

Atlantic District Nominating Committee Report

July 11, 2024

It was our pleasure to contact at least two potential candidates for each vacant position. Some chose to respectfully decline our nomination, however, we are pleased to offer at least one qualified candidate for each election required. Per paragraphs 1320 & 1335 of The Discipline (2022), both offices of Assistant DS & District Treasurer are appointed by the DBA in lieu of election by District Conference.

The following three pages of biographies are presented alphabetically by last name for advance review of District Conference. Please cross-reference our nominees with the *Conference Ballot* as you prayerfully discern your choices for the election of District Secretary, New Brunswick Members-at-Large for the District Board of Administration, and the 2025 District Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. John Brobbin, Mrs. Tara Lawrence, Rev. Peter Moore, Rev. Rich Thomas, Rev. Jennifer White

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Ken
Banks

Ken Banks is the Lead Pastor at the Wesleyan Church in Blacks Harbour, NB. He has served at various Wesleyan Churches since 1993. Ken graduated from Kingswood University in 1993 and Indiana Wesleyan University in 2004. He is married to April and has three children. Ken is involved in various leadership roles within the church community and values the support he has received from the Atlantic District family.



Kevin
Campbell

Kevin Campbell, married to Barbara Campbell, is a member of Moncton Wesleyan Church for 35 years, serving on the board and as vice-chair. He hosts a small group and serves on the World Hope Canada board. Kevin, an entrepreneur for 38 years, is dedicated to serving where led, including the Atlantic District as a DBA member.



Jim
Clements

Jim, Lead Pastor at MW, has 28 years of ministry experience and a 44-year journey with MW. He held roles in Children's Ministry and Family Ministry. With his wife Gisele and children, Dominique and Dawson, he shares his faith journey. Jim aims to help others in their Kingdom mission and promote unity among churches, impacting Atlantic Canadian communities positively.



Deborah
Gilbert

Deborah Gilbert is a teaching and missions pastor at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church for 10 years, married to Stefan Gilbert, also a pastor, with six kids and a large dog. She has been with World Hope International for nearly 5 years, focusing on updating program information for churches and individuals.



Denn Guptill

Denn is the Lead Pastor of Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Hammonds Plains, the church he planted in 1994. Before that, he served in Brisbane Australia and Truro. Denn and Angela have been married for 42 years and have two children and six grandchildren. The Atlantic District is where I first felt my call to ministry and I appreciate how the leadership has walked beside me for the past 40 years.



Peter Hayes

Peter Hayes is the lead pastor at Solid Rock Wesleyan Church in Mount Pearl, NL. He has served in various roles including GP missionary to Cambodia, assistant pastor at Crosspoint, and lead pastor at Havelock Wesleyan. Peter, with his wife, has 6 children, 3 daughters-in-law, and soon-to-be 6 grandsons. He has been part of the Atlantic District for 53 years and mostly attended Beulah Family Camp, except during his time in Cambodia.



Kathy Jeffries

Kathy Jeffries, along with her husband Tim, has been serving at the Head of Millstream Wesleyan for six years. She has ministered to various groups within the Wesleyan Church in the Atlantic District and Central Canada, focusing on children, youth, and adults. Kathy has also been the Family Activities Coordinator at Beulah Camp for several years. She values the sense of community and connection within the Atlantic District.



Matthew Maxwell

Matthew Maxwell, the Lead Pastor at Journey Church in Fredericton, has been dedicated to his role for 14 years. Before that, he spent another 14 years as a pastor in Easton, Maine. Matthew and his wife Suzanne have been happily married for 28 years and are proud parents to three children – Aidan, Liam, and Brenna. With an MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Bachelor's Degree in Religion and Music from Kingswood University, Matthew values the pace and passion of the Atlantic District.



Justin McGuigan

I live in Millville with my wife (Sarah) and two daughters (Lily & Layla). We are active members of The Ridge Church (Maple Ridge) where we serve together. I have served in various roles at the church and volunteered at Beulah. I have participated in missions projects and served as a volunteer Fire Chief for 20 years. My career spans engineering, public administration, and currently as a Division Chief with the Fredericton Fire Department. Our leadership in the Atlantic District creates opportunities for people to get involved at their comfort level. Volunteer today!



Mark Soone

Mark Soone is the Lead Pastor of The River Church in Bangor Maine. He was ordained in 2008, and has served as an assistant pastor in NJ, and as a lead pastor in Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He has been married to Christine for 28 years, and they have 4 awesome children and one grandson. He has been privileged to serve in 4 districts, but has particularly enjoyed the close knit community in the tribe of The Atlantic District. He enjoys any outdoor activity, is a self professed adrenaline junkie and a coffee snob.

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Marti
Trafton

Marti has served in local Wesleyan churches and Kingswood University primarily in music ministry. She is on the boards of Community Youth Services, Sussex Christian School, LAC for Browns Flat Fellowship, and the DBA. After a 40+ year nursing career at Horizon Health, she retired. Marti lives in Brown's Flat with her husband Robert, actively involved in various ministries. She is a proud mother of 2 children and 6 grandchildren.



Jason
Vienneau

Jason Vienneau, a native of Saint John, New Brunswick, is married to Marla and is a father of three children: Roman, Grady, and Harper. His career began at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Hammonds Plains while pursuing his degree at Kingswood University. Following various roles in the church, he transitioned to The Point Church in Miramichi before assuming the position of Lead Pastor at Corbett Church in Fredericton. Although not always a Wesleyan, Jason feels a deep connection to the district, considering it a second family. His involvement in the maritime community is a source of great pride and joy.



Christina
Wheeler

Based in Halifax, I am a mother of three wonderful children, happily married to Peter Wheeler, and a member of Hillside Wesleyan Church since 2013. My involvement in the Atlantic District has spanned various stages of life, from youth group in Quispamsis to serving on staff at Caton's Island Summer Camp. I have also gained international ministry experience in Haiti and Uganda, worked as a local missionary against human trafficking, and recently completed my term on the church board. Currently, I work as a city planner at an architecture firm in Halifax while juggling the responsibilities of motherhood. om things.

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