

## Candidates for positions at St. John's for vote during June 1, 2025, Annual Meeting



**Erica Strauss – Vice President (3-year commitment includes next year as president, and 3<sup>rd</sup> year as immediate past president)**

I have been a Unitarian Universalist for 30 years, beginning at St. John's in 1995. At the time, I was working in university relations for the University of Cincinnati and subsequently moved with my husband, Bill, to Wisconsin.

In 1998 in a small town, Manitowoc, without a UU presence, we decided in 2000 to try to build a UU community, with help from the UUA. Along with other intrepid souls, we founded the Lakeshore UU Fellowship. Both of us served on the first board

and in other ways to promote and sustain our nascent UU community, which today, 25 years later, has over 60 members and friends.

In 2012, Bill accepted a contract to provide instruction at the Koeberg Nuclear Plant in South Africa. He and I joined the Cape Town Unitarians and soon were asked to serve on the governing council. I became co-chair of the council, a position that taught me the critical importance of covenants and policies that addressed conflict.

After returning to Manitowoc in 2016, I was elected president of the Lakeshore UU Fellowship board and led the congregation for four years, helping the board establish a covenant, conflict policies, and a conflict transformation team and lead the congregation through the process of becoming official members of the UUA. We also navigated the coronavirus epidemic, going from Zoom to providing full services with video equipment from the sanctuary. The Midwest Region office provided help and guidance at key points in our growth and development.

After moving back to Cincinnati in 2023, I reconnected with St. John's. I am a member of the Covenant Committee, the Worship Associates and the choir. For me, to have a community means to be grateful and involved. I realize that for many reasons the next few years will present challenges for our congregation and necessarily for the board as we move forward from what I understand was a turbulent period and as we work to discern our current role in the wider community.



**Greg Terhune – Program Director, 2025-2028**

I've been a member of St John's since 2004 and have served the church in a number of capacities over the past 20 years. This has

included a previous stint on the Board, the Nominating Committee, our last Search Committee, the Committee on Ministry, and most recognizably as the coordinator of our Greeting Team. I've participated in several other activities at St John's, including hosting potluck & movie nights, participating in a Chalice Group, working within our LGBTQ+ community, and volunteering in various other activities around the church.

I'm passionate about the work done at St John's, providing a safe & caring space in our community. I think the current board has done a great job and I'm excited to be a part of it, helping to continue the growth of our ministry and moving us into the future.

### **Pete Asman – Fund Trustee 2025-2027**



I have been a St John's member for over 15 years. I am husband to Melissa and father to River. I'm employed as an accountant. I previously served as a member of the Committee on Ministry and Young Adult Discussion and Action group. Currently, I am a member of the Wider UU World team, Adult Faith Formation team and the Game Group.

I also help as a YouTube usher for services and occasionally fill in at the AV desk for audio/video streaming. My goal is to ensure that the money overseen by the fund trustees is used in accordance with their documented purposes.