

Director Nominee, Ministry Corporation



Craig Bailey

Coming to faith... I grew up attending church but did not understand I needed God's grace until, in second year university, a faithful Navigator on-campus leader shared the gospel with me. I committed my life to the Lord and became involved in campus ministry as a student leader. This began a journey for me of discipleship and growth through participating in many small group bible studies and by listening to faithful bible teaching. In Ottawa, I attended a bible believing church for 18 years before our family moved to the MET in 2010. I was baptized as a believer at the MET. I am currently part of a small group in the MET Young Adult ministry.

Christian service and leadership... My wife Tricia and I are privileged to serve as mentors in the MET Young Adult Ministry. I love the passion and openness of the YA's. I also served for several years in the Bridges kitchen ministry here at the MET as well as serving for a short time on a recent Refugee Settlement Team. For 4 years at the MET, I led a Community Group for men. At our previous church, I served approximately 6 years on the Elder board. Tricia and I also had the joy of leading the young adult ministry there for 4 years.

Family... Tricia and I met through the Navigator ministry while attending university. We celebrated our 32nd anniversary in 2024. God has blessed us with 3 wonderful children of which two are now married - Shannon (Perry), Owen (Autumn) and Karen. As well, we have the joy of having 4 grandchildren and a 5th on the way in January.

What excites me about The Met's mission... We are so blessed that God is continuing to draw people to Himself through the faithful preaching and ministry of the MET. Even though this can bring challenges of space and resources, I would like to see the people of the MET continue to serve others through connecting men, women and children into a growing discipleship faith with Christ.

Other relevant experience in preparation for this role... I have an Electrical Engineering background and I worked for 31 years in Ottawa hi-tech, leading teams as a hardware design manager for about 20 years. As mentioned, I also have experience serving several terms on a church Elder board at our previous church.

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Jonathan Brown

Coming to faith... I grew up in a Christian home where the Gospel was explained to me early on. I put my faith in Christ when I was 5 after realizing I was a sinner and feeling remorse for the wrongs I had done. My Mom explained that I could only find ultimate forgiveness for these sins in Christ. I understood that Jesus came to suffer in my place on the cross so that my sins could be forgiven and through faith in Him I could become a child of God. I have grown in my understanding of these truths over the years. My wife and I began attending the Met in 2012 when we moved to Ottawa and we have continued to be challenged in our obedience to Christ since then.

Christian service and leadership... Through high school and into university I was involved as a camp counsellor at a Christian camp. While in university I was involved in the leadership of the Power to Change group on campus as well as leading a weekly Bible study. Since coming to the Met 12 years ago I've been a part of leading small groups in Junior and Senior High youth ministry, Sunday school, Awana, Boys Brigade and in Met Men's Fellowship. I have had the privilege of serving on the Ministry Board for the past two and a half years.

Family... I met my wife, Tori, in university. We married in London, Ontario where we went to school. She is a nurse and I work in orthopedic bracing and prosthetics. We have four children, Caleb (age 11), Anna (age 10), Peter (age 8) and Claire (age 5).

What excites me about the Met's Mission... I love our church and am excited to be a part of a congregation where the Gospel is preached each week. I have grown as a Christian as the truth of Scripture has been explained. It is my prayer that our church would increasingly be a place where people are introduced to Christ and grow in obedience to his words in the Bible. It is exciting to be apart of a church that desires to take the Gospel to our city, country and world. I love how the global reach of the Gospel is reflected in our congregation. I was asked to put my name forward for a second term on the Ministry Board. I am open for service in this capacity and, with God's help, to be a part of shepherding and encouraging the members of our church.

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Stefan Smith

Coming to faith... I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home and came to faith at a young age through the testimony of my parents and grandparents. One of the biggest influences on my faith through the years was Beacon Bible Camp in Muskoka, where I made life long Christian friendships, was baptized, and met my wife, Naomi. We started attending the MET in 2015 when we moved to Ottawa and our family has been blessed by the Bible focused ministry here.

Christian service and leadership... Many of my leadership opportunities grew through camp ministry. In 2012, I became Executive Director of Beacon Bible Camp, serving with my wife for three years. These years shaped my understanding of the challenges in ministry, as I worked with the Board and volunteers to support families and youth in their faith. I continue to serve as a session teacher and Board member at the camp. At the MET, I've been involved in Men's Ministry over the years and currently serve as a table leader in the METMen's Ministry on Wednesday nights.

Family... Naomi and I have been married for 13 years, and we have four children: Théonie (10), Pomeline (8), Auden (6), and Sullivan (4).

What excites me about the Met's Mission... I'm amazed by how the MET draws people to Christ through faithful and bold Bible teaching, extending beyond Sunday mornings. From the internship program to Encounter the Truth, the MET equips believers to serve the Gospel. I'm also inspired by our renewed focus on unreached people groups, as the MET challenges us to be part of the Great Commission rather than remain comfortable and insular.

Other relevant experience in preparation for this role... I currently serve as Director of Continuity of Operations and Crisis Management at the Bank of Canada, leading a team to ensure the Bank can support the economy during disruptions. This role requires extensive teamwork and communication across all levels. My past experience has focused on risk management, helping Executives and the Board make risk-informed decisions