



BOARD NOMINEES

2021 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: Mita Adesanya for a first term and Regina Chan for a second term. We want to thank both 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 **Stuart McGibbon** who has completed his terms on the board. Stuart served as the board chair for the last two years and we are grateful for his wisdom and commitment. Thank you.

Returning Board Members

Returning to the board in 2020 are **Janice Hsu-Chan** (Chair 2021), **Michael Wing** (Financial Officer), **Jeff Ehmann** (Vice Chair 2021) **Jessy Roos** (Recording Secretary) and **Thioni Schaffer**. Full bios for all board members are available at <https://www.common.church/board-members>

Mita Adesanya (eligible for 1st Term)



I happened upon Commons Church in 2015, about six months after I moved to the city. I found so much depth in the teaching and knew then that this was a place where my faith would feel at home. Over the years, my involvement in Commons has included being a part of the connections and eucharist teams, planning a stampede barbeque and listening to the sermons on repeat. It has grown to be one of the most special parts of the life I've built in Calgary.

Professionally, I work in corporate communications and have done so in a variety of settings, from a nonprofit to a big corporation. Being a communicator extends pretty naturally to being a loudmouth in other areas of my life, whether yelling at a screen in support of my beloved Arsenal, singing for my minor side hustle as a musician or yapping away with my cousin on our podcast.

It is an unexpected honour for me to have been nominated to the board. I feel blessed to be able to experience Commons from this vantage point and serve the community in this way.

Regina Chan (eligible for 2nd Term)

Our family has been attending the Commons church since September 2016. We were drawn to the Commons community for its loving and accepting approach to people of various backgrounds. We have been attending the Inglewood Commons church since its launch and I help with Sunday School while my husband (Tim) serves on the production team. My Christian journey started 14 years ago. While attending university, I felt that something in my life was missing so I started exploring different religions. After years of searching, I finally felt at home when we started attending Westside King's Church and was baptized there on June 7, 2009. I have been an active church participant since and have served in various capacities (kids team, worship team, administrative team). I have been a stay-at-home mom for the past 4 years to my children, Kaslyn and Davin. In my spare time, I am passionate about being an active member in the community and currently serve as the organizer of our school choir and as treasurer for our community soccer program. Prior to staying at home, I worked in the Risk Management and Regulatory fields. I have a Bachelor of Commerce in Risk Management and Insurance. I am



excited to continue serving on the Commons board. I enjoy engaging in meaningful dialogue that can help shape and guide church in a way that the story can be relevant to everyone involved. I look forward to connecting with more people in the Commons church family.