

Director Nominee, Property Corporation



Jonathan Dyck

Coming to faith: I was raised in a Christian home where my parents brought my sisters and I to church faithfully every week. I personally decided to follow Jesus at the age of 16 as a result of the positive influence from my youth group, friends, and pastors. I realized that no matter how hard I tried, my own efforts would not save me and that I needed Jesus to help me. I was baptized when I was 18 years old as I was challenged to give more and more of my life to Christ. I've continued to grow in my relationship with Christ over the years by reading my Bible, praying, listening to good sermons, and by serving and learning together with good friends.

Christian service and leadership: I have served in a variety of ways over the years. I volunteered with Youth For Christ in Winnipeg, my wife and I co-led a young married group at our church in Toronto, and since coming to The Met I have served as a youth mentor and men's small group leader. My wife and I enjoyed 6 months of ministry training at Capernwray Bible School in New Zealand leading up to our wedding in 2001. I also had the privilege of serving on two separate short-term mission trips: 6 months serving in northeastern Kenya in 2000 and 1 week in Poland with a team from The Met in 2023.

Family: My wife, Jessica, and I have been married since November 2001 and will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary in 2026! We have three amazing sons: Zach (22), Josh (18), and Ben (16).

What excites me about The Met's mission: We have attended The Met since 2007 and have made it our home. I am excited to see how the Lord will lead the church through the search for a new senior pastor. We are also excited to see how God will use the purchase of 31 Auriga for His glory.

Other relevant experience in preparation for this role: I am a Construction Project Manager for a commercial stone, tile, and carpet company since moving to Ottawa in 2007 and I have been working in the general contracting and construction management field since I finished my civil engineering diploma in 1999. I previously served 2 terms on the Property Board and hope to continue using my professional skills to serve the church.

Director Nominee, Property Corporation



Anil Balaram

Coming to faith: Growing up at The Met, I learned that I needed to repent of my sins and trust the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved. I put it off until a missionary spoke at Sunday School, saying he regretted wasting time serving the Lord since only coming to faith in his twenties – so, that very day, at five years old, I asked my parents to help me pray the sinner’s prayer.

Christian service and leadership: I have enjoyed serving as an usher at The Met and as a Christian Service Brigade (CSB) leader for boys for many years. I served on Board of the CSB camp for a few years and have recently completed a 4-year term on the Board of Redeemer Christian High School (RCHS).

Family: My parents, John and Gladys Balaram, brought me to The Met as a baby and they still attend the church. My brother is a Met missionary in India. My wife, Ruth, and I have three children. Our older son, Anand, is working full-time as a software engineer. Our daughter and younger son, Karuna and Rohan, are studying at university.

What excites me about The Met’s mission: Serving at RCHS let me meet believers from different churches around the city and renewed my appreciation of how The Met is uniquely positioned to advance God’s kingdom in Ottawa. The 31 Auriga acquisition is very exciting because there are so many possibilities for that land and building as the Lord reveals His plan for The Met and the city.

Other relevant experience in preparation for this role: My previous job was managing an engineering team of 10-12. On the side, I help run a small business where I do most of the purchasing and marketing, and some of the administration.