



Motion

Nominating Committee of 2022

Motion to be made by Chloe Emily Ockey, Chair of UUSJ Nominating Committee, at the meeting of UUSJ Board of Trustees, March 17, 2022:

- The Chair of the Nominating Committee moves for confirmation of the following individuals to the Nominating Committee for terms to be effective March 17, 2022 and terminating June 30, 2022.

Under Section 7.5 of the Bylaws, a majority of the Nominating Committee must not be Trustees of UUSJ, but the Chair must be a Trustee.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Chloe Emily Ockey, a UUSJ Trustee, was previously elected to a one-year term ending June 30, 2022.

NOMINEES:

Trustee candidate for confirmation by Board:

1. Rev. Peggy Clarke, UUSJ Trustee, state of New York

Non-trustee candidates for confirmation by Board:

2. Deb Bauder, Non-Trustee, state of Washington
3. Emily Koechlin, Non-Trustee, state of Maryland
4. Gayle Boyd, Non-Trustee, state of New Mexico
5. Rev. T.J. Fitzgerald, state of Hawai'i

BIOS:

- Trustee Bios available [online](#)
- Non-Trustee Bios available below on the next pages

Deb Bauder: Deb holds an MA in Social Psychology from the University of Colorado, Boulder and is disabled due to an invisible illness. Her faith journey with her husband has led them through Methodist, Presbyterian, Judaism, Catholicism, and finally back to her husband's childhood faith, Universalism. She is a member of Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation where she started attending virtually in August 2020.

Deb enjoys research and has taught statistics and experimental methods. You'll typically find her behind the scenes, coordinating/organizing/assisting with making an event happen.

Her current passion is the preservation of democracy and advocating for voting rights. "After January 6, 2021, I wanted to understand what was happening in the U.S. It stood out that since politicians are only beholden to the people who vote for them the best way for people to have their voice heard is through equivalent voting access." In looking for ways to make a difference Deb was led to get involved with UUSJ.

Deb and her husband have raised two adopted, special needs children. Her strengths are the diversity of her faith experience and the enjoyment of lifelong learning and being of service. A challenge will be the short amount of time she has been involved in Unitarian Universalism.

Deb says "If you believe I am a good fit I will do what I can to help."



Emily Koechlin: Emily is a resident of Takoma Park, Maryland, and served on the UUSJ Board from July 2019 through June 2021. During that time, she has made numerous visits to Capitol Hill as a member of the UUSJ Advocacy Corps. She was also a member of the Strategic Planning Governance Team, a team that drafted major revisions to the bylaws and policies that take UUSJ from being an organization of DC area churches to a national organization with a focus on diverse leadership and on impacted communities.

Emily retired in 2010 after thirty years of working in the field of information technology, primarily at federal government agencies. Following that retirement, she served for a year as Legislative Aide to a Maryland state delegate. Since her second retirement, Emily has been busy volunteering for, among other things, progressive political candidates and issues.

Emily has been a member of All Souls Church, Unitarian in Washington, DC since 2003. At All Souls, she has served on the board of trustees, taught religious education (RE), been a member of the RE committee and the nominating committee. She is a lead usher, and she volunteers on the archives committee which worked to prepare for All Souls' 200th anniversary in November 2021.



Gayle M. Boyd Ph.D.: Gayle is currently a member the Unitarian Universalists of Santa Fe, New Mexico, congregation, where she is a member of the Social Justice Council and is liaison for UUSJ. She is a member of the UUSJ Membership Committee. She moved to Santa Fe from Maryland in 2020, where she was a member of the UU Congregation of Rockville, and as Chair of the UUCR Immigration Action Group she helped with refugee resettlement, congregation education programs and fund raisers for local immigrant legal assistance programs. Given the proximity of Rockville to Washington, D.C., and her affiliation with numerous other social justice oriented organizations, Gayle participated in many marches to carry those messages to Congress and the White House. She also worked as an ESL tutor with the Montgomery County Literacy Council and assisted immigrants in preparing for their citizenship test. At that time she was also a member of the UUSJ Immigration Action Team.



Prior to retirement Gayle worked at the National Institutes of Health as a Program Director, monitoring extramural addictions-related behavioral research. Later, as a Scientific Review Administrator, she started a new behavioral addictions study section to review research grant applications in that area.

T.J. FitzGerald: Reverend T. J. FitzGerald (he/him/his) is the minister of First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. He has also served congregations in Portland, Oregon and New York, NY. In addition to serving his congregation, Rev. T. J. is an advocate for the rights of people in migration and serves in supportive capacities for the LGBTQIA+ communities of Hawai'i.



Rev. T.J. regularly leads interfaith worship and justice events, and he seeks to build the Beloved Community through countering all forms of oppression. He is an avid supporter of the University of Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors Baseball, and you can find him at virtually all of their home games.