



CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTRE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS &

ADVISORY COUNCIL

2020



Pastor Bill Vasilakis - Chairman

Bill Vasilakis came to Christ in 1971 through the ministry of Leo Harris (the founder of the CRC) and soon after was catapulted into a 'Book of Acts' type evangelistic ministry in High Schools and University that impacted the lives of thousands of students. Since 1978, Bill has been the Senior Minister of the Christian Family Centre in Adelaide, South Australia, which has evolved into a large and influential multi-site group of local churches. Through this strong and fruitful apostolic base many daughter churches and outreaches have been established that minister to thousands of people.

Bill's passion is world evangelism proclaiming the Good News about Jesus, strategic church planting, purposeful ministry training and the constant equipping, empowering and releasing of Christian leaders and ministers to fulfil their God-given potential.

Over a number of decades Bill has had the privilege of serving in leadership roles within the denominational family to which he belongs: CRC Churches International. These include South Australia between 1988-1997 and as CRC Australian National Chairman since 2002. He also serves on various Leadership Boards in Australia and overseas. Bill is an avid snooker fan, student of history and life-long learner. He and Cathy were married in 1978 and have four adult children plus seven grandchildren.



Pastor Tim Lochens – Vice Chairman

Tim and his wife Niki love Jesus and love the local church. They have been investing into local churches since they were teenagers, serving Jesus. They have 3 children, Amarie, Josiah and Jude.

Tim has been in continuous ministry for 22 years. He started as a volunteer youth leader in the Churches of Christ in Sydney and then joined the staff of a large and growing ACC church as the Junior High Youth Pastor. Tim and Niki led a house church in St Kilda Melbourne as newlyweds before moving to Adelaide.

For 12 years Tim had the privilege of serving as a full time Pastor at CFC Seaton. He has had various roles including Youth & Young Adults Pastor, Associate Pastor and Deputy Lead Pastor. Tim and Niki are currently leading our new church plant, CFC South and he is Deputy Senior Minister of CFC Churches.

Tim served as the CRC National Youth Director for several years and recently was elected onto the CRC National Executive Team.

His strong leadership and preaching/teaching gifts are expressed with warmth, wisdom and kindness and a genuine desire to see people grow in every aspect of life.

Tim has a Bachelor of Theology (Tabor) with further graduate studies in ministry and world religions.



Milan Tompich

Milan and Aileen came to Christ through the CFC in 1980, ran a home group for 20 years and have served in various roles within the church. Milan's vocation has been Print Production Manager in Advertising agencies, including four years with Fortune, seven years with McCann-Erickson and ten years with Gostlow Tompich.

At McCann, Milan was responsible for the production of several million dollars worth of print each year. After seven years at McCann in 1990, Milan left to help establish Gostlow Tompich Advertising Agency. In 2000 Milan created a Production and Print Management company called totalppm. For the last 18 years totalppm has continued to provide a service in suppling the printing needs for many clients.

Milan has been able to combine his Business interests with working in administration areas at the Christian Family Centre. Firstly volunteering in the accounts office. Then part time employment for 3 years and currently full time as the CFC's General Manager.

Milan has chaired the CFC Remuneration / Salary Committee, Business Group, and Advertising and Promotions team. He was appointed to the Church Board in 1987 and still is active in this capacity.



David Hersey

David counts it a great privilege to be committed to Jesus Christ, first and foremost, and to have served Him in the capacity of Board member of Adelaide Christian Centre, the mother church of our CRC Movement that he joined as a teenager in 1961. He was also a member of Adelaide Christian Schools for 10 years and as a Board member of Christian Family Centre, (CFC) since 1986.

David personally nurtured Pastors David Smythe, Ray Bettcher and Bill Vasilakis when they came to faith in the 1960's and 1970's and is a deeply loved and much respected servant of Jesus.

His employment was exclusively with the State Public Service in various SA Health entities, in managerial corporate service positions.

He has now retired from employment and together with his wife Cathy, are pleased to be still very involved in at Seaton CFC (where they have hosted many small groups) and committed to the ongoing development and growth of CFC churches.

They have two adult children: Timothy and Bethany.



Peter Crouch

Peter's walk with Christ started 9th February 1986 when he and wife Karen and both gave their hearts to the Lord during a CFC service held at the Grange Primary School. They were impacted by the warmth of the welcome and the message of Christ's grace and Pentecostal power, which they had not been exposed to before.

Peter has since worshipped (with Karen) at the CFC and been involved in serving in a variety of roles such as welcome teams, money counting, finance subcommittees and home groups. He joined the Board in the early 90's and chairs the Remuneration/Salaries Team of CFC Churches employed staff.

The majority of Peter's working life was in Banking with the Commercial Bank of Australia (now Westpac), Real estate with Ronald Sutton & Assoc. who were purchasing agents for the SA Housing Trust, brief stints with Rural Finance (Dept of Primary Industries) and Homestart Finance before establishing a Mortgage Management co. with a business partner in 1997. He continued this business until retirement.

