

BIOGRAPHIES OF THOSE TO BE ELECTED 2023

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 and the St. Michael's Hospital Foundations. 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 and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario, before joining the congregation of St. James. Currently, he is Deputy Peoples Warden and a member of the Vision Implementation Team, having chaired the Stewardship Committee for two years.

DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN: JOAN PETERS (1ST TERM)

Joan Peters retired in 2016, after more than 20 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. They were later married at the Cathedral in 2007. Over the years, Joan has volunteered for various roles and supported a number of projects and several committees, including the St. James and Community Refugee Committee and the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee. She is an active Sidesperson and when time permits, she continues to volunteer at the Drop-In. For the past two years, Joan has been honoured to serve as People's Warden, after serving as a Deputy Warden for three years.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY PEOPLE'S WARDEN: SANDRA MOWAT (1ST TERM)

Sandra was born and raised in St. John's, Newfoundland, and has been an Anglican all her life, attending St. Thomas' Church. She earned a Bachelor of Nursing degree at Memorial University of Newfoundland. In the course of several moves in Ontario over the years she has been an involved parishioner at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston, St. Matthew's Church, Ottawa, and the Church of St. Peter & St. Simon and St. George's On The Hill, Toronto. She worked for several years in the retirement sector in Ottawa. At St. James, Sandra completed a term on Cathedral Council and was a member of the Outreach Committee. She is a member of the Parish Selection Committee, worked for some years at Drop In, is a Sidesperson, Reader and member of the Gardening Group. Her husband David is a choir member. Sandra is the proud mother of Peter who sang in the professional choir for many years, and of Alison who lives and works in London, UK. Leisure activities include golf, travel, art history, and outdoor pursuits.

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL – 5 MEMBERS

DENNY CREIGHTON (2ND 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 his dog and supporting various classical music and educational organizations.

YOSOLA SHOLAGBADE ADEOYE (3RD 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.

MATT JAEGER (1ST TERM)

Matt has never known a religious life outside the worldwide Anglican community. As a third-generation cradle Episcopalian born and raised in the US, having attended multiple Episcopal churches in the Southern US, Matt has been worshipping at the Cathedral Church for about 3 years, after moving to Toronto. In his school age years, Matt was an acolyte. For the past 20 years, he has been mainly involved in the liturgical lay ministry of the church as a reader, intercessor and communion minister. While quite busy with work, he still volunteers as able for church and non-church charities, such as Toys for Tots, the Alpha Kappa Psi Foundation and the Drop-In program. In his "beyond church" life, Matt works in human resources for a global automation company, and shares his life with his partner Mac and their pack of dogs. You can usually find him attending the 9am service.

SARAH McKINNON (1ST TERM)

Member of St. James since 2001

Attendee at 9am where I serve as a Steward (Sidesperson and Communion Assistant).

I am also a member of John Hill's BST organizing committee.

Former Deputy Warden (Rector's and People's) and Warden (People's)

Semi-retired from a career in academe -- former VP Academic at OCAD U, VP and Dean at School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and Interim President at NSCAD University, Halifax

SARAH RODRIGUES (1ST TERM)

Sarah Rodrigues was born and raised on the west coast of India in a Roman Catholic community. Sarah is married to Jikku Jacob Mohan also of Indian origin and a Christian. Sarah and Jikku have a 4 year old daughter Sophia. Sarah and family started attending the services at the Cathedral in the summer of 2022.

Sarah has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Masters in Public Administration. In 2005, after graduation, Sarah volunteered for 2 years in North India in an NGO run by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bareilly focusing on education of young adults and children from the slums.

In 2007, Sarah joined the financial services industry and for the next 14 years focused on regulatory operations and compliance projects for an American Investment Bank. During this time Sarah and family relocated to the United States and lived there until 2021. Sarah moved to Toronto in September 2021 and has taken an intentional pause from a 14-year fulfilling career to take a self-designed sabbatical to rejuvenate and discover opportunities to use her skills in new ways.

SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES (5 MEMBERS)

RUTH DAVIS (2ND 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 (2ND TERM)

Rob has attended the Cathedral since 1981 and has been the Coordinator of the Nine O'clock Stewards Ministry since its inception in 1985. Presently he continues to coordinate the Steward/Sidespersons and Steward Reader/Intercessors and serves as a Communion Minister. Rob has served as a member of: the Advisory Board (now referred to as the Cathedral Council), the Education Committee, the Light for the City Campaign (fundraising for the building and refurbishment of the Cathedral Centre), an assistant at events sponsored by the Archives Committee, the Ministry Council, and is an elected lay delegate to Synod. Rob would be honoured and find it a privilege to continue to serve as a Lay delegate to Synod in 2023.

IRENE BAILEY (2ND 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 steward 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.

DAVID HEDLEY (1ST TERM)

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 attendee 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 brings enormous benefit to humanity.

ELIZABETH HARTMAN (1ST TERM)

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 twelve years she has offered her services to various ministries - Christmas Food Drive, Health Council, Canada Day BBQ, Alternate Delegate to Synod. Prior to March 2020, she completed 8 years volunteering with the Drop- In. She continues to serve as a Steward for the 9:00am service.

