

Announcing our 2019 Leadership Nominees

Please join us in Spokane WA for the UUPCC's Annual Meeting at 12 pm on June 21, 2019, in the Davenport Hotel's Maple Ballroom



The UUPCC Nominating Committee (Ann Gary, Richard Van Duizend, and Barbara Weber) is pleased to nominate these people for election at the Annual Meeting:

Anne Greenwood (San Pablo, CA) for a second 3-year term on the Board of Directors.

Anne was first introduced to Transylvanian Unitarians at the 1984 World Congress of the International Association for Religious Freedom. As a member of the UU Church of Berkeley, Anne has been involved in partnership ever since, traveling many times to partner congregations in Transylvania, including her own partner church of Homoródúfalu. She has served as member, chair, and co-chair of the Berkeley Partner Church Committee since its inception in 1990 and is an active member of the Balázs Scholar Committee, supporting a visiting scholar and their family for the academic year at Starr King School for the Ministry. She also served as a UUPCC networker in the Pacific Central District and as Vice-Chair of the UUPCC Board.

Rick Irwin (Roswell, GA) for a third 3-year term on the Board of Directors.

Rick is an active member of the partnership team at UU Metro Atlanta North (UUMAN). He has visited UUMAN's partner in Mawsynjri, India and sang in the UU Congregation of Atlanta choir trip to NE India. Rick was an actuary at PricewaterhouseCoopers for 18 years, specializing in health insurance projects for large employers. He retired a few years ago. His responsibilities were tied to analysis of the client's health plan experience, so he is very comfortable crunching numbers to identify trends and outliers and to be sure everything "adds up." He has served as Treasurer of the UUPCC Board.

Rev. Morgan McLean (Davis, CA) for a second 3-year term on the Board of Directors. Rev. McLean is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and has been involved in congregations in Wisconsin, Washington DC, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Illinois. Before entering ministry, Morgan worked on human rights issues with Amnesty International, USA. During her first ministry at Main Line Unitarian Church in suburban Philadelphia, Morgan worked closely with the congregation's Partner Church efforts, including a visit in 2013 to their partner church in Várfalva, Transylvania and a

subsequent visit from eight of the villagers to Main Line in 2014. Her personal experience in Transylvania was transformative as she connected with the historic roots of our shared faith and found new ways to engage that history with spirituality. Morgan is the Assistant Minister for Congregational Life at the UU Church of Davis, CA. She has served as the UUPCC Board Chair.

Rev. Andrew Weber (Newark, DE) for a second 3-year term on the Board of Directors. Rev. Weber is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist. He first traveled to Transylvania in 1999 and has returned to Hungary and Romania many times with Habitat for Humanity International and other volunteer groups as well as on UUPCC pilgrimages. Through his involvement, he speaks conversational Hungarian. Andrew's calling is to empower others to reach their full potential and to create space for transformation, self-discovery, and new energy. This calling continues into cross-cultural church partnerships: the connections and relationships which are formed help us all live into a better world of understanding and love.

Rev. Eric Cherry (Franklin, MA) for a 3-year term on the Nominating Committee. Rev. Cherry became the minister of the First Universalist Society in Franklin, MA in August of 2018. Eric served congregations in Burlington, IA and N. Easton, MA before serving as the Director of the International Office at the UUA from 2007 to 2018. He also spent a year as the English teacher for Unitarian seminarians in Kolozsvár, Transylvania. Franklin's partner church is Ádámos, Transylvania.

A UUPCC member who is not included in the above slate may be nominated for the Board of Directors or the Nominating Committee by a petition signed by ten or more voting members of the UUPCC and delivered to the Board Secretary, Rev. Eric Meter (ericm@firstuucolumbus.org), by May 7, 2019 along with a statement by the candidate stating their willingness to accept the nomination.
