about organ and choral music, and specifically implores all parishioners, for just a few minutes each week, to be quiet and appreciative during our superb post service postludes.

Richard Douglas Sulkers (Parish Council)

I've been a parishioner at the Cathedral for seven years now. The warm hospitality of Cathedral people makes this parish feel like home for me. Away from the Cathedral and my Cathedral activities I sing in a community choir.

Sara Lehman (Parish Council)

In autumn 2022 I moved to the Cathedral to be part of a truly thriving parish as part of my vocational discernment, following a call to the priesthood. I value the variety of worship styles and such a wide variety of clergy modeling leadership in liturgy and ministry from whom I can learn. The Maundy Cafe speaks to me as an active presence of Christ in community. I'm 1/3 of the way through my MDiv at VST... so when I am away from the Cathedral, I am in class and studying! Walks around Stanley Park and Lost Lagoon clear my head, as does keeping up with my 2 adult kids in the States. I was born and raised in Vancouver but lived south of the border for 35 years until the start of pandemic and am happily rediscovering my hometown. I am a cradle Anglican and was formed as an adult in the Episcopal church in the USA, most recently as an active member and lay leader at St. Gregory of Nyssa church in San Francisco.

Matthew Nichiporuk (Parish Council)

I began attending the St Brigid's service in the fall of 2017 and I found in it a wonderful faith community. I attended regularly until the big pandemic shutdown, at which point I relocated to Prince George, BC, for about a year. I remained connected to St. B's through Zoom services, but when I returned to Vancouver in 2021 I found that attending the morning Cathedral service better suited my work schedule. I really love the form of worship at the Cathedral and have met so many lovely people with who encourage and challenge me in my faith journey with Jesus. I am a part-time student at VST with a keen interest in spiritual care for people living with dementia. I currently work at UBC in the Housing department but would love to find sustainable work in the care sector, and I also have an auxiliary role with the Canadian Coast Guard. I would love to help CC grow as a community of faith that equips and empowers its congregants for ministry to our world, and to grow in confidence towards that goal myself.

Barbara Brown (Parish Council)

In 1994 the daughter of my dear friend, Marion Grove, died, and her memorial service was held at the Cathedral. I opted to sit in a pew above the Nave - where our organ is now located. As I settled into my seat, I was washed over with warmth and a welcoming feeling. I absolutely felt I had found my spiritual home. I remain at the cathedral because of the liturgy, the clerical staff and the wonderful friendships I have made over the years.

I am the divorced mother of two adult women. My elder daughter, Jill, is a nurse like her mom. My younger daughter, AJ, is a disabled artist and currently gets around using a motorized scooter. I have practiced clinical nursing in several different fields in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver. After receiving my BScN my practise included supervision, teaching and administration. I continued studying and after receiving my MSc I established my consulting practice in health care planning and administration.

I have volunteered almost all my life, beginning as a swimming instructor and life guard with the YWCA, and was a docent at the Vancouver aquarium. I have just completed my ten year term as a director with the Western Institute for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For eight of the ten years I was the board President. Currently, and for about the past 12 years I have been a weekday

Narthex Greeter. I would very much enjoy the opportunity to serve on the parish council and believe my life experiences could be useful in planning and decision making.

Shehnaz Hozaima Cavey (Parish Council)

Biography not available at time of publication.

Ivy Clark (Parish Council)

Hello! I am Ivy Clark.

On a light-hearted note: I savour solitude, long walks, tea, buckwheat sour cherry scones, music, arts and poetry.

Vocation wise: I am a spiritual director who believes “you can sooner listen someone into wholeness than you can speak them into it.” (William A. Barry), and companionship through holy listening can birth healing and flourishing in one’s relationship with self, God and others. My formal spiritual direction training, supervision and ethics are from Anam Cara Ministries (US). St. Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises with New College Berkeley Graduate Theological Union, Contemplative Listening with Regent College, and the Death, Dying and Grief Certificate program with Tyndale Seminary are facets of my formation. As beginnings, transitions, loss, grief and endings touch everyone, I feel called to accompany people in these beautiful, harrowing and generative seasons.

Formerly, I held leadership positions in national non-profit organizations and encountered the transformative God in organizational culture, development and community engagement.

While Spiritual Direction is my focus, I speak and preach by invitation and guide scripture circles where people gather to experience the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, wrestle with the Word and encounter the Holy in a profoundly personal way.

I reside with my loving husband and teenage son in North Vancouver, surrounded by mountains, water, birds ... and bears.

Liam Maclure (Parish Council)

Biography not available at time of publication.

Penny Zhou (Parish Council)

Biography not available at time of publication.

Jane Dittrich (Sorrento Centre Representative)

Biography not available at time of publication.

Anne Fletcher (Parish Council)

I was born an Anglican and I expect, in the fullness of time, to die an Anglican. I first set foot in the Cathedral one Sunday afternoon early in 1987. It was Evensong, and I had always thought that one went to church in spite of the sermon, not because of it. There I sat, gobsmacked by Jim Cruikshank's preaching, and I've been here ever since, which positions me to be a voice that says: "No, actually, we haven't always done it this way."

Nicky Seppala (Coordinator of Lay Volunteer Ministries)

Nicky was born and raised in Salisbury, England where she attended Catholic convent schools. She is a retired landscape and garden designer. After moving to downtown Vancouver in 2011 Nicky began attending Christ Church Cathedral; in the spring of 2016 she began as the Volunteer Lay Ministries Coordinator

Endowment Fund Administrators (2 year terms)

Matthew George (2025)

Harry Kim (2025)

Douglas Yee (2024)

Biographies not available at time of publication.

Hope Sealy (2024)

has been a member of the Cathedral community for over three years. She serves as a member of the Altar Guild, sits on the Truth and Reconciliation Circle and as a member of the Parish Council has watched, with interest, how the Council has evolved over the years. Hope is a regular reader and intercessor when we gather for worship. She was born in Jamaica and is now

retired, having worked in broadcasting, in tourism and as a member of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board.

Ted Chiasson (Rector's Designee)

Ted is a retired Judge of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia; legal consultant to Borden Ladner Gervais LLP; arbitrator and mediator; former Trustee; Chair, Cathedral Succession and Transition Committee; member of a number of arts society boards; and singer with the EnChor Choir.

Ron Jobe (Parish Representative to Cathedral Chapter)

Ron has been a member of the Cathedral community since his retirement from the Department of Language & Literacy in the Faculty of Education at UBC and St. Paul's Parish in 2007. He served several stints on Parish Council, the Stewardship Committee, the Dean's Council on Liturgy & Music and retired from being the Coordinator of the Cathedral Guild of Greeters.

Sondra Marshall (Parish Representative to Cathedral Chapter)

Sondra has been part of the Cathedral community for many years, serving most recently as Coordinator of the Mental Health Ministry. She continues to be active in the Healing Touch and Healing Prayer Ministries. Sondra has provided skilled and value driven leadership to many Cathedral groups and is especially remembered for effective work with the Cathedral Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) initiative to raise funds for those affected by HIV/AIDS in Africa. She will continue in her role as a representative to the Cathedral Chapter.