ALTERNATE SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

PETER 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.

MARIE CROSTA

Marie Crosta has been a member of the Cathedral community since 2015. Raised Roman Catholic, she and her husband made the decision to baptize their son in the church back in 2016, and to focus on instilling strong moral values in him. Having volunteered with occasional events in the past, Marie became a regular volunteer with the children's ministry Godly Play last year. A firm believer in giving back and serving the community, she has found this role very rewarding by watching the children learn the stories and lessons of the bulge through interactive play.

Marie moved to Toronto in 2007 to study radio and television at Toronto Metropolitan University. After a short stint working in the industry she found her way back to the university and is currently the Director of Academic Planning and Student Affairs for the creative programs within the school. Helping support new academic initiatives and student experiences, she finds most of her days are spent navigating and helping others succeed.

PAROCHIAL TRIBUNAL

ANGELA CARROLL (2ND TERM)

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.

TED HAWKEN (1ST 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.

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RECTOR'S WARDEN: KATE UCHENDU (2ND 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.

DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN: DON SOLOMON (2ND 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.

ASSISTANT DEPUTY RECTOR'S WARDEN: CHRISTIAN KINGSMILL (1ST 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.

Having worked in the developmental services sector for twenty years, Christian is currently the Director of Services for Montage Support Services. Montage falls under the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services. As a service provider to support people with complex medical needs, developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

He also has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross as founder of SafetyNET, a non-profit 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.

CATHEDRAL COUNCIL (5 MEMBERS)

GRAHAM SCOTT (2ND TERM)

Graham and his wife Gail have been faithful members of the Cathedral for 15 years. Born in the Maritimes, Graham has extensive experience in public policy, governance and in the assessment of boards and management teams with a particular emphasis on health care. Professionally, Graham was Executive Assistant to the Rt. Hon. Robert Stanfield from 1970 - 1976 and subsequently held a number of posts in the Ontario Government including Assistant Deputy Attorney-General, Associate Secretary of Cabinet and Deputy Minister of Environment and Deputy Minister of Health.

He was a Partner at the law firm of McMillan LLP from 1984 until 2008 and served as Managing Partner from 2000-2006.

He is, the immediate past Chair of the Institute for Research on Public Policy. Mr. Scott is a Director of LDIC Inc, the Atlantic Salmon Federation, the UNTD Association of Canada and Rothesay Netherwood School. He is a past Chair of Canada Health Infoway, the Canadian Institute of Health Information, the Public Policy Forum and past Vice-Chair of Enterprise Canada and a former Director of the Association of the Faculties of Medicine of Canada.

In 2005, he was appointed to the Order of Canada, and is a recipient of Medals for the 125th Anniversary of Confederation and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

We are delighted that Graham has accepted the Dean's invitation to share his gifts and experience with our community.

SYBIL WILKINSON (3RD TERM)

Sybil has been a member of St. James' Cathedral for many years. Before retiring, she had a career in the Ontario Public Service. Sybil is currently giving a lot of thought on finding Truth and Meaningfulness in the life of a Christian! How we care for each other? Searching for answers. In the Church? Or beyond?

ANGELA DAVID (1ST TERM)

Angela has been a parishioner at St. James Cathedral for well over 30 years, mostly attending the 9:00am service where she serves as a steward and Communion Minister. She was previously a member of the Cathedral Council as well as the Deputy Peoples' Warden, and was also actively involved with the Nomination Committee

With a professional background in finance, she has been actively involved on operating committees at her daughter's pre-elementary, elementary and secondary Schools.

She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Tandia Financial Credit Union actively involved in "Merger/Amalgamation" Transition Committees.

COLLEEN CARDILLO (1ST TERM)

Colleen has been a member of St. James Cathedral for almost ten years. She currently serves as a member of the Finance Committee and volunteers for the team that does the weekly "Count". Previously, she served on the Outreach Committee, the Nominations Committee, and worked at the Drop In. Prior to moving to Toronto in 2013 and joining the cathedral, she lived in Washington D.C., where she worked for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and attended the historic St. John's Episcopal Church. Colleen was born into an Anglican family that attended St Paul's On-the-Hill Anglican Church in Pickering.

CAROL KYSELA (1ST TERM)

Carol has been a member of St. James Cathedral for 12 years and for 20 years before that at St. Thomas's Huron St. She spent much of her professional life as a project manager in development and maintenance of computer systems at a large financial institution in Toronto. For the last 20 years she has been a mentor for Education for Ministry groups at St. Thomas's, the Convent of the Sisters of St. John the Divine, and at SJC. Team and group work have been central to her interests as Chairs of the Affordable Art Affair fundraiser, the annual Hot Cross Bun fundraiser, and the education committee at SJC. Recently she has been a member of the Visioning Committee, the Parish Selection Committee, and the Becoming the Story We Tell program. She serves as reader, intercessor, and communion assistant at the 9 am Sunday Eucharist. She is a dual citizen of Canada and the US where she grew up, but identifies most strongly with Toronto urban living and membership in the big tent that is the St. James Cathedral Community.