Peter and Karen have two daughters and are much loved by their five beautiful grandchildren.



Pastor Cass Tompich

Cass has been following Jesus for 19 years and part of our CFC Seaton church family since age 19. Married to Michael and mum to Callan & Angus, she considers it a privilege to be a wife and mum. Cass completed a Bachelor of Music (Jazz performance) in 1999 and has served on staff in various roles at CFC Seaton since 2002, including community outreach and creative ministries. Since 2009, she has been a member of our CFC Churches Board.

From 2012, she took on the role of Children & Families Pastor: developing teams and core leaders and lifting the level of excellence across age groups birth to 10. In 2016 she championed a core team of women across CFC Churches to host and run an annual programs leadership event for woman called DARE Conference. In 2017, Cass was nominated and endorsed to be a member of our S.A CRC State Exec Team.

Currently, she serves as part of CFC Seaton Senior Leadership Team as Ministries Development Pastor as well Congregational Pastor for CFC Seaton 10:30 service. She loves to help others 'fly' in their callings and steward their gifts well. Whether ministering God's Word, being entrusted to develop leaders, or encouraging precious people, her greatest joy and privilege is pointing others to Jesus.



Dr David Wabnitz

David joined CFC Seaton with his family as a young boy in the 1980's. He has served in various roles such as Youth Leader, Creative Ministries Director and member of the Board. He currently leads worship at Seaton's 8:30 Congregation Service and is highly respected both in the Church and the Adelaide community as a top medical specialist.

David initially graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1998 and completed his surgical training in Adelaide and Darwin. During this time, he carried out research under the supervision of Professor PJ Wormald, which resulted in the awarding of the Maurice H Cottle Award for Best Clinical Research by the American Rhinological Society in 2003, as well as the degree of Master of Surgery from the University of Adelaide in 2005.

David is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, a member of the Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, a full member of the Australian New Zealand Society of Paediatric Otorhinolaryngology, and a member of the Interamerican Association of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology. He is also a Consulting Specialist for the Australian Craniofacial Unit.

David is married to Louise and they have four children who are all involved in serving Jesus through His Church.



Stacey Donaldson

Stacey has been attending the Seaton Christian Family Centre from birth and since her teenage years has served in various ministry teams including kids ministry, youth ministry, young adults ministry, music team, welcome team, life group leading and administration support.

She graduated from the University of Adelaide with Commerce (International Business and Management) and Economics degrees and was employed by the Department of Treasury and Finance as an account analyst for five years. She then transitioned into her current role as a funding policy analyst for the Department for Education which she has held for a further five years.

She is married to Lachlan (a mechanical engineer and trainee pastor), has two children and at the time of writing is pregnant with a third.

Both Stacey and Lachlan are two influential pillars of the Church and much loved by all for their servants heart.



Dr/Pastor Sam Osborne

Sam grew up at CFC Seaton, where he was actively involved in children’s ministry, youth, music ministry and a passionate part of the CFC Basketball teams. He was Children’s Ministry Pastor at Seaton during the late 1990’s. Today he co-leads LeFevre CFC along with the team there.

Sam has worked in Aboriginal Education since 1995 including Principal at Ernabella Anangu School in the remote north west of South Australia. He has worked in school leadership programs and a range of roles including corporation interpreting, consulting, research and evaluation. From 2011-2015 he was a Senior Research Fellow (UniSA) within the Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP) on the Remote Education Systems (RES) project.

Completing a PhD in 2017, he is currently the Associate Director, Regional Engagement (APY Lands) coordinating UniSA's APY Hub and Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Language and Culture programs. Sam's current research focus includes Culturally Responsive Pedagogies, Aboriginal languages and remote Aboriginal education.

Sam is married to Rebekah and they have five children.



Dan Potter

Dan was brought up in a steady Christian home and made a personal commitment to follow Jesus when he encountered God's grace made real through an experience of the Holy Spirit during Easter camp at age 16. As part of an evangelical youth group he served in leadership teams along with his wife Jess before moving to the Hills Christians Family Centre and have worshiped there since 2006 and now with their four children.

Dan currently serves on the leadership team at Hills CFC and recently as a Director of ChildSafe Australia during a 6-year term working to protect vulnerable people and children from harm.

With a background in software Dan feels incredibly blessed to have had the opportunity to develop his career as a founding employee of the fast growing, technology start-up company; e3Learning. Dan worked as the Services Director through the company's ownership transition, first to Open Universities Australia and then to the City and Guilds Group in the UK. He now heads up these products globally and is a member of the senior leadership team in APAC. With development teams in Adelaide and overseas, they are developing a compliance and health e-learning platform with over 4.5 million corporate learners worldwide.



Pastor Nathan Bettcher (Executive Secretary)

Nathan joined CFC with his family in 1979 when he was just two years old. From his early teens, Nathan has been involved in Children's Ministry, Youth, Young Adults and Creative Ministries – where he served for several years as the Music Director.

