

BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE TO BE ELECTED 2022

PEOPLE'S WARDEN:

Joan Peters (2nd term)

Joan Peters retired in 2016, after 24 years as Director of National Corporate Donations at CIBC. She was introduced to St. James Cathedral in 2002 by her husband, George McNeillie, who has worshipped at St. James since 1980. Joan and George were married at the Cathedral in 2007. Joan has volunteered for various roles and supported several projects since joining the Cathedral. Over the past year, she has been honoured to serve as People's Warden and prior to that as Deputy People's Warden for 3 years. Joan has supported several Committees, including the St. James Cathedral-Community Refugee Response Committee and Social Justice and Advocacy Committee. She is a Sidesperson and looks forward to volunteering at the Drop-In when restrictions permit.

DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN:

David Gates (1st term)

David was born in Montreal and raised in Hamilton, Ontario. Before retirement, he taught at the University of Western Ontario; co-authored two grammar and writing texts; worked in various capacities at The Grand Theatre, London, Ontario; marketed the performing arts at Young People's Theatre and Harbourfront Centre in Toronto and, most recently, developed revenue generation resources for the Sunnybrook Foundation and the St. Michael's Hospital Foundation. He is a graduate of McMaster University and the University of Western Ontario, from which he holds a Ph.D. in English Literature. A lifelong Anglican, he attended the Church of St. Thomas in Hamilton (now sadly closed) and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario, before joining the congregation of St. James. He currently chairs the Stewardship Committee and is a member of the 9:00am Stewards.

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL:

Denton (Denny) Creighton (1st term)

A cradle Anglican, Denny began attending services at the Cathedral almost 40 years ago and became a regular parishioner in the late 1980s when both his children attended the Cathedral's church school. Denny has been a sidesman for the 8:00am service since 2015. In 2003, he joined the Board of Street to Trail, a charitable agency which helps the homeless and is supported by the Cathedral. He remains on the board to this day.

Denny was born in Montreal and still speaks passable French. After attending University of Toronto (BA, MBA), he returned to Montreal for two years but has made Toronto his home since 1983. He worked in financial services until his retirement in 2016 and has always found the Cathedral a welcome source of peace and consolation from life on Bay St. Denny and his wife Kris now split their time between Toronto and their home in Santa Fe where Denny attends St. Bede's Episcopal Church. While his marathon running and competitive paddling days are behind him, Denny remains active hiking with two busy dogs and supporting various classical music and educational organizations.

Jenny Formanek (2nd term)

A cradle Anglican, Jenny has been a member of the Cathedral Church of St. James since 2003. She has been Chair of the Health Council, a Drop-In Volunteer, a Board representative for Mary Lambeth Swale Community Housing, a member of the Housing Subcommittee of the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee of the Toronto Diocese, Toronto Diocesan Representative for PWRDF, a member of the Refugee Response Committee and the Selection Committee member. Currently Jenny is Chair of the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee (formerly the Outreach Committee) and sits on the Stewardship Committee and the Anti-Racism Committee. In her working life, Jenny held Administrative, Executive Assistant and Human Resources positions in four hospitals in Toronto. She was Administrative Director for The Self-Help Resource Centre of Toronto for 10 years prior to her retirement in 2005. Jenny's volunteer experience includes a variety of positions in non-profit organizations in Toronto and as a Board member of St. Stephen's Community House and Amistad Canada. Jenny is involved in a number of later life learning organizations.

Edwin Hawken (3rd term)

Edwin (Ted) Hawken has been a member of the Cathedral for more than 45 years and has served in many different capacities including as a Churchwarden under Deans Abraham and Stoute. Ted is a retired bank executive & currently serves as a director of private, public and not for profit organisations.

Ric Hillyer (3rd term)

Ric's career has been in the Information Technology field as a computer programmer, project leader, project manager and IT manager with experience in the Ontario Government, IBM and Bank of Montreal. He has served as Chair, Treasurer and member for several years on condominium corporations and on the Board of George Brown College Seniors' Association.

For 10 years he has been the Cathedral appointed Director at Victoria Shuter Non-Profit Housing Incorporated, a 138-unit residence for Rent-Geared-to-Income and low-market rent people. In this capacity he has led the tendering processes/interviews for a Property Management Company every 3 years. As Treasurer, he has worked closely with legal counsel, law enforcement and the City of Toronto over 6 years in compilation of evidence for a lawsuit that resulted in financial and insurance settlements very favourable to the housing corporation. Ric has been influential in getting apartments for two Refugee Committee families. He is Treasurer for the Toronto Urban Native Ministry, a joint outreach effort of Anglican and United Indigenous ministers and lay social worker to serve Indigenous (and other) people as well as promote reconciliation.

