

NOMINEES FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS at St. John's
To be voted on at the June 2, 2024, annual meeting

**Emily Hodges, Nominee for
Leadership (Nominating) Committee, 2-year term**

I've been an active member of St. John's UU Church since the early 1980s. I joined through the choir and have sung with them regularly ever since, and served as choir librarian since mid 1990s. I served on the board during Diana Heath's tenure and have been on numerous committees, including heading coffee hour for several years (well before Jeff was hired, when we had to do the setup AND cleanup). I've been active in the Partner Church program and have made four trips to Nyaradszentlaszlo, Transylvania, Romania.

I have been the Administration Team lead for 10-15 years or so and have maintained the church Leadership List that is in the front of the People Book and help feed information to Nancy Greenlee for People Book information changes. For many years, I was in charge of the team that printed, collated, folded, stamped, sorted for mailing and mailed the printed church newsletter, The Reporter, before we switched to E-news. I have a fascination with databases and have used them for various church purposes.



I accepted the invitation be nominated for the Leadership Committee because I am deeply committed to St. John's and feel that I will be able to meet with various members and ask them to volunteer to serve the positions that suit them best. If I am elected, I will make a real effort to get to know the younger members, which is the group with whom I am least familiar.



Rich Overturf, Nominee for Leadership Committee, 2-year term

I am a retired registered nurse and live in Finneytown with my wife, Ann Schuur, and our dog, Toby. I have been coming to St. John's for 10 years and have been a member for 5. I'm currently in charge of getting volunteers for coffee hour. St. John's has been a blessing to me and I want to help keep it growing strong.

Linda Heath, Nominee for Fund Trustee, 2-year term

I am asking for your vote to serve as a Fund Trustee for a second term.

Joining St. John's in 1994, I've worked on many committees and teams, plus served as a past board president and finance director. I'm currently a member of the Outreach Committee, plus I pitch in for short-term jobs as needed.

I'm familiar with the charters of the three endowment funds and the financial policies of St. John's. I'm also interested in helping revitalize the church's estate giving program.

The Fund Trustees ensure financial gifts to the church grow AND provide funds for immediate needs and new initiatives. I'd like to be part of that planning and decision making for a final term.

Thank you.



Meredith Green, Nominee for Finance Director, 2-year term

Hello. I am a returning member to the St. John's community. I am a native of this city, having left for a few years for school and work. I live in the Northside neighborhood.

From roughly 1998 to 2002, I was active in the SJUU community and served as a fund trustee and co-leader of a shared-ministry-team during those years.



Unitarian Universalism has been my faith identity, albeit loosely, since being a young teenager, thanks to my older half-sisters. During the summers of 1975 and 1976, I attended UU summer camp on the shores of Lake Michigan. It was a heady time for me with the push for The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Helen Reddy's "I am Woman" playing on the radio and turntable a lot, and spending time with the older half-sisters in Chicago. Possibly my mother did not fully grasp what the impact of sending her Catholic-girls-school teenager to UU summer camps, and Chicago with her

30-year-old sister, could be. Or maybe she did.

Professionally, I have worked mostly in the financial services industry and am now retired.

This March, I volunteered to serve as the board's finance director through the current budget and election period. I look forward to serving our community as the finance director for the remainder of the open term if approved. Thank you.

Wanda Crawford, Nominee for Vice President

My roots at St. John's have been nourished over 30 years through choir, chalice groups, social justice projects, adult RE classes, and dozens of shared meals. Currently, I am co-chair of Social Justice and coordinator of our Found House program. Previously, I have served on Committee on Ministry, Nominating Committee (now called Leadership Committee), and the Board.



With more time and capacity for church and social justice work since retiring, I've recently participated in UU-facilitated Building the World We Dream About, Transforming Conflict, and Mistakes & Miracles classes and TRANSforming Lives workshop. I will continue showing up and challenging myself, to help our spiritual community become truly welcoming, inclusive, and accessible.

I am running for board vice president to join a leadership team focused on mission, guided by UU values. It would be an honor to serve the congregation in that capacity.

Monica Pellman, Nominee for Secretary, 2-year term

I have been a member of St. John's since 2001. In my time at St. John's, I have

- Served as Board Secretary.
- Served on the Nominating Committee (now called Leadership Committee).
- Served on the Leadership Development Committee.
- Served on the Religious Education Committee.
- Served as an usher for our streamed services.

I am committed to becoming a better anti-racist human, to helping all people thrive, and helping our community continue to look to the future with optimism and hope, something that I think UU's are particularly good at!

Sharing my time, talent and resources with our spiritual community has become more important to me as the years have passed.

I am looking forward to returning to serve as Board Secretary, a way that I can stay involved and take a turn at sharing in the leadership of our community.



Nancy Johnson Nominee for Fund Trustee, 2-year term

My husband, Bill Gordon, and I have been members of St. John's for more than 20 years. I have sung in the choir and served on the Board and on various committees, including being a Fund Trustee for the past two years.



I grew up in a household that lived paycheck to paycheck, so investing and finance were not part of my background. But, I have learned more about investing through my work as a tax preparer for H&R Block and through conversations with our son, David Gordon-Johnson, who works as an associate wealth management advisor for Northwestern Mutual when he isn't on stage or baking bread.

I would be glad to have the opportunity to serve St. John's as a Fund Trustee for another two years.