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Your Voice, Your Membership

Hi everyone! I'm Steph, and I'm excited to run for Membership Officer for the New Wiccan Church - International. Being part of this community has meant a lot to me, and I want to help make sure it feels welcoming and supportive for everyone—whether you're brand new or have been here a while.

Having been an initiate of BTW for 17 years, I understand the importance of creating a welcoming, inclusive space where every individual can feel seen, and valued. My goal as Membership Officer is to listen attentively, facilitate open dialogue, and help build a vibrant, engaged community where newcomers and longtime members alike feel welcomed and heard.

What I Bring to the Table

As the former membership Officer for the New Wiccan Church - Canada I not only successfully kept the membership roll and developed a spreadsheet to keep accurate track of all the information but I also did the same for the International when their new membership officer took over and couldn't get organized. Due to differences in direction I no longer sit on the board or am a member of NWC-C but I do wish them luck in the future.

I sat on the NWC-I By-Law committee and successfully assisted in the updating of our newly ratified by-laws. I have also worked on various forms to streamline nomination process as well as other our new suggestion form to allow all members to tell the board what they would like to see our organization do both in the short and long term as well as the values we should be upholding.

Outside of the NWC-I I run a coven with my husband as well as the Durham Wiccan Temple in Oshawa Ontario. I also sat on 3 separate Student Union boards for a major university in Ontario for about 10 years, so I know what it takes to work as a team. I was a warm line worker as well as a board member for SASSL (Sexual Assault Survivor Support Line) where I had to organize volunteers for shift as well making sure we were in compliance to our mandate and constitution. I also have anti-oppression training, safer space training which was last refreshed in 2024.

Vision for the Future

I feel NWC-I has a wonderful opportunity to regrow our membership and focus on bringing our BTW knowledge to our communities. I see an organization built on accountability, mutual respect, and transparency, where everyone has the freedom to express their views, engage in healthy discussions, and know that their voices and ideas are heard and respected, even if we don't always agree. We have an opportunity to reach out to the former members who have left in the last previous years and discuss why they left and see what changes could be made to get them to come back.

Making Every Member Feel Valued, Connected, and Empowered.