

## NOMINATION BIOGRAPHIES

### EMC MODERATOR (1 VACANCY)

The Moderator functions as chairman of the General Board, the Conference Council, and the Annual Convention, and provides general oversight of the Conference. Either Moderator or Vice-Moderator serves as chair of the EMC Personnel Committee.

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#### ABE BERGEN, KLEEFELD EMC, KLEEFELD, MAN.

Abe has completed his first term as Moderator and is standing for another term. Currently self-employed in property development, he serves on the Steinbach Bible College and HavenGroup Foundation boards. He has previously served on the Southern Health Region board, the Abundance Canada board, Director of Development at Canadian Mennonite University, as president at Steinbach Bible College, and has served as a pastor in Wymark and Kleefeld. He is a graduate of Briercrest Bible College, from Providence Seminary, and the Institute of Corporate Directors. Abe and Kathy attend the Kleefeld EMC.



### EMC VICE-MODERATOR (NO VACANCY)

The Vice-Moderator functions as vice-chair of the General Board and provides continuity in the absence of the Moderator. Either Moderator or Vice-Moderator serves as chair of the EMC Personnel Committee. This position is filled for 2024 by Darrel Guenther, Crestview Fellowship, Winnipeg, Man.

## BOARD OF CHURCH MINISTRIES (3 VACANCIES)

The Board of Church Ministries consists of seven elected members and holds five regular meetings per year.

Current BCM members carrying over are: David Kruse, MacGregor EMC, Man; Dan Cormie, Braeside EMC, Winnipeg, Man; Diana Peters, Straffordville Evangelical Mission Church, Straffordville, Ont; and Geralyn Wichers, Evangelical Fellowship Church, Steinbach, Man.

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**KARLA HEIN, WESTPOINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH, GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALTA.**

Karla is the wife of one and mother of two. She graduated from Peace River Bible Institute with a Bachelor of Biblical Studies, and has attended Westpointe Community Church for the last 12 years. Currently she is coordinating the Sunday School program at her church, and is a regular columnist for The Messenger.



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**ROB WIEBE, BLUMENORT COMMUNITY CHURCH, BLUMENORT, MAN.**

## BOARD OF LEADERSHIP AND OUTREACH (2 VACANCIES)

The BLO consists of seven elected members. Four members must also be members of the Conference Ministerial. The board meets four to five times annually and oversees Ministerial meetings and events and the Ministerial Examination process.

Current BLO members carrying over are: Abe Berg, Straffordville EMC Ont; Chris Hughes, Abbeydale Christian Fellowship, Calgary, Alta; Jennfier Isaac, Morweena EMC, Arborg, Man; Glenn Loewen, Portage Evangelical Church, Portage la Prairie, Man; and Cameron McKenzie, Fort Garry EMC, Winnipeg, Man.

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### ANDREA DYCK, STEINBACH EMC, STEINBACH, MAN.

Andrea has completed her first term on the Board of Leadership and Outreach. Andrea and her husband Gary worked in Central Asia for 18 years. During that time, she served in leadership and on the executive for their organization for six years. She continues within their organization, serving the international community through member care and training. She also works as a counselling therapist for Recovery of Hope.



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### JARED SCHROEDER, WESTPOINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH, GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALTA.

Jared has been on staff at Westpointe Community Church (formerly Mission Heights Community Church) for the past 20 years, and Lead Pastor for the past six years. He was born and raised in Peace River, Alta and received his Bachelor of Religious Education with a Pastoral Studies Major at the Peace River Bible Institute. He has been married to Jennifer and they have five kids age 11 to 20. Jared is currently working towards his Master's degree at Millar College of the Bible.



## BOARD OF MISSIONS (4 VACANCIES)

The BOM consists of seven elected members meeting at least five times annually for all day meetings.

Current BOM members carrying over are: Art Koop, Anola Fellowship Chapel, Anola, Man; Joanne Martens, Kola EMC, Kola, Man; and Gord Utz, Portage Evangelical Church, Portage la Prairie, Man.

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### ANTHONY REIMER, BLUMENORT COMMUNITY CHURCH, BLUMENORT, MAN.

Anthony has been serving on the BOM for the last three years, currently as chair. He graduated from SBC with a missions major and is planning to serve as a Missions Mobilizer for Avant Ministries International. Anthony has previously served on the EMC Board of Missions for six years, two of those as chair. He also represented EMC on the 1 Gloowen (Low German Ministries) interim board for two years. He loves to connect with missionaries to encourage and to care for them.



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### WILLY SCHELLENBERG, LA CRETE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, LA CRETE, ALTA.

Married to my beautiful wife Martha for 27 years and blessed with 3 children and 1 son in-law. Business owner and entrepreneur since 2006, which is being run by the family. Growing up in a home that did a lot of hosting of missionaries, pastors and college students, the Holy Spirit was preparing my heart to be one with missions in the fore front from an early age. I have had many different roles at La Crete Christian Fellowship and since 2010 have been the Missions Chairperson for most of the time and am currently. Outside of the local church am involved in volunteer positions with groups such as Professional Locksmith Association of Alberta (Director), La Crete Lumber Barons (Equipment Manager), as well as Royal Compassion CBO (Canadian Liason) - an African Boys Orphanage.



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES (3 VACANCIES)

The BOT consists of five elected members meeting four to six times annually.

Current BOT members carrying over are: Bruce Penner, Ridgewood Church, Steinbach, Man; and Frank Wall, Vanderhoof Christian Fellowship, Vanderhoof, B.C.

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### HAROLD FRIESEN, ABBEYDALE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, ALTA.

I've enjoyed 48 years with the wife of my youth, I have offspring spread from Winnipeg to Abbotsford (well 7 of them 😊), I've rarely "had" to go to work, and my heavenly Father still keeps smiling on me. Construction is my sandbox, Abbeydale Christian Fellowship my church family, and Mennonite Disaster Service has been a big part of my last two decades. I enjoy people and think that our EMC is on the "straight and narrow" and I enjoy being part of that.



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### BRAD PENNER, PLEASANT VALLEY EMC, ROSENORT, MAN.

Brad Penner grew up on a small acreage in southern Manitoba and has remained in the southern Manitoba area for most of his life. He currently resides in Rosenort, Manitoba with his wife Kathryn where they attend the Pleasant Valley EMC Church. They have 3 adult children, all of whom have settled in Rosenort.



Brad has over 35 years of experience in Manitoba Credit Union system, and is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Rosenort Credit Union. He has served on a number of boards and committees including Credit Union Central of Manitoba, Manitoba Cooperative Association, Cooperators and the Credit Union Executive Society.

In his spare time, he enjoys his time with family at the cottage, fishing, hunting, camping, boating etc.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee does its work over four months, from March to the summer conference council meeting.

Current Nominating Committee members are: Anna Bueckert, Bow Island EMC, Bow Island, Alta; Darren Plett, Pleasant Valley EMC, Rosenort, Man; Peter Doerksen, Westpointe Community Church, Grande Prairie, Alta; Sebastian Borda, Evangelical Fellowship Church, Steinbach, Man; and Walden Plett, Riverton Gospel Chapel, Riverton, Man.

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**ALVIN PLETT, HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH, LANDMARK, MAN.**

Alvin has enjoyed dairy farming with Katherine and family. He has served in various roles in his home church and conference. He is a member of Heartland Community Church.

