

2017 Nominations for the Board of Trustee and Leadership Development Team

In accordance with the UUAA Bylaws, the Leadership Development Team has selected and is announcing a slate of qualified nominees for elected positions to the Board of Trustees and to the Leadership Development Team. Voting will take place at the Congregational annual meeting to be held on Sunday, June 4. These nominees have volunteered to give generously of their time, talent, and dedication to the work of UUAA. Below is a list of the 2017 nominee biographies. Nominations outside of the Leadership Development Team's slate of nominees must be received by the Leadership Development Team by no later than three weeks before the election. Any such nomination shall include the signatures of ten supporting Congregation members. Contact: Tom Reischl (treischl57@gmail.com).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (2 year term)

President: Erik Stalhandske

My wife (Ann) and I have been UUs for 35 years, previously attending congregations in San Diego, CA; Burlington, VT; and since 1990 here at UUAA. I've been involved in a variety of activities at UUAA: Board member, SGD instructor, Leadership Development Team, Investment Advisory, Men's retreat planning, Associate Minister Support, men's group member, mentor, Chair and lead in developing our Planned Giving program. Currently I'm on the Interim Minister's Transition Team, member of the Reflective Conversations team, and a Chalice Circle Facilitator. Outside of UUAA I'm on the board for two bike advocacy groups—Ann Arbor Bike Touring Society, and the Huron Waterloo Pathways Initiative. If interested, I'm always glad to talk about our work for bike safety and bike paths! Professionally I was a healthcare administrator, working for the federal government for over twenty years, mostly in Ann Arbor. I'm a proud graduate of University of Michigan's graduate programs in Public Policy and also Healthcare Administration. My wife is an educator with First Steps at the preschool program in Ann Arbor. I love outdoor activities and am one of the handfuls that hope for a snowy winter so that we can cross country ski and snowshoe. Warmer weather finds me biking on roads and trails, hiking, and kayaking. Now that we are empty nesters, Ann and I enjoy travels within and outside of Michigan. I'm humbled to have this opportunity to serve our congregation during this dynamic period of transition. Our three children—now grown—all went through the UU programs, and were positively impacted by their experiences. My wife and I have been personally nurtured through our UUAA experiences and community. I have the time, energy, and desire to give back to this wonderful community as President on the Board of Trustees.

Treasurer: Allen Duncan

Allen and Janet Duncan moved to Ann Arbor in 2001. For the first couple of years, they sporadically attended First UUAA. However, as time went by, it became obvious that

they needed to make the congregation a more integral part of their lives. They signed the UUAA membership book in 2005. For Janet, the move to Ann Arbor was a move “home” as she grew up in southeast Michigan (and is an MSU graduate). Allen grew up in the south (Texas, Georgia and South Carolina) and has Mechanical Engineering degrees from Texas A&M University. They live in east Ann Arbor with two beagle mixes (Scout and Izzy) and two orange cats (Tiny and Cosmo). Allen works as an engineer for the US Environmental Protection Agency, Jan as a Library Media Specialist for Ann Arbor Public Schools. For recreation, Allen and Jan enjoy backpacking and camping; as well as taking in all of Ann Arbor’s opportunities for music, the arts and food.

Trustee At-large: Hayley Boyse

Hayley Boyse is a current Trustee at Large at UUAA, and has been attending since 2011. I grew up in southern New Mexico, and have family connections to Ann Arbor, where I’ve been since 2010. In addition to currently being on the Board, I’m also a member of the Leadership Development Team, the Social Justice Council, and the 20s/30s social group, as well as being an usher once a month. Church Lady isn’t just a name – it’s a lifestyle! I also had the pleasure of serving the congregation in the Interim Minister Search Committee this past spring. Outside of church, I am a flutist with the Dexter Community Band, crafter, enthusiast of all things home improvement, and work at Thomson Reuters. I am humbled and grateful to be considered a leader for this congregation and looks forward to the opportunity to serve our community for another two years on the Board of Trustees.

Trustee At-large: Lissa Oliver

Lissa and her husband Gregg Peterson have been members of UUAA since 2010. Before moving to Ann Arbor, they lived in Chicago and were members of the Second Unitarian Church. Their daughter Emily is a “graduate” of the SGD program and is a sophomore at Oberlin College. Lissa is a returning board member, originally elected in June 2015. Prior to that, she served for 3 years as a member of the Children & Youth Committee, and helped organize several Teacher Appreciation Brunches. She currently spends most 3rd Sundays welcoming newcomers after the second service. Lissa works part-time at Argus Farm Stop--a small, independent grocery store that sells locally-grown and locally-produced food and non-food items. In her earlier professional life, Lissa was a freelance film & video editor--editing many documentary and educational programs as well as independent narrative programs. She has been a PTA president and long-time PTA/PTO member, and still loves to dig in the dirt with students as a volunteer at the Tappan Middle School garden.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM (2 Year Term)

Mike Halerz

You might know the rest of my family quite well. Allison is often behind the piano. Our son Cooper is...well, probably everywhere else. I, however, tend to hang out behind the scenes. Except on the rare occasions that I don't. I've attended UUAA for around 15 years now and help with all manner of things video- and audio-related. You might see me on Sunday controlling the audio system from a tablet. Or I might be taking photos or video of a special event or service. I helped the choir record and release their very first CD. And this one Sunday I even showed up with a Hammond organ and we did a thing. Professionally, I've run a media production company for 20 years doing many of those same things. Plus a bunch of other stuff - I wear a lot of hats. Though, realistically, the hat is more likely a sport coat and possibly a bowtie. I've worked closely with people at organizations of all types and sizes to help them realize their goals (often marketing or training-related, but not always) and create a wide variety of beautiful things. I graduated from the University of Michigan School of Music in an interdisciplinary program that combined traditional music and art with technology, engineering, film/video, theatre, and dance at a time where the menu typically required you to choose only one item. The left and right sides of my brain remain grateful to this day. Over the years, UUAA has become a cornerstone of my life, spiritually and socially. My phone thinks I work there. Some weeks I believe it. My own spiritual journey compels me to greater involvement with this beloved community and I would be honored to do that with the LDT especially because I'm told that they work under cover of dark, wearing purple velvet cloaks.