



# BOARD NOMINEES

## 2020 Leadership Team Nominee Bios

The nomination committee is tasked with receiving nominations, recruiting candidates, interviewing potential nominees, and presenting to the community persons who represent the diversity at Commons as well as provide the board with the necessary skills, expertise, and spiritual maturity to guide our Church.

The committee has put forward the following names to serve in the upcoming term: Jeff Ehmann for a first term and Jessy Roos and Thioni Schafer each for a second term. We want to thank each of these individuals for their willingness to serve and for the way they already lead in our community.

Each position is a three year term and board members can serve two consecutive terms before stepping off.

The nominees are presented on the following pages by order of eligible term and then alphabetical by first name.

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**Nomination Committee**

## Thanks

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to **Justin du Plessix** and **Scott Fisher** who have completed their terms on the board. They have both served this community with incredible wisdom and commitment. Thank you.

## Returning Board Members

Returning to the board in 2020 are **Stuart McGibbon** (chair), **Michael Wing** (Financial Officer), **Regina Chan** and **Janice Hsu-Chan**. Full bios for all board members are available at <https://www.commonsofchurch.org/board-members>



**Jeff Ehmann** (eligible for 1st Term)

My wife Ashley and I have been attending Commons since 2014, and the Commons community has made us feel at home. Together we have been serving on and off for the last 5+ years as part of 'Commons Kids'.

I grew up in a Christian home and always knew Jesus, however it wasn't until I attended Capernwray Bible School in 2009 where my relationship with Christ became real. Through my year at Bible School, I experienced the saving work of Christ, and witnessed Jesus change my heart and desires first hand. God continues to show me daily just how desperately I need His grace and direction for my life.

I'm an engineer by education, but have spent the majority of my working life as an entrepreneur. I founded a technology company in 2015, and am currently working as a strategy and corporate finance consultant. I'm passionate about business, redemptive entrepreneurship, and about building companies that have positive impact.

I am honoured to have been nominated to serve as a member of the Board, and am excited to lean into whatever God has in store for our community. I look forward to using my skills to serve the staff and community where needed.

Ashley and I love the outdoors, downhill skiing, fishing (me), and we recently took up sailing! (Open invitation to any sailors out there!). We look forward to continuing to be involved in the community, and to journeying with Christ with you all!

**Jessy Roos** (eligible for 2nd Term)

Our family became part of Commons in 2015 and have found ourselves drawn to the beautiful and diverse group of people who call it home. We feel a particular affinity for the mission statement of "intellectually honest, spiritually passionate, Jesus at the centre." We have centred our life and our family around the idea of being open, compassionate, generous, and loving, and Commons is a place where we can be those things. I feel honoured and humbled to have been nominated. I am also excited by the potential opportunity to use my skill set, passions, and energy to help pour into the Commons community.





**Thioni Schafer** (eligible for 2nd Term)

I grew up in Calgary, in a fairly typical Christian family. After a few twists and turns I ended up at Kensington Road Church for my high school years, followed by Covenant Bible College. That was followed by a few years of aimlessness before heading back to academia for a couple degrees in engineering.

As the craziness of life would have it, I also attended Unedited Spirituality for short stint during a summer home.

So when I moved back to the city from New Brunswick I knew I had to try out Commons and have been a part of the community ever since. I am now part of a great home church, serve on the coffee team, and am excited to see what else God has in store for Commons and me.