As an active member of St. James Cathedral for over 25 years, Ric has been involved in a variety of volunteer services. He was on the organizing committee of the International Friends of the Creche (FOTC) Conference in 2011 hosted by St. James Cathedral (on the invitation of the USA-FOTC). Other volunteer work has included regular collection counts, Open Doors, exhibits, Drop-In support, lay pastoral visiting, sides work, and the Outreach Committee. Ric is now Treasurer at Holy Trinity.

Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye (2nd term)

Born and raised in a strong Anglican family, life to me is all about the 3F's-Faith, Family & Friends and I've been fortunate to experience all three at the Cathedral Church of St. James since joining in 1998, the year I arrived in Canada.

It has been an honour to have been involved with the Cathedral in several capacities starting with the Coffee Committee, becoming a Reader (mostly at the 11:00am service), a member of the (former) Ministry Council, Cathedral Council, Stewardship Committee, a Diocesan Synod Delegate, and current chair of the Altar Guild.

Career wise, due to my diverse background growing up in Nigeria while having the opportunity to work in the UK and now in Canada, I've had the good fortune to work in a number of jobs within HR/Administration in the corridors of top corporate leaders in the financial and hospitality industries.

Alongside my career, I am very passionate about Children and Women's rights, I support food banks, animal shelters, and I've have been volunteering with the Canadian Women's Foundation for more than 6 years.

On the home front, I am a mom of two beautiful (human) children and their spouses, two furry children and a grandma. Overall, I am pretty much at the happy side of life. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, traveling to beautiful and exciting places for new experiences, and reflecting on life generally.

DIOCESAN SYNOD DELEGATES:

Irene Bailey (1st term)

Irene Bailey was born and baptized into the Anglican Church in Penang, Malaysia in St. George's Anglican Church, where her Mother played the organ. She has attended Anglican church services in many parts of the world since then. On emigrating from the UK in 1975 she sang in the Choir of St. Lawrence Park United Church until 1981. She then attended Grace Church on the Hill until 1997, moved again and attended St. James Cathedral on occasion and St. John's Elora regularly until 2014.

Irene then moved to the St. Lawrence Market and has attended the Cathedral since then. She sang in the Parish choir for 3 years until the pandemic in March 2020. She also helped with the Hot Cross Bun making each year and supported community suppers and lectures. She is also a Reader for the 9:00am service.

Irene was a teacher at Park School, Regent's Park, when she arrived in Canada having taught in England both primary and secondary age children after taking her degree in History and Education at Leeds University as an adult student. She entered the Women's Royal Air Force as the youngest female officer when she left school at 18 and left as a Flying Officer to get married.

Irene entered the financial planning and life insurance industry in 1978 after the Toronto Board down-sized. She continues in that industry and founded her own company in 1991, Performance Index Inc, which continues today with her son in the business. During those years Irene has worked for justice for women. She joined the Women Executives and Entrepreneurs in 1978 when they first started and became chair of their Legal affairs committee. She left as Vice President in 1991.

Irene was one of 7 founding members of the Women Entrepreneurs of Canada in 1991 and that organization continues today. She was given the International Award for Women Who Make a Difference in 2004 and nominated for the Women who Make A Difference Award in the first year they were started in 1998. In addition, Irene was on the Board of the Legal Education and Action Fund for 2 years in the late 1980s and on the Foundation Board of LEAF for 2 years after that.

Irene was on the inaugural founding Committee of the Canadian Women's Foundation in 1991. She joined the Board of The Toronto Mendelssohn Choir in 1993 and chaired their 100th Anniversary committee through to 1995. They raised \$100,000 at the celebratory dinner. She became President in 1995 and remained as such until 2003 when she became Chair for 2 years. She continued to support the Choir.

Irene's interest in the disadvantaged and willingness to work for their benefit continues to this day as well as her support and interest in classical music, church music, jazz, opera and musicals. She would like to see the Anglican church revitalized and relevant in our society again and is willing to help towards this goal.

