



**Bob MacGilchrist**  
Board Member

Family camping trips to mountains, deserts and seashore were treasured times for a child growing up in Los Angeles. As a young adult I lived in Turkey, Louisiana and visited many parts of the world via the Air Force. Upon my discharge, I knew I didn't want to raise my son in the hectic, urban environment of L.A. I made the first move north to central California. Fresno County was still agrarian and it was a short drive to the beautiful Sierras where we enjoyed the natural wonders preserved by early conservationists. However, with our children grown, my wife and I yearned to move north again. We discovered the perfect place in 1988 when we moved to Bellingham.

With our first visit to Lummi Island and our stay at the Willows, we felt a longing to live in this wonderful, peaceful place. We purchased our property in 2004 and moved here full in 2007.

My formal education includes a Bachelor in Business Administration, a ministerial degree and a Masters in Applied Behavioral Science. My work experience was in sales, financial planning, ministry, and counseling. My wife and I founded the Bellingham Center for Spiritual Living in 1988. For ten years I was the assistant director of Catholic Community Services in Skagit County until my retirement in 2012.

I am looking forward to serving on the LIHT board and having the opportunity learn more about conservation and be a part of protecting this beautiful island that we call home.