

BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES

Dick Burkhart (3 year term)

I live in diverse SE Seattle and took early retirement 21 years ago from applied mathematics and scientific computing at Boeing for a second career as a global citizen (my Ph.D. is in mathematics). A life-long UU, I've served on the boards of two UU congregations in the Seattle area over the last 40 years – the Saltwater UU Church and the Rainier Valley UU Congregation.

I now serve on two national UU boards: UUs for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) and the UU Multiracial Unity Action Council (UUMUAC). For UUJEC I led their 2014 Study Action Issue on “Escalating Inequality” and their 2019 Action of Immediate Witness on the “Green New Deal”. For UUMUAC I'm helping to lead their opposition to surging authoritarianism and nastiness in the UUA, especially cancel culture.

My partner, Mona Lee, is quite an activist in her own right, while my three accomplished daughters are Thai/Lao American from my first marriage.

I've been a live stream, then Zoom attending distance member of UUCS for the last year or two and am eager to help UUCS to engage more constructively with national and global affairs and controversies. I regularly Zoom into UUA Board meetings and contact the Board with questions and comments.

Sarah Darcy (1 year term)

I began attending UUCS about a year ago and realized quickly that I had found my spiritual home. My husband Kevin and my two children, Liam and Shane are the light of my life. We live in North Spokane very close to Riverside State Park & like to spend lots of time in nature, camping, hiking and boating in the warm months.

I am currently a stay at home mom after a long career in real estate sales as well as recruiting, hiring and training.

I have enjoyed becoming more involved with the church by volunteering with the children's services, as well as attending book club meetings. I look forward to learning how I can be of service by joining the UUCS Board.

Doug Deaton (3 year term)

I've been very happy to find meaningful, like-minded community among the friendly folks at UUCS since first visiting in December 2021. I'm two years living in Spokane, after fifteen in Portland and twenty in Albuquerque where I moved in my mid-40s from my place of birth, Richmond, Virginia. Career included an engineering degree from UVa, computer sales, real estate sales, and two small businesses (a food market in a resort in the Blue Ridge Mountains, furniture import and sales in ABQ).

I was married briefly, but long enough to bring my dear daughter Leonore into my life. During her early childhood I began the most challenging process of my life, transitioning from a heterosexual lifestyle to that of a gay man. I was heavily involved as a gay community organizer and rights advocate in Virginia, then enjoyed the pleasures of a tolerant culture in New Mexico. I became an activist again in Portland protesting big oil pipelines, tanker trains and development (think kayakactivists). I've demonstrated against war everywhere I've lived, supported the ACLU for decades.

So I find nourishment and hope in the stand which Todd voices each Sunday and which the UUCS takes regarding social justice and a world that works for everyone. I've enjoyed participating on the Shared Ministry Team for the past few months and would be happy to serve on the Board.

Tom Mosher (3 year term)

I am 80 years old and, along with my high school love, Mary, have resided in Spokane since 1968. We both have been UUCS members since January 1969.

I have a Bachelors of Science of Architecture from the Ohio State University and a Masters of City Planning from the University of Virginia. My career has been in Spokane in the field of urban, regional and environmental planning, with the last 22 years at Spokane County Planning Department, where among a wide variety of planning and environmental responsibilities, I was a part-time land use hearing officer for about 11 years, conducting public land use hearings and rendering written decisions.

Mary and I retired in 1997 and RV'ed all over North America 4-10 months each year through about 2013. We owned a small house in AZ from about 2007 through 2020, always maintaining legal residency in Spokane. I remained active in UUCS during that entire time.

I was on the search committee for Rev. Dr. William Houff in about 1972. I served on the Board of Trustees for a partial and full term in the late 1970s-1980s. I served on almost every UUCS Committee, including Long Range Planning and Finance. I was involved with the initial planning for our Memorial Garden. I chaired the two year effort that resulted the 2010 installation of our 75 panel solar array, securing a \$50,000 no-interest loan and helping to raise \$55,000 by UUCS members. I chaired the initial 2002 Reserve Fund Study which laid out a 30 year plan for financing capital repair and replacement of future projects and equipment for our Church building and property.

During the summer of 2020, I became a register parliamentarian and have served as UUCS parliamentary advisor since then, working continually with the UUCS Board and Congregation and serving as the Moderator of the 2022 Annual Meeting. As parliamentary advisor, I have attended almost every Board meeting for the last nearly 3 years. I worked in nearly weekly meetings with the Board for almost 20 months on a major Bylaws revision which was nearly unanimously approved in 2022. I have currently been working as a Board appointed committee member regarding a major overhaul of the Board's Policies and Procedures, a revision of the current UUCS Policy Governance Document.

Regarding serving on the current Board of Trustees ... although, I am modestly knowledgeable of the UUA and its current trajectory, which I generally disapprove of, and am supportive of the newly established North American Unitarian Association (NAUA), MY PRIMARY INTEREST AND FOCUS IS AND WILL BE ON THE FUTURE WELL BEING OF UUCS. Mary and I have made an initial financial contribution to NAUA and support UUCS with a substantial annual financial contribution.

NOMINATING TEAM NOMINEES

Lisa Conger

I have been a member of the UU Church of Spokane since 1989. I grew up in the Episcopalian faith, but began to question my beliefs while I was in college. The fine music drew me into the doorway of a UU Church, and the opportunity to explore and question have kept me here. These days I describe myself as a rational mystic.

I taught 4th grade RE, and served on the Religious Education Council, Worship Team, Guest Speaker Team. I was on the most recent Search Team, and for several years you have seen me as a Worship Leader.

I am a retired poetry and creative writing teacher. I have a BA in anthropology from the University of Montana and an MA in psychology (with a certificate in creative arts therapies) from Antioch University-Seattle. I have two grown daughters who were raised in this church.

ENDOWMENT TEAM NOMINEES

Mary Giannini

The UUCS Endowment supports the future and the legacy of UUCS. It offers members and friends a way to contribute to a permanent fund that is effectively managed and invested by the UUA's Endowment Fund. I am gratified to have been a part of that legacy by serving on the Endowment Team, and I would be happy to continue my service.

I have been a member of UUCS since 1989. I served on the Finance Committee/Team and have been involved with the endowment and on the Endowment Team for some 20 years. I am an attorney, retired from a local law firm and currently working part-time doing compliance for a pharmacy services company in Spokane. I am also on the Board of Frontier Behavioral Health, on the community advisory board of Aging and Long-Term Care of Eastern Washington (ALTCEW), and a SCRAPS volunteer.

Sue Stiritz

It is my pleasure to have been asked to serve on the Endowment Team. I have a long history with the UUCS, having become a member in 1996. I have served on many various teams, i.e. Board, membership and the acting Team on Ministry for a few. I am currently helping to organize a new membership team, working as a weekly office volunteer, and rejuvenating the usher's team after our year of not having Sunday services. These are exciting times for UUCS and I derive an abundance of pleasure working for, and alongside each of you. I appreciate your confidence in considering voting for me for the Endowment Team.

Shane Gronholz