

# NOMINEES TO THE CANADA COVENANT LEADERSHIP BOARD



**BETHANY ABRAMSON**  
FIRST TERM: 2023-2026

My name is Bethany Abramson and my husband, three kids and I moved to Newmarket, ON in July 2021. We joined the ECCC to plant New Wine Church and until recently I was working with the Canadian Conference alongside our projects and personnel in Global Mission. I am currently working as the coordinator of an employment social enterprise at the emergency homeless shelter in our community. Before coming to Canada our family lived in Sösdala, Sweden where I partnered in community development amongst refugees in our area. Our family is loving our second year here in Canada, and although we still cheer for the Twins and the Wild (and claim that our home state of Minnesota has worse winters than the GTA) we feel very much at home in Canada!



**ROB HORSLEY**  
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I was born in Winnipeg in 1988, and began attending Faith Covenant Church (FCC) in 1999. Over the years, I was baptized, attended various youth gatherings and events, grew up going to Covenant Heights Bible Camp (CHBC) in the summers, and became a member of FCC after graduating as part of the final class of Covenant Bible College in 2007. During my young adulthood, I served as a music and youth volunteer, and also spent many weeks as camp staff and music leader at CHBC, where I would meet my wife Courtney (nee Brewer), a lifelong resident of College Park Covenant Church (CPCC) in Saskatoon and descendant of ECCC 'old stock' from the Norquay/Minnedosa branches of Anderson/Erickson families. My status of ECCC outsider and non-Swedish descent made me a prime mating candidate and in 2011 we were married and moved back to Winnipeg from Saskatoon. Three years later we moved back and currently raise four kids (Charlotte, 8, Sebastian and Connor, 4, and Silas, 1) on Saskatoon's west side. Despite our reality as taxpayers of Saskatchewan, our household proudly and loudly supports the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, which our church family politely tolerates. We currently attend as members of CPCC, where I continue to be involved in leading and participating in music and occasional youth ministry involvement. I also served on CPCC's leadership council from 2015 to 2021, the final year in the role of chairperson. Though I once considered a life in professional ministry, I currently work in field operations for the local phone/telecom provider, SaskTel, which I love and hope to one day collect a pension for.

Though much has changed in our lives in the last decade plus and we find ourselves busier than ever, Courtney and I continue to feel a strong sense of God's call on our lives to be a part of and serve the Kingdom through the work of our local church body, and our larger collection of church families when possible. We recognize the many blessings and moments of God's presence that he has provided for us through our involvement with the ECCC, and feel called to give back to the church family and ministry that has raised us into the people we are, and continue to try to be. Happy to serve in whatever way I can, and grateful for your consideration in this opportunity.



## MARC VANDERSLUYS FIRST TERM: 2023-2026

I grew up in the Netherlands and on the Saskatchewan prairies. I've been a follower of Jesus at one level or another pretty much my whole life. I didn't find my church home until 2005, when I discovered the Evangelical Covenant Church (Gateway Covenant Church in Prince Albert). I worked various jobs (tree planting, legal secretary, framing houses) until I experienced a call to ministry in February 2008 while at Snow Days (as a chauffeur) at Norquay Covenant Church. I attended Providence Theological Seminary from 2009-2012 and graduated with an MDiv. I served as associate pastor at Malmo Mission Covenant Church from 2012-2020 and I currently serve as senior pastor at Minnedosa Evangelical Covenant Church. I've been married to Dixie for nearly 23 years and have two adult children and one teenager at home who's probably more of an adult than the other two. I love the simple things in life: a cup of tea, a book, games, music, walks in the woods, and a little pickup hockey. I also love the ECCC. I think we have something special in this family of churches. I sometimes wonder why we're not better known, given who we are, but perhaps our relative smallness as a conference is a gift.

## LEADERSHIP BOARD

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\* Members coming off the board this year.