

## **Motion To Elect Nominees for UUSJ Board of Trustees - 2023**

The Chair of the Nominating Committee moves that the Board of Trustees (UUSJ Board) elect the following persons as Trustees of UUSJ with terms commencing July 1, 2023:

1. New for a term of one year, filling a vacant slot, ending June 30, 2024:
  - Jean Pierce
2. New for a term of two years, filling a vacant slot, ending June 30, 2025:
  - Rev. Latifah Griffin
3. New for terms of three years, ending June 30, 2026:
  - Dan Schneider
  - Sandra Wilmore
  - Dale Anderson
4. Renewing for a term of three years, ending June 30, 2026:
  - Rev. Peggy Clark

**Proposed:** June 6, 2023

Communicate to: Secretary & Chair of Nominating Committee, Board Chair, and Executive Director

**Vote scheduled:** June 16, 2023

Projected effective date: July 1, 2023

Moved/Affirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

[Biographies on following pages]

## 2023 Nominees

**Dale Anderson** - Dale Anderson is a retired **physician executive and healthcare consultant** who served as the President of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota (Florida) from 2019 to 2022. He was instrumental in instituting a Racial Justice Reading Program for the UU Church of Sarasota 2018 and created the church Racial Justice Coordinating Team. The team assisted the congregation in endorsing the UU 8th Principle and has presented a set of racial justice initiatives annually for board approval.



He is one of the UU representatives to the Manasota Antiracism Coalition and the Sarasota Remembrance Project. Since 2017, Dale has been presenting on “multiple democracy” to various organizations and launched a website, [choosedemocracynow.org](http://choosedemocracynow.org).

Dale graduated from Northwestern University Medical School, interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and completed his residency in Internal Medicine in Norfolk, Virginia. He then practiced in Zululand, South Africa, and Ames, Iowa. After transitioning out of practice, he served as a senior executive in Albuquerque, Columbus, and Miami. He lives with his wife, Mary Montgomery, in Sarasota. He has three grown children and grandchildren.

**Rev. Peggy Clarke** - Rev. Peggy Clarke is Senior Minister at **The Community Church of New York, Unitarian Universalist**. Peggy has a BA in Liberation Theology, an MA in Historical Theology (Medieval), and 26 credits in American Religious History. She was a Crisis Work Supervisor working with homeless and runaway kids in NYC and became a Campus Minister and Adjunct Professor for a decade. Peggy was ordained and worked as a DRE and solo minister, and then as Senior Minister at UU churches in the NY area.



As a UU, Peggy was on the team that wrote *Ethical Eating: Food and Environmental Justice Statement of Conscience* and went on to chair the UU Food Justice Committee. She was also part of the Environmental Justice Collaboratory, the Climate March held in NYC, and was an Observer Delegate at the Paris Climate Summit. In addition, She has witnessed at Standing Rock, the Mexican border, and organized UU involvement in the national Climate Strike in 2019.

Peggy is currently a member of the founding board for the new NY State Advocacy Network. Peggy lives in NY with her husband, son, and 2 dogs.

**Rev. Latifah Griffin** - Rev. Latifah Griffin was raised in Chester, PA, and works as a therapist and minister. She is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary with a Master's Degree in Divinity, adding to her Master's Degree from Neumann University in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Her personal mission is to enlighten others to our interconnectedness as humans.



Latifah was baptized in the Baptist tradition as a teenager and after a long discernment process, she found a new spiritual community in the Unitarian Universalist tradition in 2018, as a member of First Unitarian Church of Wilmington. She was the Intern Minister at the Unitarian Society of Germantown for the 2020-22 church years and then served as Interim Director of Spiritual Development for 2022-23. She enjoys relaxing, spending time with my family, reading, learning new things and trying new foods. Rev. Latifah will serve the **First Unitarian Universalist Congregations of the Palm Beaches, Florida** in 2023-2024.

**Jean Pierce** - Jean Pierce has been active in Social Justice in a variety of capacities. In 2008 she retired after 34 years as a **professor of educational psychology**. As an educator, she knew she was making a difference in the lives of teachers and their students, and this passion has continued. As Social Justice chair of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Geneva, Illinois over the span of 15 years, she helped coordinate a series of programs focused on Education, Direct Action, and Monetary Support for local, national, and international causes.



For ten years, Jean served as chair of the **League of Women Voters of Illinois Issues and Advocacy Committee**, which is responsible for identifying and tracking legislation, educating the public, and recommending advocacy for members and the public to shape public policy. She has also served on Boards of the **Midwest Educational Research Association**, **Northern Illinois Jobs with Justice**, and the **Jane Adeny Memorial Secondary School** for girls in rural Kenya.

Recently she has moved to Portland, Oregon, where she anticipates making new connections with fellow UUs and League members.

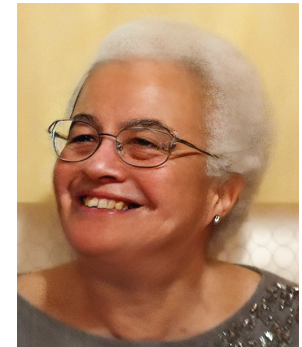
**Dan Schneider** - Dan Schneider grew up on a small farm in West Central Ohio and was the first person in his family to attend college. He graduated from Wittenberg University and received a Master of Science in Teaching from Drake University, a Master of Arts from Ohio State University, and a graduate certificate in teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) adults/international from the University of Cincinnati.



Dan served in the **U.S. Army** in Vietnam, taught American history as a teaching associate at Ohio State University, and worked as a Radio Shack manager. He worked fifteen years for **Jobs for Cincinnati Graduates**, and for sixteen years he was Director at the **University of Cincinnati Clermont College**.

Dan and his wife have attended the First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati since 2006. He was a Sharing Circle facilitator, served as Co-Chair of the Social Justice Committee and served on the church Board of Trustees, He served as Board Co-Chair of Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio and a board member of the Amos Project, he has served on the board of the Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center, and is currently President of the Unitarian Universalist Council of Greater Cincinnati. Dan lives in Cincinnati with his wife Janet and their cats. They have two sons, a daughter-in-law and a grandson.

**Sandra Wilmore** - Sandra Mitchell Wilmore grew up in the segregated South. Those years inform her sense of justice, the need for change, and her commitment to constant evolution toward a better society. Her youth also informed her deep respect for the power of the law—Sandra's profession. Sandra lives in Springfield, Virginia.



For ten years Sandra was an attorney with the civil rights firm of **Relman & Colfax, PLLC, Washington, DC**, advising creditors and other businesses of their compliance obligations under fair lending, consumer credit, and privacy laws; and litigation against lenders alleged to have violated laws against credit and housing discrimination. Prior to that she was an attorney in the **Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission** for thirty-two years, enforcing the federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Truth in Lending Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and Federal Trade Commission Act (prohibiting unfair and deceptive practices) as to lenders and others subject to the jurisdiction of the FTC.