Ruth Davis (1st term)

Ruth has been an active member of the St. James Cathedral for well over a decade, from 2008. Before, Ruth had been a member of St. John's Cathedral Antigua, Diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean, and also St. John-the-Divine, NY where she sung in the Choir and was a Lay Reader. Presently, she worships at 11:00am Choral Eucharist. Ruth is currently a member of the Servers Guild, Communion Assistant and the Altar Guild. Over the past decade Ruth has enjoyed active participation at St. James in a voluntary capacity in the Archives and Museum, The Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser, Doors Open and former coordinator of the St. James Book Club. She is also a facilitator of the 10:30am Matins Sunday mornings.

Ruth is a former volunteer at the Harbourfront Centre and Board Member and has had leadership roles at the Antigua YWCA. She has enjoyed a career in Tourism in Administrative positions and also in Public and Financial organizations. Ruth believes that her purpose is one of service to others, and in so doing joining in community and loving one's neighbour as one's self.

Rob Haines (1st term)

Rob has been an active member of the Cathedral since 1981. He is a founding member and the Coordinator of the Nine O'clock Stewards Ministry (a volunteer lay ministry made up of members from the Nine o'clock congregation who serve as Readers, Intercessors, Sidespersons and Communion Assistants) since its inception in 1985.

Rob's life at the Cathedral, now spanning some four decades, has included being a member of the Advisory Board (now referred to as the Cathedral Council); a member of the Ministry Council; the Education Committee; the Light for the City Campaign; an assistant at events sponsored by the Archives Committee; and an alternative lay delegate to Synod who in 2021 was called upon to actively participate.

Rob would be honoured and find it a privilege to serve as an elected Lay delegate to Synod in 2022.

Christian Kingsmill (3rd term)

St. James Cathedral has been a constant part of Christian's life and that of his family for seven generations. Not only is he a cradle Cathedral member, Christian and his wife, Marta, were married at St. James and both their children, Maitland and Hanna, were christened and confirmed at the Cathedral.

Christian currently splits his time between partnering with the Red Cross and working for a non-profit organization, Montage Support Services, that supports people with complex medical needs, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges, to provide the supports they need to live a life that reflects what is unique and meaningful to them.

Having worked in the developmental services sector for twenty years, Christian manages one of the residential teams supporting people living downtown, within CAMH property. He also has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross to start a business called, SafetyNET, which provides prevention and first aid training to historically marginalized people, who have not been offered basic prevention and first aid training. Prior to this, Christian managed one of the residential programs at the Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf for 18 years. A Canadian Red Cross First Aid instructor and a Scouts Canada, Cub Scout leader, Christian has undertaken several charity events, including raising \$6,000 for the Ride to Conquer Cancer, by cycling between Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Christian can often be seen at the Cathedral on Siderspersons' duty with his daughter, Hanna at the 11:00am service, and as a Reader. He is also a former member of the Parish Selection Committee.

Sheila Snelgrove (3rd term)

Sheila and her husband Maurice have been attending St. James Cathedral for more than 40 years. Throughout this time, Sheila has sung in the Parish Choir, been an active member of the Flower Committee, helped with the annual EFM hot-cross bun making, been a Lay Delegate to Synod and is a regular attendee of the 9:00am service where she is a Steward and has been reading the lessons and intercessions for more than 20 years. Although Sheila does not live within the parish boundaries, Maurice and she were attracted to the Cathedral as their home parish those many years ago by the liturgy and the music program.

ALTERNATE SYNOD DELEGATES:

Yosola Sholagbade-Adeoye (see bio above)

David Hedley

David held joint positions as a staff physician and scientist at Princess Margaret Hospital for 30 years, until his retirement in 2020. He has spent a long career exploring the boundaries between basic science and human cancer. For most of that time he was agnostic, believing that reductionist science can ultimately explain our existence. About a dozen years ago he underwent a sudden conversion back to active Christianity during a church service, and after a lot of prompting by the Spirit ended up at St James for the 11:00am Palm Sunday service in 2010. He has been a regular at the 11:00am ever since, as well as a frequent attender at Evensong, which he loves. As well as the scriptures, he reads extensively in the Christian literature, including many of the old classics as well as modern writers and thinkers. He now feels able to reconcile Christian faith with science, recognizing that science provides only approximations to truth, not absolute Truth, but when used well, is of enormous benefit to humanity.

Elizabeth Hartman

The Anglican Church has always played an important part in her life. She grew up attending Anglican churches in the Diocese of Huron. Besides attending services with her family she took an active part in the many programs offered by the Church - Junior Choir, Junior Auxiliary, Camp At Home camps, Huron Church Camp as a camper and counsellor, Sunday school.

