

Wesley Urban Ministries – Board Member Profile 2017/2018
Effective March 28, 2018

Board Member Name	Board Member Profile
Elizabeth Abraham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Lawyer – DeLong Law Professional Corporation • Has experience working with clients from low-income backgrounds and as a youth mentor • Interested in social justice and supporting the Hamilton Arts Community • Plays the saxophone and piano
Joan Cranmer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired • Degree in Sociology • Extensive background in not-for-profit housing • Has sat on multiple boards • Worked extensively with disadvantaged youth and adults
Willem de Ruitjer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario • Formerly worked for Wesley Urban Ministries as a day camp counselor • Past board member, Hamilton Waterfront Trust • Fluent in Dutch (first language) and have limited German language ability • Plays slo-pitch baseball, enjoys gardening, reading, walking around Gage Park.
John Durfey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired lawyer • United Church member • Past Chair of Personnel Committee • Is good with policy and board governance
Peter Hartmans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Secretary - Hamilton Conference, United Church of Canada
Isabel Hayward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operations, Criticall Ontario • Interested in key projects to assist those in need • Creative, caring and innovative leader • Fluent in Portuguese
Linda Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor, curriculum development focus, Educational Support Program, Mohawk College • Special Education specialist, strong advocate for facilitating independence and integration for those with special needs, both in school and community • Past Chair, Copetown United Church Unified Board, currently on Ministry and Personnel committee • Member of “100 Women Who Care” supporting a variety of initiatives in the Hamilton area

Karen Langstaff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Planning Officer – St Joseph’s Healthcare • Bachelor of Nursing and Master of Health Administration • Has managed large and complex budgets • Positive and extensive network of relationships • Volunteered as a “new friend” to new immigrants to help with socializing and practicing English • Interested in learning new cultures and travelling
Bartek Lasota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Controller & Business Manager - Hamilton Health Sciences • Honors Bachelor of Commerce • Effective financial leader • Broad experience base across a number of varying large organizations and industries • Basketball coach for grades 7 & 8 boys
Christina Paradella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair - Hamilton Presbytery, United Church of Canada
Kaush Parameswaran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate, Fazakas Law • Member of the Hamilton Law Association and the Law Society of Upper Canada • Extensive experience working in collaborative environments as well as with strategic planning • Aspiring cook, occasionally frustrated golfer, and enthusiastic traveler.
Leah Schwenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Principal of Dr J Edgar Davey School • Has sat on multiple boards • Interested in social justice • Worked in the Beasley community for many years
Robin Wilkie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired United Church minister • Long standing Minister Marshall Memorial United Church, Ancaster • Past chair of Hamilton Presbytery, United Church of Canada
Howard Williamson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President - Williamson Consulting Inc. • Honors, Bachelor of Arts – Political Science • Seasoned public relations and communications professional • Member of Hamilton Chamber of Commerce • Member of International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) • Has sat on multiple boards • Has been published