

## **DIRECTOR NOMINEES (Ministry Corporation)**

### **JULIAN BRAINERD**



#### ***Coming to faith...***

I grew up in an Anglican Christian home. I accepted Christ as my personal Savior at 15, through the ministry of Youth for Christ. In my late 20's, I received immersion baptism, having recognized my need to obey Christ's command and publicly share my personal testimony. Since then, I have progressively grown in my discipleship, fellowship and service.

#### ***Christian service and leadership...***

I participate in and lead a community group, engage in 1:1 and couples discipleship, provide support in teaching in adult classes and membership classes; I serve as a mentor for young adults, am on the Missions Committee and The Met Board. Along with my family, I have engaged in short-term and long-term missions. I have also taught Sunday School at The Met.

#### ***Family...***

I have been married to Pretheeva, my lovely wife for 24 years. We are blessed with four children: Miriam, Esther, Ruth and Samuel. Our children range in age from 23 to 11. They have grown-up at The Met and it is our joy to see them increasingly applying their faith in service.

#### ***What excites me about The Met's mission...***

The discipleship focus of The Met excites me. The Met Mission statement to make disciples by engaging, establishing and equipping them consistent with the gospel is consistent with Christ's command in Matthew 28:19-20. Our journey in Christian maturity and growth has impressed on us the importance of crossing barriers, visible and invisible, to disciple people that God brings into our lives. We are excited to be a part of The Met's Mission.

#### ***Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...***

Growth in understanding and applying the word especially over the last twenty years. Growing together as a couple and serving together in unity has also been how the Holy Spirit has matured us. The Lord bringing mature disciples to teach and hold us accountable at key points in our lives has engaged us in meaningful service that has grown us. Obedience to Christ and stepping out in service has been key to our growth.

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### **KEVIN FERGUSON**



#### ***Coming to faith...***

I grew up in a Christian home. At age 12, my dad talked to me about an upcoming baptism class, and asked if I was ready. It was then that I made a conscious decision that I was a sinner, that Jesus died for my sins, and I confessed my sins asking Jesus to forgive my sins and to be my Lord and Saviour. I've attempted to allow Him to live through me since that day.

#### ***Christian service and leadership...***

I led a small group for single adults, and I co-led AWANA Junior High. I mentored two summer students at Fair Havens' Ministries and in 2021, I came alongside a single man from The Met to encourage him. As a Met deacon, I became involved in GriefShare, His Design, and Newcomers' Class. Along with Ethel, as Met Lay-Hospital Chaplains, leading The Met Hospital Visitation Team. Also, supporting Baptism candidates.

#### ***Family...***

I've been happily married to Ethel 47 yrs. Our daughter, Sarah, lives with us and works at StatsCan. She attends Southgate Church and is involved in worship and mentoring women. Our son, Andrew, is married to Jodi and they have two children, Katelyn and Trevor. They have been actively involved in Southgate Church. Andrew is a Training Instructor with the Ottawa Fire Department. I am very proud of my children and grandchildren.

#### ***What excites me about The Met's mission...***

I'm pleased that The Met is here to glorify God through making disciples of Jesus and by putting Bible teaching as the top priority. The Met is coming alongside those who are struggling with life's circumstances. I believe that The Met is making good progress in engaging, establishing and equipping those who attend The Met. I'm excited the METMen's Ministry is coming alongside men who desire to grow deeper in their faith.

#### ***Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...***

In 2005 I was President of a major farm organization that greatly expanded my leadership abilities. The Ottawa Pastoral Care Course has been great training for coming alongside hurting people. The training and continuing education with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and becoming a Chaplain with their Rapid Response Team is taking me much deeper in how to help people when tragedy strikes. Presently, involvement in a Precept Bible study is deepening my Christian walk.

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### **MARK OUEIS**



#### ***Coming to faith...***

I came to faith when I was 8 years old upon hearing my mother's own conversion story. Already by then, God had placed in me a longing for a perfect place. I learned that Jesus's promises are the answer to that desire. His death for my sins and His resurrection to conquer death made it possible for me to be with Him forever.

#### ***Christian service and leadership...***

I have been attending The Met for about 18 years now and have enjoyed serving in various ministries. Most recently, I have been involved in The Met's floor hockey ministry (hockey and gospel, a great combination) and the Men's ministry core leadership team. I am also currently a small group leader/co-leader and serve as director and elder at The Met.

#### ***Family...***

I met my wife Kimberley at Young Adults and we have been married for 9 years now. We have two beautiful boys, Luke and Micah. Luke is eight and loves to read and fight bad guys. Micah is six and loves to be silly and play chess. We have another baby on the way and he/she loves to kick. My greatest desire is to see each of them fully and eternally happy in God.

#### ***What excites me about The Met's mission...***

The church is a primary means through which God works. If you want to see the hand of God, where else would you go? The Met is a large church. That presents us with unique opportunities to engage our culture with the gospel (Freedom Summit, sports ministry, missions, others). Despite our size, I love how we can live out the Bible together in smaller groups - going deep and personal - living life together.

#### ***Other relevant experience in preparation for this role...***

It has been a privilege to serve on the board of The Met and as an elder for the last 3 years. This was my first term. It has been a great learning and growing experience - especially working with such a godly group of men who love the church. There is a lot more work to do and I would be honored to take what I have learned into another 3 years of service.