Between 2008 and 2012, Nathan was the National Administrator for CRC Churches International. In 2013 he became an ordained CRC Minister and in 2020, returned to the role of National Administrator and assisting Pastor Bill Vasilakis in his various roles.

In 1999, Nathan began his music studies through the University of Adelaide where he completed a Bachelor of Arts (with Honours), a Graduate Diploma of Education, a Masters degree in Music, and has just submitted his PhD thesis on Pentecostal Worship Music this year. In 2013 and 2017, he was privileged to present papers at the Congregational Music Conference in Oxford, UK.

Nathan is presently the 8:30 Congregation Pastor at Seaton, where loves to preach and lead his congregational team. He is also a member of the 1079 Life FM Board.

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Pastor Ian Miller

Originally from Queensland, Ian moved to Adelaide in the early 1980's to study at Tabor College and served under Bill Vasilakis on the leadership team of the Christian Family Centre for two decades. In 1992, Ian pioneered the full-time SA CRC College of Ministry, working in tandem with Tabor College.

Together with his family, Ian shifted to Sydney in December, 2000, where he took on the leadership of Community Church Hornsby. Ian has a daring and fun approach to Spirit-filled ministry and is passionate about churches and leaders becoming healthy and reaching their full God-given potential.

Ian served the CRC as NSW Vice-Chairman and a member of the National Executive for many years.

In 2018, Ian and his wife Christine felt called to Tennessee in the USA, where they assist in training church planters and missionaries for evangelistic activities with signs and wonders following.

Ian and Christine have three adult children who also serve in ministry.



Pastor Bruce Sharman

Bruce served as CRC Churches State Chairman of Victoria between 2005-2017 and has been Australian Vice-Chairman since 2008. Bruce and Margaret, founded the CRC Red Cliffs church (Diggerland) in 1988 which has grown into a fruitful Apostolic sending church, pioneering churches in Mildura, Culcairn, Robinvale and Merbein & Wentworth as well as being involved in the governance of others.

Their church has partnered generously with CRC Missions National projects, and has sent many teams to the Philippines and other fields. Since 2011 they pioneered churches in Canada and the United Kingdom. Canada is requiring more and more time as the nation slowly develops churches into a locally organised CRC nation.

Bruce's overall passion is for vibrant, developing churches which produce ministries for new churches and community development. He and his wife Margaret have six children and eleven grandchildren.



Pastor Trevor Murphy

Trevor Murphy received Jesus at a high school camp in 1975 and connected with the CRC Church in Narrandera NSW. He served the church in various leadership roles until his appointment as Senior Pastor in 1998.

Narrandera CRC is an apostolic centre that has been active in church planting in the entire Riverina region and beyond over the decades. Trevor has overseen the planting of new churches and outreaches in Orange, Canberra, Coolamon and Hay.

He has served the Movement in various capacities over the decades and has been a much loved and respected NSW/ACT/QLD State Chairman for many years.

Trevor also serves on the CRC's National Executive and is the epitome of wisdom.

He is actively involved in CRC missions. Trevor is married to Sandra and they have four children and seven grandchildren.



Pastor Danny Parker

Dan is married to Rose and has three adult children who are serving in the church. He was saved Kingston City Church and served in various ministries until receiving the call to pastoral leadership.

He studied and graduated with a Bachelor of Ministry from Tabor College Melbourne and soon after was appointed as senior pastor of the church.

Dan has been involved in mission field support for twenty-five years as well as being a member of the CRC Victorian Executive for 15 years prior to taking on the Chairman's role in 2017. Dan also serves on the CRC's National Executive Team.

He has a passion for CRC churches to be healthy, growing and multiplying through the raising up of the next generation of leaders. Dan is a much loved Pastor and oversees the church at Wyndham Vale in Melbourne's Western districts as well as some new church plants in Greater Melbourne.



Dr/Pastor Robert Gallagher

Dr. Robert Gallagher's fields of specialization include research into biblical theology of mission, the expansion of Christianity from postapostolic times to 1800, and leadership development of ministry workers. His research interests are biblical cross-cultural narratives, hermeneutics of mission theology, Lukan biblical theology of mission, and pneumatology and ministry.

He is Professor Emeritus of Intercultural Studies, Wheaton College Graduate School, Chicago USA. Rob has served as the president of the Midwest Mission Study Fellowship (2019-2020), and the American Society of Missiology (2010-2011).

Rob has had a number of career trajectories such as material engineer, high-school teacher, minister of religion, and professor of intercultural studies.

He is an ordained minister of the Australian CRC Churches International, and the Christian and Missionary Alliance in the United States. Rob was a CRC local church pastor for many years in Wollongong NSW. He came into ministry in the 1970's like Bill Vasilakis and remains a close and dear friend of the CFC.

His interests include watching period dramas, romantic comedies, and English mysteries, together with activities such as hiking and biking with his wife, and spending time with his five children and ten grandchildren.

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