



BVCC Missions invites you to hear the hearts of BVCC Christ followers who serve on our Missions Board of Directors

Paul DaSilva
Graceland Ministries, Krakow Poland

I fell in love with the whole Graceland community on the first trip Sue and I took with Rick Scruggs in 2011. Jay Bowyer saw something in me during this trip and invited me to be a board member - something I had never done before. This ministry excites me because of the number of people (often whole families) that have been impacted through Graceland. I enjoy connecting with the Graceland students. As a board member, I offer a unique perspective during meetings. Sue and I try to support Jay and Collette in any way we can.



Pete Justine
Pine Lake Christian Camp



When Josanna and I started at BVCC and our kids began attending PLCC summer camps and Snow Camps, we were hooked. We loved hearing the stories they would tell after being at camp, and of the friendships they built there. I am continually impressed with BVCC's young adults who show such strong Christian character and values. I recognize that camp has been a part of their story and faith journey; many of them choose to spend their summers serving at camp. That speaks highly of the value of camp and truly shows fruit that will last. I'm honoured to invest my time to be a part of that.

I am simply one of many voices on the Board, praying for the camp and offering my thoughts and insights into the decisions and direction of the camp. It has been especially challenging thinking through how to safely proceed through this pandemic, but I am encouraged, knowing we have the prayer and support of churches like Bow Valley. I have confidence in those on the Board with me, as well as the camp staff. I'm looking forward to what is in store!

Penny and Harvey Gamble
Compassion Canada Advocates



We started sponsoring children after Rick and Deb Scruggs returned from El Salvador and got us all excited about Compassion Canada. In 2013, we went to Uganda and Kenya on an exposure trip. Upon returning, we volunteered to be involved with Compassion in whatever way we could. We do not serve on Compassion Canada's Board, instead we serve as Advocates. Much of what we do has been curtailed during the pandemic, such as staffing the table during Compassion events and speaking on occasion. Much of our work is seeking sponsors for children in the 25

countries Compassion serves. We are also involved in fund raising.

We support Compassion because it is a grass-roots organization connecting churches and Christians in Canada, with churches and those



living in poverty, in third world countries. The message of Jesus is always central to anything Compassion does. We enjoy contributing our people skills, developed over long careers in sales and management.

Joe Murphy
Alberta Bible College (ABC)

I joined ABC's Board in 2020. I am an alumnus of ABC's PACE program and chose to pursue graduate studies because of the incredible value Christian Higher Education provides. As a leader at BVCC, I see the need for more leaders. ABC helps people find their way into leadership. It is on the cutting edge of Christian higher education, locally and globally, and as a board member I get to help shape the College's future.



Because I am an ABC graduate, I provide perspective from a student's experience, and also my current student experience at seminary. My 40 years of business experience is helpful in shaping ABC's business and organizational structure and my years as a lay leader at Bow Valley contribute to the understanding of the type of graduate ABC needs to produce.

Blair Cameron
Alberta Bible College (ABC)



ABC had a need and I knew I had the skills they needed. So I said "yes" because I love ABC's mission and what they do each day. They prepare people to lead active Christian lives in whatever field God calls them to. And I love that. I also enjoy seeing how the teachings and people's faith manifest in others. Even within my administrative support role, I get to see the tangible results in people's lives each day. Being on ABC's Board also opens up great conversations about my faith when others learn that I volunteer with the college. And who doesn't like Stan Helton!

After high school, I attended ABC before attending university, so I know the impact it had on my life. Although I was a bit of a rebel then, I now use the skills learned at university and my work experience for ABC. I volunteer as Finance Chair and Treasurer to ensure that ABC has the necessary operating funds to continue the great work. I will continue to advocate for ABC to be an inclusionary place for all God's children.

Chris Fong
Alberta Bible College (ABC)



I joined the Board of Alberta Bible College because I followed God's calling and answered a call to serve. I am serving in a capacity that allows me to share my professional experience as a

consultant and leader - primarily in the recruitment and executive search industry. This is an exciting time to be serving at ABC, as the College is experiencing a period of growth, adaptation, and financial stability.

Donna Heitman
Lifeline Christian Mission



I joined the Lifeline Canadian Board as they look to expand the impact of Lifeline in Canada. Lifeline's tag line "Live your life on mission" provides opportunities for people to get involved locally and globally. Our family values participating in the Calgary meal pack events. When you connect with Lifeline, you connect with established, growing ministries around the world who are sharing God's love and truth in their communities! After participating in short-term mission trips and serving on Bow Valley's mission team, I know the value of being able to travel and gain first-hand awareness of the mission field; but I also realize it is not possible for everyone to engage in missions this way. The local meal pack events are a way for people to serve those in other countries in a tangible way, without leaving Calgary. I'm excited to see how Lifeline continues to grow in Canada and have an impact around the world.

More BVCC members who serve on missions boards:
Genci Jani (Lifeline)
Sadiku Yesufu (ABC)
Brent Williams (ABC)
Anne Kuykendall (Graceland)

WHY I GIVE...

⁷ Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Pray for our Partners

Please pray for:

Frontier Labourers for Christ – Pray for safe travel of Beverley Kalnin returning to Thailand from time spent with family in the USA. Pray that she would manage the quarantine and paperwork required for this return.

Alberta Bible College – Pray for students and staff coping with the continued challenges of Covid. Pray that online classes would meet the needs of students and that they would be able to return to in person instruction soon.

Graceland – Pray for the continuing recovery and rehabilitation of Colette. Pray for the students participating in all classes at Graceland.

Praise for the financial support of the Bow Valley church family for our Mission Partners. We have been able to commit to improved monthly support for all in 2022.



Supporting and equipping those who are called to help people find and follow Jesus, locally and internationally.

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