



- Appoint Chairperson and approve members for a Facilities Management Group (Resource and Risk Committee) and agree on Terms of Reference.
- Appoint Chairperson and approve members for a Pastoral Care Committee and agree on Terms of Reference. Both Parishes have a very good network of pastoral carers which will continue as we merge into one.

So you can see there is much to consider and do. These are good challenges, and with our new Vision, Mission and Values to guide us, we begin an epic journey into the future.

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### Onewa Christian Community

- Mission
  - **We aspire to be an active and innovative Christian community that provides leadership and builds partnerships in our fast-changing world.**
- Vision
 

**We will:**

  - **be innovative in our approach to life and worship**
  - **demonstrate our willingness to share life experiences and spiritual awareness, promoting the teaching and practice of Jesus**
  - **seek out opportunities to promote inclusiveness, interfaith awareness and collaboration, especially through partnerships with local community organisations**
  - **be visible in the community as we live our values**
- Values
  - **Community** – We focus on people, personal connection and treating everyone with respect in practical ways ('manaakitanga').
  - **Diversity and inclusion** - We want to reflect and support the community around us through diversity and inclusion.
  - **Open heart / open mind** - We make space for personal and spiritual growth. We promote real and meaningful connection with others.
  - **A living faith** - Active faith begins at the point where certainty ends. A living faith involves faith in oneself, faith in others, faith in the future and faith in God.



**Candidate**

**Barbara Wadams**

Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?

**I am looking forward to new ways of Christian activity into the community and to developing a new Christian Community. As well as continuing with our present activities / projects.**

Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?

**I have been a loyal member of St Andrews over the years. I have been involved with Sunday School, Girls Brigade, Home Work Station, Church Op. Shop and mainly music as well as Council. In the past I was a Primary School Teacher as well as a volunteer for many years. I helped in the NZCCS toy library and play group and have been heavily involved with the care of my disabled daughter as well as with local disability groups.**

**Nominated By**

Jenny Martin

**For these reasons** – Barbara has a vast knowledge of many aspects of Saint Andrews. She has served on many committees over many years. Pastoral, resource committees, very involved with mainly music and served as an elder. She is conscientious, honours her commitment to all she is involved in, loyal and hard-working.



**Candidate**

**Catherine (Cathy) Fraser**

Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?

**My passion is community and healthy human relationships. Without the church's involvement outside itself, there seems to me no point in existing as a church. I am interested in helping OCC become more outward focussed by developing stronger relationships with those around us who are also working to make their communities better places. I think we already have an advantage in having a forward looking, friendly, inclusive and cohesive congregation.**


Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?

**Member of Genesis Group, café church team, craft afternoon initiator, Iona Close Trust Board member, cleaning team, children's helper.**

**Nominated By**

Nan Inkson

**For these reasons** – Cathy is not currently an elder but she is very actively involved in many aspects of church life, particularly in community engagement. She shows initiative and is practical and committed, with a friendly open manner and a sense of justice and fairness. She has been a fully participating member of the Genesis Group, making thoughtful and valuable contributions to discussion. I think she would be an excellent member of the Onewa Christian Community Church Council and would help us fulfil our mission.

 <p>Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?</p>	<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Karen Davies</b>
<p>Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?</p>	<p><b>I was born in Auckland and lived on the North shore all my life. I am 63yrs old, and love to travel (when able) to see my family in Australia. I love the church, meeting new people. I hope to help with any duties, and I believe, if I have new ideas, I can help with decisions that need to be made .</b></p> <p><b>Been a member of the Pastoral Committee, helping with the elderly, inputting all the offerings into the data base, and preparing rosters for church duties at St Andrews.</b></p>	
<p><b>Nominated By</b></p>	<p>Margaret Larsen</p>	
<p><b>For these reasons</b> – Karen Davies is a good capable warm friendly person. I know that she will carry out Parish Council duties well. She is pure in heart.</p>		



Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?

**Candidate**

**Kimberly Knox**

**One of my passions is community integration and relationship building. I enjoy being part of a strong community that builds and grows together in a way that manifests the love of God. I like to see implementation of ideas in practical ways. A newly merged Church with two congregations joining together and bringing ideas is exciting to me.**

**Another of my passions is children and young people. I have two young children of my own that I want to see grow and develop in a loving environment with other young people. I believe that young people and their gifts and talents bring genuine opportunity and potential for both the Church and the community. This is an area in particular that I see a real opportunity for growth at OCC.**

Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?

**I have no prior experience in governance of a Church. I have governance experience with company directorships. I am a company director at my law firm, Gaze Burt Limited, and am also a director and alternate director for a number of trustee companies.**

**I am a practising lawyer with 15 years' experience and have experience acting for Churches and registered charities, including charitable trusts, and at times I give advice on constitutional matters.**

**I have a commerce degree majoring in accounting and some familiarity with financial accounts, although at a very basic level.**

**Nominated By**

Helene Muller

For these reasons – I am impressed with Kimberley's regular attendance at church services. As a young mother who brings her small children to church with her, she sets an example of dedication and loyalty. Her friendly demeanour is inspirational to all. We need younger members on our Church Council to see Onewa Christian Community thrive in the future. Kimberley also brings professional skills with her which will equip her very well for any decisions which have to be made.



**Candidate**

**Nan Inkson**

Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?

**I want Onewa Christian Community to be a successful church in our local neighbourhood, fulfilling our mission statement and using our faith and experience to work with others in the community to make a difference. I want to be part of that.**

Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?

**I have been Secretary of Saint Aidan's Church Council for a number of years and I enjoy being able to communicate effectively; I am also an elder and a member of the Executive Team. My background is in secondary education and I have experience in administration and organisation as well as some leadership experience.**

**Nominated By**

Robin Baxter

**For these reasons** – Nan is a superb communicator both orally and in the written form. As a minutes secretary she is hard to beat, so I hope she will accept this nomination.



Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?

**Candidate**

**Pauline Fish**

**To work together as 2 parishes brought together as one. To be a face in Northcote Birkenhead, to continue with projects like mainly music and begin new ones that will help others. To be an example of Christs love for people through our own lives.**

Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?


**Enjoy working with young people. Been a member with St Andrews since I was 13, an Elder for over 30yrs, Session Clerk, Girls Brigade Leader been involved with mainly music since its beginning(20yrs ago).**

**Nominated By**

Rosemary Bold

**For these reasons** – Pauline is a lovely, efficient, practical person who has been involve in church affairs for many years. She has run mainly music at St Andrews almost from its beginning 20 years ago. She has also been session clerk and a member of Church Council and Worship Committee for many years. Over the years we have depended greatly on her warm-hearted efficiency. in the community she also runs a garden club to which many church members belong and love.



 <p>Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?</p>	<p><b>Candidate</b></p>	<p><b>Rachel Hurr</b></p>
<p>Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?</p>	<p><b>I enjoy being part of a forward thinking Christian community which aims to be Christ-like in our inclusiveness and loving acceptance of all. I am keen to be involved in many of the initiatives of our community.</b></p> <p><b>The Christian church has always been important to me and I and my family have greatly benefited from the compassion, love and understanding of the people in the church. I've belonged to St.Aidan's for about 15 years and was inducted as an Elder a few years ago.</b></p> <p><b>I currently tutor maths, science and English and volunteer with the Salvation Army foodbank. I am in our music group and help out with the Differently-abled activities. I have been attending Church Council and keeping an eye on Health and Safety for our congregation. I'm on the MSB and am involved with the children's programme.</b></p> <p><b>The monthly Cafe Service is organised by a team which I am on and I enjoy our flexible approach and giving all a chance to share their thoughts over a very pleasant breakfast.</b></p>	
<p><b>Nominated By</b></p>	<p>Robin Baxter</p>	
<p><b>For these reasons</b> – Rachel represents the 50 + age group and she always displays enthusiasm and positiveness.</p>		

 <p>Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?</p>	<p><b>Candidate</b></p>	<p><b>Robin Baxter</b></p> <p><b>I would like to see us retain a welcoming, non-judgemental style of community. I welcome a description from Rinny of our being ‘Jesus Followers’. May we find our calling in the community and personnel to make it happen.</b></p>
<p>Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?</p>		<p><b>Executive Elder during Rinny Westra’s Ministry in Northcote. I have been an elder since 1987 and look forward to retiring as soon as we get re-established. I value hospitality and apart from banking skills cannot identify what other strengths I have.</b></p>
<p><b>Nominated By</b></p>	<p>Nan Inkson</p>	
<p><b>For these reasons</b> – Robin is a dedicated and experienced member of Saint Aidans Church Council; she has previously served as Executive Elder and she is currently a member of Executive Team and is our Presbytery Elder. She is involved in many aspects of church life and leadership, including hospitality, flowers, organising fund raising and other activities. As a pastoral elder she shows real care and friendship to many, and her strong faith is an example.</p>		



**Candidate**

**Rosemarie Dawson**

Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?

**I have always striven to be of service to the community and God and to make a difference.**

**The creation of the Onewa Christian Community gives us a great opportunity to be community centric and become a vibrant centre as we build relations with key people and deliver mission in the form of community support.**

Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?

**As an Association management professional, I work with Charities and not-for-profit associations in many different ways. My skills and experience include:**

- **Governance, Information Technology, Administration, Finance, Fund Raising, Events, People Management, Advocacy, Networking, Risk Management, Facilities Management**

**I am the Treasurer and Elder of St Aidans Presbyterian Church, the Chair of a Body Corporate for a commercial property, a Trustee of a number of Charitable Trusts. I hold a Diploma in Corporate Management and a Diploma in Business (IT)**

**Nominated By**

Patricia Reid

**For these reasons** – Rosemarie Dawson has been a member and regular attender of St Aidans Church for almost 20 years. For much of that time she has been an elder and the Church Treasurer.

She is a good organiser and always sees all sides of a question. While being an expert in the field of finance, she is also most personable and completely reliable in all matters. Her many skills, outgoing personality and vision for the future of the Church will be a great asset to the new church council. I have great pleasure in nominating Rosemarie to the Onewa Christian Community Church Council.



**Candidate**

**Rosemary Bold**

*Looking to the future: What is your love and Passion for Onewa Christian Community?*

**I am looking forward to finally bringing Onewa Christian Community to life in the Birkenhead / Northcote area. I hope to be part of the church Council which introduces new team ministry more suited to the changing current times.**

*Previous experiences and skills you bring to the governance of Onewa Christian Community?*

**I have been a member of St Andrews, Birkenhead for about 50 years. My parents grew up in the district, so I have had many connections here from the past. my children have been brought up in this church and my husband Gary, was also fully involved. I continue to be involved in a tramping club. I have been St Andrews Parish Clerk for the past 4 years, having been involved in session/Council, mainly music, Women's study group, Worship Committee for many years. In the past I was a secondary school teacher of English and French. I have been researching the ways in which the two parishes of St Andrews & St Aidans have served their separate communities in the past and how they might continue this together in a different future.**

***Nominated By***

*Barbara Wadams*

**For these reasons – I believe Rosemary has many of the skills required for a Council member. Rosemary has been a very efficient and active member of St Andrews for many years, as well as Session Clerk for the last four. She has been a great support of Women's Group, Presbytery, young people and children. We relied on her for her biblical knowledge and understanding.**