

At the BCCUCC Congregational Meeting held 1/28/24
the following people were elected to the positions and terms as indicated:

Officers

(Church officers are elected on an annual basis. This year's term will run from Jan '24 - Jun '25.)

Governing Board Chair	Laura Ward
Treasurer	Leo Drury
Clerk	Greg Voigt

Governing Board

(Governing Board members are elected for two-year terms. This year's term will run from Jan '24 - Jun '26. Members are limited to 3 consecutive terms. Bios for each board member are below.)

Laura Ward (chair)
Charles Antone
Chris Brady
Kim Fernandez
Vanessa Kiley

Ministry Coordinators

(Ministry Coordinators are elected on an annual basis. This year's term will run from Jan '24 - Jun '25.)

Worship Coordinator	Dale Azevedo
Welcome Coordinator	Barbara Lee
Congregational Care Coordinator	Racquel Ray
Justice and Peace Coordinator	Nancy Arena
Service Coordinator	Sarah Mycroft
Faith Formation Coordinator	Andrea Bullard
Property Coordinator	Paul Dennis
Finance Coordinator	Tom Colby
Administrative Coordinator	Dale Azevedo

GOVERNING BOARD BIOS

Laura Ward (chair)

Laura joined BCCUCC in 1996. During her time at BCC, she taught Sunday School, helped with spaghetti suppers, potlucks, luncheons, and mission trip fundraisers, participated in mission trips to Chiapas, Mexico and Borderlinks in Tucson, AZ. She also spent 3 years as a Deacon, served on a search committee for an Associate Pastor, and was co-chair of the Mission and Justice Team for two years. She has sung in the choir off and on for 25 years.

Now retired, Laura was a Family Nurse Practitioner for over 30 years, working in community health clinics, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care's Swansea Center, a high school-based health center, and finally ending her career at the Brown University Health Center. Her interests are reading and writing, cooking, hiking and traveling with her husband, and volunteering as an ESL teacher aide. She hopes to bring her experience and wisdom to planning for BCC's future.

Charles Antone

Charles is co-founder of Building Enclosure Science (BES) in Providence. BES has been named one of Providence Business News' fastest growing and innovative companies three times and secured the Best Places to Work award in 2023. His other entrepreneurial ventures include a real estate holding company, a business advisory firm, and start-up company in the media technology space. Charles brings both expertise and experience in guiding small businesses through visioning, restructuring, and transformational processes. He also serves on various Corporate and Advisory Boards.

Charles is a devoted husband to Janice and father to Emelienne, Rah, and Thales. Together they became involved with BCCUCC 2019 and have been involved in helping to lead worship on numerous occasions. With a background in philosophy (as well as mathematics) Charles most appreciates the sense of community, openness, and search for purpose that defines BCCUCC.

Chris Brady

Chris became a part of the BCCUCC family in 1999 along with his wife Ellen, and their two (now) adult children Emma and Duncan. Through the years, Chris has served on various incarnations of the Justice and Witness committee, Deacons, the Elevelte team, a Search Committee, and currently our Open and Affirming team. Chris has had the privilege of chairing many of those groups. Professionally, Chris spent 35+ years in housing and real estate management in Boston, Chicago, and Rhode Island.

Chris is currently involved with management and development of affordable and market housing and enjoys being semi-retired. Chris is skilled in budgeting and finance, personnel management, long-term planning, listening, and public speaking. He is enthusiastic about welcoming new perspectives while honoring tradition. Chris is at peace meditating and while out on the water in his kayak.

Kim Fernandez

Kimberly Fernandez grew up in the Barrington Congregational Church alongside her two sisters and with her parents Marion & Steve Fodor. She did it all - church school, children's choir, pageants, confirmation, pilgrim fellowship (youth group) president, and three mission trips. She moved out of state for college and returned 20 years later, rejoining the congregation with her husband Luis and their two children, Victor and Owen. Kim was part of the search committee that brought Racquel to BCCUCC.

Kim is the executive director of Federal Hill House in Providence, a community non-profit whose mission is to help their neighbors thrive, at every stage of life. Kim is a social worker by training and currently volunteers as a board member and chair of the strategic planning committee at the RI Community Food Bank. Kim brings both a historical perspective and a future-focused vision for the church and community, and looks forward to engaging more deeply with the congregation through service on the governing board.

Vanessa Kiley

Vanessa Kiley is co-founder of Exceptional Leaders and has been developing corporate leaders most of her adult life. She is skilled in aiding organizations in strategic planning, cultivating a compelling mission and vision, and developing strong leadership teams. Her primary focus is on building strong organizational leadership cultures and helping individuals and groups of leaders to become increasingly others focused, emotionally mature, and inwardly. Vanessa holds a MA in industrial and organizational psychology, a BS with concentrations in psychology and business and a variety of professional certifications.

Vanessa resides in Warren with her husband, Tom, and their children, Lauren and Ryan. The Kiley's have been attending BCCUCC since 2019. Vanessa has served on the search committee for the current Associate Pastor and on the Governance-Ministry Task Force that established the new board and ministry leadership structure. She looks forward to continuing her service with the amazing faith community at BCCUCC.