

EMMANUEL SENIORS LIVING SOCIETY

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BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Coby Benoit - 2021

Coby Benoit has spent most of her working career in the areas of fundraising, communications and administration. She has an M.A. in Leadership from Trinity Western University and a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation. Coby has volunteered with the Alberta Board Development Program where she conducted training workshops for non-profit boards.

Coby was employed at The King's University as Development Director for more than 20 years. For the last six years of her career, she was employed in seniors living facilities, including Emmanuel Home! She has also served on several non-profit boards over the years. Coby is now retired but is still involved as the bookkeeper for her daughter's psychology practice, and she also volunteers as an Elder and a Safe Church trainer in her church. She is a long-time member of Inglewood Christian Reformed Church and has two adult children, their spouses and six wonderful grandchildren.

Allan Brennan - 2017 - Treasurer

Allan trained to be a Quantity Surveyor (QS) with a firm in England. In 1977, after returning to Canada, he worked as a QS in Toronto, Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. In 1989, he took employment as a Cost Manager (construction economist) with the Alberta Government. This role involved the budgeting for the construction and renovation of schools, hospitals and post-secondary education facilities. He retired from the Alberta Government in 2012. Allan is a member of Beulah Alliance Church and currently serves, together with his wife, Marian, as co-leader of their weekly bible study, and as barista for the coffee outreach ministry. In his walk with God he is becoming more and more drawn to areas of service that will honour the Lord and make a difference in the lives of others. Allan's parents-in-law currently live in Emmanuel Home.

Anko Buwalda - 2016 - Secretary

Anko is semi-retired and has been the Administrative Director for Maranatha CRC for the past 11 years. Prior to that, Anko worked for Canada Safeway as a produce manager for 43 years. Anko and his wife Trincy are members of Maranatha where Anko has served as deacon, elder and clerk for many years. He also served as secretary for the Edmonton Society for Christian Education. Anko and his wife Trincy, have four children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys traveling, camping, reading and a good cup of coffee.

Peter Jonkman - 2020 - President

Peter was born in Holland and, at age fourteen, immigrated to Canada with his family. After completing high school, he attended the University of Alberta and graduated with a Bachelor of Education and later with a Graduate Diploma (counselling) in Educational Psychology.

Peter began his career as a teacher with the Christian schools in Edmonton, taught in Edson for three years, then returned to Edmonton as a counsellor, assistant principal, and principal for 36 years with Edmonton Public Schools. In 2006, upon his retirement from the school board, he entered the field of real estate as an agent for Century 21.

Peter has had extensive community involvement with Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Edmonton, serving locally as treasurer and president, provincially as treasurer and vice president, and serving as a national board member. He currently (since 2006) serves on the Political Action Committee for the Real Estate Association of Edmonton.

Peter is a former elder and chair of Council of Ottewell Christian Reformed Church and presently worships at Mosaic House East CRC. He has been married to Johanna Jonkman for 46 years. He is the proud father of four adult children, six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Bert Kamphius - 2016

Bert is retired from, and a founding partner of, Cushman & Wakefield Inc., a commercial real estate firm. Bert is a past president of the Rehoboth Board and of the Emmanuel Home Board, past member of Salvation Army Advisory Board and of the Edmonton Apartment Association. Bert has been a member of Toastmasters since 1981. He has also served as elder at West End CRC where he and his wife Julia are members. Bert enjoys travelling, golfing, skiing, gardening, and reading.

Tony Vandermeer - 2021- Vice-President

My name is Tony Vandermeer and it is a pleasure to be nominated to be on the Emmanuel Home Board. I have been on some other boards in the past such as the Christian Credit Union & Edmonton Christian School. I have been married for 35 years and we are blessed with 4 children. We are members of Trinity CRC. We have enjoyed a long history with the Emmanuel Home as my wife's grandparents were one of the first ones to move into the home many years ago. I have also had the privilege of serving 2 terms as a Member of the Alberta Legislature. During that time I was able to get funding for the Emmanuel Home, phase 2. I own a housing company, Integra Homes Ltd and also a rental company, Wilchare Properties Ltd. I am truly blessed to work for myself and be able to volunteer and have other hobbies and enjoyments.

Hilda Vanveen-Gritter - 2019

Hilda was born in London, Ontario and received her medical degree at the University of Western Ontario in 1978. After finishing a residency in Anatomic Pathology at the University of Manitoba (1986), she worked in Winnipeg as a pathologist for approximately six years. After moving to Edmonton in 1992, Hilda began a new position at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. By 1995, she moved to Dynacare Labs (now Dynalife), and over the last 10 years has been semi- retired to be able to travel and do other things in the community and around the house.

Hilda's administrative experience includes five years as the Director of Anatomic Pathology at Dynalife. She has served four years on the Parkland Immanuel School Board and chair of the Education Committee. For the past five years she has also been a member of the family council of Shalom Manor, a nursing home in Grimsby Ontario, where her parents lived their final 3-5 years. In January 2018, Hilda assumed the chair position. This experience has increased her awareness of the importance of a safe living environment for the elderly as they become frail and often develop some degree of dementia. Hilda attends St Albert Canadian Reformed Church.

Margaret Verboon (Pan Zhang) - 2020

Margaret is a business graduate from Calvin College. She was a past board member with World Renew and Calvin College (enrollment and investment sub-committees). Margaret was also treasurer of Creekside Villas Condominium Board. She has been teaching finance at NAIT for the past 13 years, and presently is on the Board of Governors at NAIT (Governance and Campus Development sub-Committees). She attends Neerlandia Christian Reformed Church.

Andrew Yskes - 2021

Andrew Yskes is a member of Cornerstone United Reformed Church of Edmonton. He is employed by the Government of Alberta as a web content strategist, writer and editor. Andrew is a member of the Edmonton Christian Male Choir and the Mighty Power Singers and has sung at Emmanuel Home many times. He is also a personal trainer and group fitness instructor and has his own company, Real Motion Fitness & Health. Andrew understands the importance of having a healthy body, mind, and spirit, with a focus on being fit for life. He maintains an active and healthy lifestyle so he can be of service to others. Andrew is married to Sharon and they have two grown children.