

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD DIRECTORS FOR THREE POINT HOUSING SOCIETY & COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY

The **Three Point Housing Society (3PHS)** is an Incorporated Society (BC) and non-profit organization whose purpose is to acquire, develop and operate non-profit residential accommodations, providing affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households.

The **Community Renewal Society (CRS)** is an Incorporated Society (BC) and a non-profit organization with charitable designation whose purpose is to advance religion by supporting congregations and other ministries of The United Church of Canada (UCC) by: encouraging congregational renewal; establishing, developing, maintaining, repairing and improving places of worship and assembly for UCC congregations; supporting the creation of alternative models of ministry and other forms of communities of faith; providing funding to UCC congregations in order to support their worship to the wider community; and relieving poverty by developing, building, acquiring, owning, leasing, maintaining, operating, managing and providing, on a non-profit basis, residential accommodation and incidental facilities for individuals and families with low to modest income

Background

3PHS and CRS are societies designed specifically to take over the legal responsibilities and work associated with the [3-Point Redevelopment Portfolio](#), which was created by the Pacific Mountain Region of The United Church of Canada. The 3-Point Redevelopment Portfolio refers to a growing number of United Church properties in BC that are being redeveloped in partnership with BC Housing and CMHC. There are currently five projects underway, three in the Lower Mainland and two on Vancouver Island. Each of these mixed-use redevelopments will result in custom-built, multi-purpose church space and purpose-built rental housing.

Board Composition

Both 3PHS and CRS are governed by volunteer Board of Directors who are committed to the purposes and mission of the societies and how housing affordability helps to shape the quality of life for residents in British Columbia. There will be some board members in common between the two societies, and the CRS in particular seeks to have membership that understands the United Church of Canada ethos and identity. Other Board members will not represent a particular community, constituency, or organization while in Board service.

In recruiting candidates for nomination to the Board, we will apply the following considerations:

- People from a variety of professional or sectoral perspectives, such as, real estate development, public service, business, law, accounting, finance, faith communities, property management, social justice movements, etc.
- People who understand from their personal experience, work, and/or volunteer activity, how housing affordability impacts the wellbeing of individuals and community.
- People who are interested in supporting the establishment of a new mission-driven organization (i.e., a social enterprise) and focusing their efforts on capacity building, research, policy and partnership development.
- People who through training and/or experience can provide visionary leadership, effective oversight and prudent due diligence to a major, multi million-dollar institutional venture.
- People who have familiarity with Policy Governance.

- People who reflect the diverse communities and identities of British Columbia.

Volunteer Board members, of course, bring many skills and talents to their Board responsibilities. Organizational strengths in areas such as social purpose real estate, finance, accounting, governance, communications, community development, human resources, housing operations, access and equity, and strategic planning are welcome. Given the “start up” nature of the 3PHS and CRS, **the Nominations Committee is particularly interested in candidates with a demonstrated understanding of the importance of social purpose real estate and an entrepreneurial background.**

The 3PHS is seeking to fill a minimum of 4 and CRS is seeking to fill a minimum of 2 vacancies on the Board of Directors in early 2022 for a normal term (one year, renewable.)

Application Process

Individuals who are nominated and agree to stand for membership election to these Boards will be making the following commitments:

- Participate in an orientation session
- Attend monthly Board meetings (in person or by teleconference)
- Be willing to contribute an additional 2-3 hours per month to a committee or another Board-related volunteer work.
- Participate in governance and strategic planning workshops
- Remain a member in good standing throughout term of office.

Interested individuals may submit their candidacy for one or both of the Boards (or nominate others) by submitting your resume along with a narrative (up to 200 words) on why they would make a good member of the 3PHS and/or CRS Board of Directors. Include personal, professional, and volunteer experience and any specific skills or expertise that would contribute to the governance function of the Board of Directors. All nominees will receive an acknowledgement.

Please submit your application to Graham Brownmiller at gkbrownmiller@gmail.com.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS, February 15, 2022.

<link bylaws> CRS Bylaws

<link bylaws> 3PHS Bylaws

Information about the Provincial Societies Act:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/not-for-profit-organizations/societies>

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/15018_01