She moved to Toronto in 1966 and began a 35 year teaching position in the elementary panel with the North York Board of Education. During this time she and her family became members at St. John's York Mills.

She and her husband retired to Grand Bend in 2000. They became members of St. John's -by-the-Lake. During the ten years that she lived there she was an active participant in a variety of ministries - Sidesperson, Altar guild, Deputy Warden, Vestry clerk, Parish council secretary, as well as the various fund raisers such as Thanksgiving Dinner, Pancake Breakfast, Funeral Lunches. She was also very active in Lambton Shores, volunteering for many different community programs such as Caring Quilters of Lambton Shores for Victim' Services, Grand Bend and Area Chamber of Commerce, Horticultural Society.

Upon her return to Toronto in August 2010 Elizabeth began attending St. James Cathedral. During the past eleven years she has offered her services to various ministries - Christmas Food Drive, Health Council, Canada Day BBQ. Prior to March 2020, she completed 8 years volunteering with the Drop- In. Presently she is a Steward for the 9:00am service.

Peter J. Dawes

Peter Dawes has been a parishioner at St. James for the last 13 years. He is a regular 9:00am Sidesperson, Reader and Communion Assistant. Peter is an international trade consultant with an extensive background in both non-profit organizations and public corporations, serving as either President and CEO, Director or as a volunteer. He has been Honorary Consul of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire in Toronto for the last 29 years (a voluntary and unpaid appointment). Peter is married to Dr. Sarah M. McKinnon, a former Warden. The wedding took place at St. James.

PAROCHIAL TRIBUNAL 2022:

Angela Carroll

Angela Carroll is a former cathedral church warden who worked with previous Deans Douglas Stoute and Andrew Asbil. She has been an active member of the community for about 16 years.

Robert Bradley (Bob) Simpson

Bob and his wife, Jayne Hobbs have been parishioners of St. James Cathedral since 2002.

Born in Ottawa and raised in the Ottawa Valley town of Arnprior, Bob joined the Ontario Clean Water Agency as the Manager of the Asset Management and Operational Systems Group after a varied career in business, government and non-profit – not surprising as his father was the Commissioner of the Ontario Water Resources Commission and mayor of Arnprior in the 50's. Bob successfully managed the Y2K Response, the Walkerton Emergency Response Centre in Walkerton Ontario, the OCWAware program - an automation and standardization province wide project, and managed the upgrade and replacement of SCADA software throughout the province. After retirement in 2013, Bob continued to promote the water and wastewater industry through his consulting and training activities in cities such as Mumbai, India.

As a parishioner of St. James Cathedral, Bob served three terms as a Lay Delegate to Synod and coordinated the Sidespersons' team for the 11:00am service for five years.

BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE TO BE APPOINTED 2021

RECTOR'S WARDEN:

Kate Uchendu (1st term)

Kate is a small business owner; she operates a COBS Bread Bakery in Scarborough. Prior to becoming a small business owner, Kate worked as a Nurse Practitioner. She continues to be a medical member of the Consent & Capacity Board where she adjudicates on issues of mental health and health care consent. Kate was born and raised in Nigeria and relocated to Toronto in 2003. Prior to moving to Canada, she worked in banking and finance in Nigeria. Kate started over in Toronto by commencing a bachelor's degree in Nursing at the Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto in 2004. She completed a master's degree from the same program in 2011. She has worked in a variety of settings including public health (Toronto Public Health), community care (long term care outreach), and acute care (Toronto General Hospital). She has also instructed nursing students in the Faculty of Nursing at University of Toronto. Kate has been an active member of St. James Cathedral since 2012, and she is a member of the Sidespersons ministry, Health Council, and Cathedral Council.

DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN:

Don Solomon (1st term)

Don Solomon has attended St. James Cathedral since the late 1990's, where he has served as a sidesperson and church warden. He is a consultant, who provides advice regarding construction claims and public infrastructure procurement. Don is married to Debra Solomon, with whom he enjoys walking to church. He is focused on the present stability and future sustainable growth of St. James Cathedral as well as the continuation of its vital mission as we emerge from the current pandemic.

