

Motion to elect Two Additional Members of the Nominating Committee:

Pursuant to Article VII of the Bylaws the Chair of the Nominating Committee moves that the Board of Trustees approve the nomination by the Chair of the following additional members of the Nominating Committee:

1. David Strauss, At Large Trustee of UUSJ
2. Jan Meslin, Non-Trustee

Adopted: March __, 2021

Effective Date: Immediately Upon Adoption

Communicate to: Secretary, Chair, and Executive Director of UUSJ; Sean McCarthy, Chair of UUSJ Nominating Committee

Nominees for UUSJ Nominating Committee (March 20, 2021)



Jan Meslin

Jan first became a UU in San Diego in the mid-80's, and it quickly became a big part of her identity.

An immigrant rights activist, she currently chairs the Immigrant justice action team for the **UU Justice Ministry of California**.

Jan also volunteers with **Freedom for Immigrants**, is part of the direct support team filing medical advocacy letters and civil rights complaints. She has been visiting and advocating for people detained since 2011. Recently she has become passionate about the Poor People's Campaign, a national moral revival of MLK Jr's legacy. We must all be a part of the solution, to dismantle the intersectional systems of racism, militarism, environmental devastation, and poverty.

Jan currently resides in Cayucos, CA and is a member at UU San Luis Obispo.



David Strauss

David is an At Large member of the UUSJ Board of Trustees, Chair of its Development Committee, and a member of the Membership Committee. He is also active with the UUSJ Immigration Action Team. At the request of the Chair of the Nominating Committee, David is returning to help that committee after taking a three month hiatus.

David was the first Executive Director of the Illinois Human Rights Commission from 1980-1991. When his wife, the Rev. Lynn Strauss, accepted the pulpit of the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in the fall of 1991, they moved to Knoxville, TN where David served as Executive Director of the East Tennessee Community Health Agency. That Agency provides health and child welfare services in 15 rural Appalachian counties.

When Rev. Lynn accepted the call of the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, MD, David became Executive Director of the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs, a national nonprofit federation of agencies that provide job training and other services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. It was there he intensified his passion for immigration reform. Until 2015, he also served on the Board of Directors of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project. Since retiring from the Association of Farmworker Opportunity Programs, David teaches English to immigrant adults through Community Reach of Montgomery County, a local nonprofit. He and Lynn are both retired from full-time work and live in Takoma Park, MD.