

NOMINATIONS

Victor Tee – Conference President



Victor is the senior pastor at Kingsford Church of Christ. He has previously worked as a finance and banking professional for more than a decade for Canon Finance Australia, CommBank and HSBC. He has also held numerous ministry roles including senior pastor (volunteer) at Harvest Indonesian Church for 15 years and lecturer at the Indonesian Mission Institute.

Victor holds an M.A. in Christian Leadership from ACOM, a B.Sc from Sydney University, and has completed a Cert IV in Christian Leadership Coaching. He is the current Conference President and has been a member of Conference Executive since 2009. He sits on the Churches of Christ Community Care board and was a Mission & Ministry board member.

"My desire is to serve the current generation and prepare the next generation in this movement."

Paul Campey – Conference Executive



Paul is a member of Coast Community Church (NSW Central Coast) and is a Partner at Resolve Consulting Group, a specialist firm providing advice in Governance, Strategic Leadership and Financial Management of Schools, Churches and Not-For-Profit organisations. He is currently undertaking a PhD on Spiritual Discernment in Governance.

He has offered his skills in governance, financial management, strategic planning, and not-for-profit management to numerous boards, including ACSI Education Foundation, Vision Christian Media, Christian Super, Coast Christian School, Youth for Christ Australia, and New Hope International. He currently serves on the boards of Coast Community Church, Christian Heritage College, and ACSI Global Council.

"I appreciate the breadth of ministry by and within Fresh Hope from church congregations through to a range of educational, outreach and care initiatives. I appreciate that Fresh Hope does not centrally control decision-making or create a hierarchy like many other denominations."

Emily Drough – Conference Executive



Emily is a part of the leadership team at Mayfield Church of Christ and is the Head of People and Culture at Compassion Australia.

She brings experience and skills gained in teaching, ministry, and human resources, focusing on organisational health and capability development.

Over the past 12 months, she has served as a member of Conference Executive. Before this, she was a part of the Mission & Ministry board and the M&M Grants Assessment Committee.

She is married to Tim and has three children (Elijah 7, and twins Audrey and Charlotte, 4).

"I have a heart for seeing lives transformed through a relationship with Jesus and a passion for seeing individuals and organisations realise their potential. I view it as an honour to utilise my experience to serve God and our movement in the kingdom work of transforming communities and lives with Fresh Hope."

Colette Harrison – Conference Executive



In January 2020, Colette and her husband, Greg, joined the Bowral Church of Christ community, where Colette serves as pastor.

Before that, she served in several leadership roles at York St Church of Christ in Ballarat, Victoria, completing her time there as associate pastor. She was ordained in 2018.

Colette's background is in teaching, primarily working alongside refugee families in inner-city Melbourne. She has also spent much of her adult life serving in voluntary roles in the community and churches.

"I see this role as an opportunity to listen, learn, connect, and contribute to the wider movement, as together we seek God's wisdom and guidance in continuing to live out the ongoing mission of God's church. I'm excited to see where God will lead us as we faithfully follow Jesus in our uncertain and changing context."

Mike McGarrity – Conference Executive

Mike has been a passionate follower of Jesus since coming to faith in Christ in 1989. He has been married for 30 years with two daughters who are passionate about their faith. He has been in church leadership for over 25 years.

Mike has a collaborative approach to leadership, which included working as a team pastor in a large church, being part of church-planting teams, and leading a team to plant a church in Engadine in 2000. In 2015, he was part of the leadership of a successful merger with Engadine Church of Christ, rebirthing the church as Connect Church, and continues to lead the church today. Mike has a Masters in Missional Leadership (SCD), B.A Hons in Creative Arts (Reading University), B.Min (Tabor) and a qualified facilitator for Dynamic Church Planting International and Evangelism Shift. He joined the Conference Executive board last year.

"I believe I can continue to contribute positively. I'd love to see Fresh Hope churches reaching out and connecting people to Jesus, fostering a culture that leads to disciples who make disciples."

Ian Phillips – Conference Executive

Ian is attached to Tweed Heads Church of Christ, and ministers in Lismore, Northern NSW. In 1988, he and his wife, Marie, began to pastor Lismore Church of Christ and served there for nine years. Born in Bangalow, Northern NSW, Ian is proud to live on Bundjalung country and honours his Indigenous friends and their families.

He is a chaplain with a volunteer organisation that serves Lismore's community at 'The Winsome' (soup kitchen), providing a great lunch 365 days of the year, along with affordable accommodation. He currently serves as chair of a community refugee resettlement association. Ian has also served for several years as company secretary for a church and school and has developed a technology business.

"I am inspired by the followers of Jesus in the first century and the amazing movements that have flourished over millennia as disciples have lived out the good news in their own generation. I love our attachment to not only the first-century source but to the living source of Jesus himself."

Stephen Toomey – Conference Executive

Stephen is a founding partner of Toomey Pegg Lawyers. He commenced practice in 1974 and has over 45 years of legal experience specialising in all aspects of commercial law. He has expertise in the drafting, administration, negotiation and implementation of contracts, structuring commercial transactions, and establishing and conducting commercial enterprises and not-for-profits.

He has extensively advised and regularly advises large Christian organisations and other not-for-profits regarding governance, constitutional, and operational matters. Stephen has been a long-term member of Conference Executive and a legal advisor to Churches of Christ NSW, both professionally and pro bono, for over 40 years. He is also a member of the Commercial Law Association.

"I seek to be a faithful presence for the kingdom of God in what I do. I wish to ensure the gospel is proclaimed and the church exists for, and serves, the world for which Christ died. I desire to assist our network of churches to be communities which make, bless and enrich followers of Jesus."

Patricia Chan – Property Trust

Patricia is a member of Chatswood Church of Christ. She holds a degree in Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounts and Information System from the University of NSW and a Master of Business Administration in International Marketing and Corporate Strategy from Macquarie University.

Her career has included senior roles in finance, sales, and marketing across IT, print, events and exhibitions, and association management. She has worked with major professional not-for-profit associations where she provided executive and financial support, membership and sponsorship sales, and assisted various not-for-profit boards in areas of legal compliance, AGM management, and board governance issues.

"I believe in good stewardship and accountability when managing finances of any organisation, particularly in a church environment where integrity and transparency to the congregation are key. I hope to bring my extensive experience in strategic financial management to the Property Trust board."