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL

Peter Gardiner-Harding (3rd term)

Peter Gardiner-Harding is an actor, playwright, director, consultant, facilitator, and simulator . . . after having pursued a career as a Chartered Accountant for 16 years. Through his company, *playsthatwork inc.*, his work has led him into executive and employee development, leadership, change management, code of conduct, behavioural based learning and sales training. The combination of Peter's skills and training allow him to perform in ways that capture his audiences like few others, all the time speaking the language of business in a credible and relevant way. Peter studied at the University of Toronto (B.Comm 8T3) and later joined the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario after earning the designation of Chartered Accountant in '85. Peter has been a member of St. James since 2002 and served as a Reader and a Sidesperson at the 4:30pm service prior to the pandemic.

Sarah A. McDonald, ODT (3rd term)

Sarah McDonald is a retired High School Principal who in 2007 was chosen as one of 32 of Canada's Outstanding Principals. She has worked as the Multicultural Consultant for The Durham District School Board. Her work in her school, professional and civic organizations earned her the recognition of a stamp designed by her staff and students which was registered with Canada Post for Black History Month 2007. She has worked on George Brown College evening programs for ten years. She has presented workshops in and outside the country; for example, to the Multicultural Council of Prince Edward Island, The Ministry of Education in Trinidad, Durham CAS, Durham Social Services and to clergy. Since retirement she has interviewed teachers for Durham supply list and supervises practicing teachers. Her community work, especially in the area of housing, has earned her the recognition of a non-profit housing complex located at 1467 Whites Road, Pickering, named in her honour "Sarah McDonald's Place." She worked as a counsellor and Residential Director of Humewood House. She has served on several boards including her appointment

in Parliament to the Durham Regional Police Services Board for three consecutive terms where she served for a period of six and a half years.

Sarah has been attending St. James Cathedral since 2007 and has been involved with the Cathedral as chair of the Three Churches Refugee Committee. She has been a member of St. James Cathedral Council, the Social Justice housing sub-committee of the Diocese, the Parish selection Committee (on three occasions for the two Deans and the Vicar), the Outreach Committee, President of the Board of Mary Lambert Swale Non-Profit Homes and is currently a Steward who reads at the 9:00am services. Sarah has served on Diocesan Council, the Appointment Committee for the Bishops, and the Synod Agenda Committee as the Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod. She received the Order of the Diocese of Toronto on January 2017. Her motto is "Service to Others".

Daisy Pittis (3rd term)

Daisy is a cradle Anglican, born in Winnipeg but raised in Toronto from the age of one with her family of six. There is not a time in her life when she did not know she was meant to become a teacher, although early school experiences seem to have belied that fact. Daisy became Head of Physical Education Departments in the secondary system both in London England (7 years) and in Etobicoke until she retired. Daisy gained her Masters of Education in Guidance and Counselling from the University of Toronto. She put this knowledge to good use during her later teaching years. She feels that she learned so many life lessons from the students who shared so much with her--we learn so much when we learn to listen!

Daisy and her friend Grace moved to Bolton Ontario in the 70's and attended the vibrant parish of Christ Church. During their 30 years in Bolton, Daisy was very involved in the parish. She was a Lay Reader, a member of both Christian Education and Outreach programmes, she was Rector's Warden to two priests, one of whom was Douglas Stoute. She was on the Selection Committee three times and so enjoyed that process. Daisy was also a Synod member for more years than she can recall.

Daisy has been a Cathedral member since 2008 when she and Grace moved from Bolton to downtown Toronto. She attends the 11:00am service with her sister Iris. Daisy is a Lay Reader and has been part of the Tuesday Drop-In -- mainly as a vegetable peeler! All of the outreach programmes offered to folk both within and without the Cathedral have been so valuable in opening up her thought processes as she engages with others during those evenings. Blessings on those who undertake the running of those programmes.

Sybil Wilkinson (2nd term)

Sybil has been a member of St. James for approximately 30 years. Before retiring, she had a career in the Ontario Public Service for 35 years in various senior positions, such as Director of Employment Equity, HR – Staff Relations, Staff Training and, Labour Relations and Negotiations. At St. James, Sybil sings in the Parish Choir, volunteers with the Archives and Museum, is a trainee bell ringer, and is a member of the Nomination Committee and the 2018/2019 Parish Selection Committee. She has been an active volunteer for Harbourfront Centre, the Art Gallery of Ontario, Hospice Toronto, as well as Learning Unlimited, and is actively involved in local community organizations such as the CPLC (Community Police Liaison Committee) at Toronto Police 11 Division. In 2017, Sybil won the Toronto Legacy Award for volunteering.