

# **Board Nominations**

## **2024**



Conference Executive Nominee

# Rebecca Lee



**Nominating for:** Conference Executive Member

**Church:** Sydney Crystal Church

## Motivation

This world's busy culture, rapidly changing technology and broken societal values makes it hard for our churches and its leaders. So, I want to use my skills and experience to help all churches in our network feel encouraged, supported and strengthened in Christ so we can keep running this race.

## Biography

My father founded the first Korean Churches of Christ in Sydney and one of the first Korean churches in Australia. I have been involved in various ministries including Sunday School, Youth, Choir and administration until the church merged with Sydney Crystal Church. My husband and I currently serve as shepherds in house church ministries and are actively involved in Sydney Crystal Church's All Nations ministry, established to reach all nationalities.

## Experience

I am a qualified lawyer and chartered accountant who has been working in compliance in the finance industry for almost 20 years, and I am currently the Chief Compliance Officer for a global investment management company. Since the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banks, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, there is greater regulator's scrutiny and new community expectations standards for our industry. In this context, I have significant managerial experience across jurisdictions and significant governance experience as company secretary to committees. I have also been a member of executive teams, held senior leadership roles and written, reviewed and implemented policies to comply with laws, regulations and policies (including providing training to all staff).

## Qualifications

Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws (Hons), Master of Laws. I am a qualified solicitor (member of the Law Society of New South Wales) and Chartered Accountant (member of the Australian Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand).



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# Steed Leonard



**Nominating for:** Conference Executive Member

**Church:** Restore Church

## Motivation

I am deeply committed to investing in pastors and dedicated members across our movement of over 67 churches, fostering growth in both our community and myself along the way. I believe God has placed a passion in my heart to cultivate growth, deepen community engagement, and strengthen relationships within our network.

## Biography

I am a dedicated and compassionate member of the Restore Church community based at Castle Hill. A husband (to Lyndall) and father of two young adults (Reuben & Jemima) plus our fur baby (Bronte). In the mid 90s, I declared my inner commitment in the waters of Baptism, after friendship evangelism brought me to know Jesus' way works. I have a zeal for 'life to the full' adventures, consulting and mentoring.

## Experience

In over 30 years of experience serving at Restore, I have served as a church elder and chairperson for multiple terms. I have overseen the transition to a new senior pastor (and the fallout that followed), performance-managed ministry staff, driven strategic planning and leaders' retreats (which we called 'advances'). I have led ministries to young adults, small groups, and our Missions Committee. I have also experienced overseas mission posting for two periods.

## Qualifications

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Business, certificates from Cambridge (UK) & Kedge Business School (Paris) and am on track to graduate my MBA and GAICD in early 2025. I've held Senior level leadership roles in various NSW government corporations and am a managing director of my own business.



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# John Piper



**Nominating for:** Conference Executive Member

**Church:** Illawarra Church of Christ

## Motivation

My desire is to see our churches gain vigour following COVID and the loss of social licence experienced by all Churches. I want to see our movement facilitate our churches to draw Christians together through the love of our Lord Jesus. In God's will, I offer to serve using my experience, energy and skills in this work.

## Biography

I have been involved with Churches of Christ since I was born (Burwood CofC) and come from a Church of Christ family. As a committed Christian, I was baptised at Wollongong Church of Christ and was involved there. I have now been at Illawarra Church of Christ for the past 50 years. I'm married to Sue and have three children and eight grandchildren - family is an important part of my life.

## Experience

I have been a Board Member and Treasurer at Wollongong Church of Christ. I am now with Illawarra Church of Christ (formerly Northern Beaches). I was the Chairperson and Secretary at its inception and am currently Secretary and Treasurer.

## Qualifications

I hold a BSc in Metallurgy and a PhD in Materials Engineering from the University of Wollongong.



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# Stephen Smith



**Nominating for:** Conference Executive Member

**Church:** Pathways Community Church

## Motivation

Since childhood I have been passionately supportive of the Restoration ideals as espoused by the Churches of Christ. Through my involvement with Conference Executive, I hope to serve and support our movement of churches as together we tirelessly pursue the mission of God!

## Biography

I attend the Pendle Hill (Pathways) Church of Christ where I am a teaching elder. I am married to Della and have two adult children and two grandchildren.

## Experience

I am the Dean/CEO of the Sydney College of Divinity (An Australian University College) and a Partner at The Colloquium Group, a management consulting firm specialising in leadership development, not-for-profit governance, learning systems, organisational development and government related quality assurance. My previous roles include local church pastoring and church planting, Director of Ministry Health for Churches of Christ in NSW, Director of CareWorks NSW, CEO / Principal of the Australian College of Ministries, and CEO of Bedford College. I have served on numerous not-for-profit boards and led significant organisational change management projects in three countries.

## Qualifications

I hold doctorates in health science and organisational development, a Master of Business Law and Master of Business Administration and am a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. I also have qualifications in both theology and counselling.





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