

The following six nominees are standing for election to the four Ministry Corporation Director Positions open for 2018. The remaining two will be invited to participate in the Director Development Initiative.

### **JULIAN BRAINERD**



**Coming to faith...** I grew up in a Christian home and accepted Christ as my personal Saviour at camp when I was 15. Since then, my faith has been important to me and has shaped my life, even through periods of backsliding and recommitment. Over the past 20 years in particular, I have grown in understanding and applying the Word to my life.

Christian service and leadership... I have taught Sunday School at The Met for nine years, led a MET Community group for over eight years, and serve on the Missions Committee. Between 2013 and 2017 my family served as MET Missionaries in Sri Lanka with SIM Canada. My wife and I are both committed to discipling couples and individuals and have been doing this over our years at The Met.

*Family...* Pretheeva and I were married in 1997. We have four children; Miriam (19), Esther (16), Ruth (13), and Samuel (7). As a couple we have grown together in our faith and our desire to serve the Lord together. Nurturing our children in faith is important to us.

**Reason for standing**... I am committed to the local church. It is important to me to live in a manner that is pleasing to God, by faith. If this is the Lord's will for me, I believe He will use this opportunity to prepare me for what He has in store for me.

*Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...* I have served in church, school, and fundraising committees. I have also served as a stakeholder in initiating mission work in a new field for SIM Canada. I have spent equal time in the private sector and now in the public sector in team leadership roles, and developing policy and processes.



### **MORRIS REPETA**



**Coming to faith...** I grew up in a loving Catholic home in Montreal and I came to know the Lord as my Saviour in 1982 as a university student.

*Christian service and leadership...* I have had the privilege of being on the Ministry Board for the last three years where I have been the Secretary for two years and served on our Lead Pastor Search Committee. Since 2012 I have been involved in the Missions Committee and have had the privilege of leading a Met Community Group.

*Family...* I married my sweetheart Hélène in 1985, and we have been blessed with two boys, David and Michael. We have been fortunate to belong to The Met family since 2000 with the exception of two years spent

in Kitchener-Waterloo.

**Reason for standing**... I love The Met, its people, and the unique position it has in our nation's capital. I believe that we are all called to serve our Lord in our local church. I have enjoyed the last three years on the Board serving with an outstanding group of men from whom I have learned a lot.

*Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...* I have been employed in the high-technology sector for more than thirty years in various engineering and management capacities.



### **ABRAHAM BACH**



**Coming to faith...** I grew up in a Christian home but our family's faith became my own faith as I actually began reading the Bible for myself. Here I was truly convicted of my sin and convinced of Christ's Lordship and that His sacrifice on the cross is effectual to save me.

*Christian service and leadership...* Over the past 7 years, the Lord has empowered me to serve The Met as a leader of a MET Community Group, Young Adults Worship Leader, and Small Group Leader.

*Family...* Hannah and I have been married for nearly 6 years and God has blessed us with three children; Aliyah, Levi, and Mabel.

**Reason for standing**... I take great interest in seeing members and attendees of our church glorifying God and enjoying Him through our collective knowledge of Him. As well as by applying the truth of the Bible to how we conduct ourselves within our church, and taking God at His Word.

Other relevant experience in preparation for this role... Leading small groups has prepared me by showing me the importance of studying the Bible together, and the joys and power of praying with one another. Ministry experiences with Power To Change as a student taught me how to work on a ministry team, the importance of discipleship, and the urgency of the Great Commission. Professionally, my work as an engineer and project manager parallels many of the more formal aspects involved in serving on the Board.



### **DAVID LO**



*Coming to faith...* "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork" Psalm 19.1

I came to faith in 1994 and was baptized in 1996. As an engineer, I have studied science all my life and I was an atheist who believed that science can explain everything. When I was conducting medical research during my post-grad studies, I was awestruck by the sophistication of the design of an aortic heart valve. I can't deny acknowledging the intelligences behind what I saw. That opened my eyes and paved the way to my coming to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Christian service and leadership... I have been involved in the Men's Ministry and have been leading/co-leading a Men's Bible Study Group since 2007.

*Family...* My wife Winnie and I have been married for 20 years and we have two precious children Samuel and Hannah. Samuel is going to be 15 this summer and Hannah has just turned 13.

**Reason for standing**...The primary reason is that I understand the call of God for all men as not being passive but to step out in taking a leading role to serve Him and those He loves. I am doing just that.

Other relevant experience in preparation for this role... I think of my various experiences as a single entity rather than a "sum of parts". At home, I am a husband and a father. Learning to take the spiritual leadership role, to train and to develop my family is a very humbling yet transferable experience. At work, I have been purposefully mentoring some co-workers and managing people using the biblical model (i.e. serving them rather than lord over them). In ministry, I have been intentional in developing other men by supporting them in their daily walk, going alongside and praying with them on their struggles, and encouraging them by being vulnerable and accepting our insufficiencies by going to lesus where His grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9).



### **GLEN EWEN**



Coming to faith... Although I went to Sunday School as a child I never knew Christ as my savior. At Carleton University in 1972 while studying for an exam in the cafeteria I overheard someone witnessing to another student. Even though I could not see either of them, I prayed earnestly about what I had heard and accepted the Lord three days later at home. It changed my whole life.

*Christian service and leadership...* I am currently leading a Community Group and have served as a table leader for the ALPHA and Grief Share programs. In the past I have been the leader for Christian Service Brigade, taught Sunday School at a Baptist Church, and have previously been an elder at The Met.

**Family...** I have been happily married for nearly 55 years and have one married daughter who lives in BC. My wife and I are Deacons and serve as greeters for funerals and on Sundays, visit seniors, and are on-call for other duties as they arise. I am presently taking the Bible Study Fellowship program (BSF) at The Met on Monday evenings.

*Reason for standing*...I love the Lord and it is my desire to serve Him in as many ways as I can.

*Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...* I have served as an Elder/Director at The Met previously, just before the church adopted the current Governance model.



### **MARK OUEIS**



Coming to faith... As a child, my family regularly attended church and through that Sunday School foundation and Christian upbringing I learned that Jesus died for my sins and I wanted Him to be Lord of my life for His glory and my joy. When I was around 8 years old, my mom, who had not yet been born again, gave her life to Christ. I noticed her newfound joy and told her I wanted the same for my life. She guided me as I went to my room, knelt down and prayed, and accepted the Lord.

*Christian service and leadership...* God has often impressed upon me to take various service and leadership opportunities at The Met. As a student, I served with the Young Adults leadership and International Students Fellowship Ministry and went on a Short-Term Mission trip. A couple of years later, I started a Men's Small Group that truly

transformed my life. Now my wife and I are Young Adult mentors.

**Family...** I met my wife Kimberley at The MET Young Adults and we have been married for six and half years. We have two beautiful boys, Luke and Micah. Luke is five years old and loves to fight bad guys. Micah is three and loves to be all kinds of silly. We love each other dearly and my greatest desire is to see each of them fully and eternally happy in God.

**Reason for standing**... I love The Met and the Church of Jesus Christ. I have been attending The Met for 15 years and have received countless blessings from God through this church. I want to give back from what God has given me. I believe that I have God-given spiritual gifts that are suitable for this role.

*Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...* At work, I have led various projects and teams that involved building consensus, setting direction, and working with all kinds of people. God has humbled me through the various ministries I have been a part of and taught me that apart from Him we can do nothing.