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Sarah Roelofs - is the Director of Chaplaincy and Care Ministry and the ecclesiastical endorser for the CRCNA. She graduated from Dordt University in Sioux Center, IA, and completed her Master of Divinity at [Calvin Theological Seminary](http://CalvinTheologicalSeminary.com) in Grand Rapids, MI. Rev. Roelofs has worked at an acute care hospital and has served as a US Air Force Reserve chaplain. She is board certified by the Association of Professional Chaplains. In her spare time, she enjoys long walks with her family, cooking, and exploring ethnic grocery stores and restaurants.

Richard Bodini – is the youngest of the three pastors who serve at Heritage Fellowship CRC, Brampton Ontario, a CRC that worships within Holland Christian Homes. That Christian senior's community that just celebrated 50 years with independent living apartments (641 units across 6 towers) and two nursing homes (240 beds) that cover a 5 acre space in the heart of Brampton. Richard and his wife, Cindy have 4, mostly adult children (aged 16 to 24), who all returned to live at home this past summer. Richard enjoys golfing, camping, gardening, anything in creation, and cooking. Richard has served 2 churches since ordination in 2004, Saskatoon and Holland Marsh. Prior to ministry, he was a teacher west of Edmonton for 7 years. He also served 2 years as a deacon at Hope CRC, Stony Plain. Richard celebrates his first anniversary of working at Holland Christian Homes at the end of October.

Marie Butler - is a Creative Arts Psychotherapist who operates her own private practice, The She Shed Studio, in Edmonton, Alberta. Her business motto, 'where soil meets with soul' speaks to Marie's passion in life and work. Nature's ever present offerings connect her to both the physical and mystical aspects of Creation, where she finds her most authentic expression. Her passion to co-create with the land, especially the willow tree, takes her outside of the studio. For years she visited schools as the character of 'Grandma Willow' offering story-telling and creative projects with the willow tree. She also performed at The International Children's Festival in St. Albert. Recently she began working for the Northern Counselling and Therapy Services. She is a grateful alumni of St. Stephen's where she completed her MPS-Art Therapy specialization and is now an Associate Faculty Member. She began her professional career as an Art Therapist at the Cross Cancer Institute where she supported children and their families who were faced with a cancer diagnosis as well as facilitating the Arts in Medicine Program.

Dena Nicolai - holds the position of Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer with the Christian Reformed Churches of British Columbia. In this position, she seeks to offer a ministry of presence to refugees newly-arrived in BC and provide a bridge between churches in British Columbia and newcomers. She also works part-time as a Program Associate with World Renew's Refugee Program, supporting churches involved in the Private Sponsorship of refugees.

Jacque Zuidhof - was born and raised in Edmonton. After 28 years in Alberta, needed change and so adventured to Telkwa, BC. Besides Telkwa, her husband John (a music teacher) and their kids also lived in Duncan, BC and now for the last 18 years have enjoyed Agassiz, BC as home. They offer hospitality to large groups as they take on their property at South Garden Vacation Rental. After raising 6 children with John and our God's good grace, was gifted with time to go back to school. Wilma van der Leek led a cohort through LDN (the CRC's Leadership Development Network) and encouraged her to 'keep going'.

SoulStream in Abbotsford, offers guidance in the Art of Spiritual Direction, so with that instruction and embarking on a Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation with Carey Theological College her journey continued. Life Coach training through 5 Capitals Network has been her latest endeavour. It is her privilege to offer a listening ear during Spiritual Direction sessions with clients, as we search our God in every moment and place.

Rick Mast - is interested in developing communities of faith, rooted in prayer, guided by God and the community's weakest members; through whom God's presence is revealed. Each member discovers and deepens in their spiritual life and lives it according to their particular faith and tradition. Communities can be like the holy temple in the vision of Ezekiel (ch. 47), from which living waters flow that heal and give life. From within community we discover the mystery we are living and are helped to be faithful to our vocation – invited continually to “launch out into the deep” (Luke 5:4). As University Chaplain, his aim and focus is to create a brave space - for students, faculty and staff. Those who have no religious affiliation are also welcomed and respected in their freedom of conscience.

Mel Slomp – has worked for Alberta Health Services in a number of capacities for many years. Currently he is the executive director of The Bone and Joint Health Strategic Clinical Network (BJHSCN), which is transforming bone and joint health care for Albertans. It is AHS's primary vehicle for promoting disease prevention and improving the way care is planned and delivered. Patients, business people, researchers and educators work alongside medical professionals, including physicians, therapists and nurses, on project teams, committees and working groups. He has also served as director of the Knowledge & Strategy department, of which the portfolio included Addiction & Mental Health Research, Evaluation, Knowledge Exchange, Planning and Analytics. He also spent time as provincial director of the Alberta Mental Health Board where his team consisted of analytic and evaluation staff that focused on performance measurement, knowledge exchange and evidence informed decision making support.

Anita Veldhuisen Slomp – holds the National Designation of Qualified Mediator. She graduated from the Alberta Arbitration and Mediation Society Conflict Management Certificate Program, and has 300+ hours of conflict resolution and restorative justice training. She coaches and instructs in a variety of settings including the University of Alberta; School of Business, ADR Institute of Alberta and The King's University, primarily focused on the topics of restorative practices and conflict resolution. Anita is also a Restorative Justice facilitator and has years of workplace mediation experience as a mediator with the Department of National Defense and on contract with municipal governments. She also mediates in community mediation programs, the Civil Claims department of Alberta Justice and on a volunteer committee within Classis Alberta North CRC churches. She is passionate about empowerment through increased information and skills for individuals involved in conflict.

Luke Wilson - serves as the CEO of A Rocha Canada; a Christian eco-charity working to showing God's love for people and places. He has been with A Rocha since 2009. He enjoys serving on the Board of the Canadian Centre for Christian Charities. Luke studied at schools from coast-to-coast (St. Stephen's University, NB and Trinity Western University, BC) and gained diverse experiences with World Vision and The Sierra Club. As part of his creation care practice, he loves hiking, beekeeping and riding his e-scooter to the office. Luke and Lindsey have three lovely children; Olivia, Ezekiel and Abigail. They call East Hamilton, Ontario home.

