

# 2017 Slate of Candidates for Board of Trustees

## New Candidates to the Board of Trustees



**Emily Goodin** (2017-19) has been a member of UUCA since 2010. She started in the Fellowship X Group and, from there, her church involvement grew to include serving on the Fellowship X leadership team, participating in UUCA's Leaders of Tomorrow program, working on the Capitol Campaign Fund Kickoff, serving on the Transition Team, and being a part of the Communications Team. Professionally she works as a journalist and loves to read and write. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering with horses, spending time with her friends, and drinking wine.



**Hieu Nguyen** (2017-19) became a member of UUCA in 2016 but has been attending since 2012. He has taught third grade and preschool Religious Education and is involved with the Dad's Group, experiences that have helped him connect with fellow congregants as well as start finding his place at UUCA. Hieu's interest in serving on the UUCA Board stems from his desire to work with congregants to create a community that encourages members to engage with one another and the church as well as enhance UUCA's welcoming environment for inquiring friends. Hieu works in public relations in the healthcare industry. Hieu lives with his wife, Colleen (also a member of UUCA), his three-year-old daughter Abigail, and has another daughter on the way. He has lived in many parts of the country – from the Pacific Northwest to Texas to the Northeast – and has called Arlington home for the past decade.



**Art Stevens** (2017-19) has been attending UUCA since 2008, with his and Stephanie Thomas' three children Jack, Thomas and Emma. Art spent his 25 plus year career looking for ventures that balance head and heart, in financial services, non-profit, and technology. He is an Innovator in Residence at American University, and previously worked with PayPal as the Director for Social Innovation Projects, focusing on efforts to create economic opportunity for underserved populations. Prior to this Art was responsible for MicroPlace, an online marketplace for investments in Microfinance and the Calvert Foundation, He began specializing in the non-profit community in 2002, helping to launch a social enterprise in the elder-care sector and working with a social enterprise focused on health care in southern India. Art is the Treasurer of the Board for CHF, a foundation promoting racial equity in the district, and a board member of Visionworkshops producing National Geographic Youth Photo Camps. Art received his BA from the George Washington University. He loves being on his bicycle or taking pictures, and he is often camped out behind the tech deck webcasting the services.

## Continuing on the Board of Trustees



**Chad Ohlandt** (2017-19) has been a member of UUCA since 2009, was the UUCA Treasurer from 2012 to 2015, and on the UUCA Board since 2015. He is a member of the finance and investment advisory teams, the stewardship team, an usher, a covenant group member, a hUUmanist, and a Coming of Age facilitator. He served on the Renewal Capital Campaign Committee. Chad, his wife, D., and kids, Callen, Zachariah, and Gillian, live in Alexandria. Chad is an aerospace engineer and policy analyst at the RAND Corporation. He wants to continue working with the Board to better define UUCA's Ends, which are the goals of UUCA over the next three to five years. Our mission to Connect – Grow – Serve is great. The Board needs to give further direction to what that means for UUCA by listening to our community and setting clear objectives for our senior minister to work towards.



**Andrea Ryon** (2017-2019) has been a member of UUCA since 1998. She has taught RE, facilitated Covenant Groups, served on Stewardship, Social Action Council, and as a General Assembly delegate, and participated in the Leading from Within series. Professionally, Andrea is an operations manager for a consulting firm providing civil engineering, planning and architectural services. She and her husband, Scott, live in Arlington.

## Office Candidates - Elected Annually

### Board Secretary

**Hannah Connolly** (2017-19) is a life-long Unitarian Universalist and has been a member of UUCA since 2015. She has been active in the Young Adult Group, Decorations Committee, CASE, and Auction Committee as part of the UUCA community. Hannah is also the UUCA Representative to Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ). She is passionate about social justice in the UU faith and building multi-generational relationships in the UUCA community. Hannah is the Director of Business Operations for a government contractor in Washington, DC. She and her husband, Dan, live in Arlington.

### Treasurer



**Peter Vitaliano**, Treasurer. Peter Vitaliano has been a member of UUCA since 1991. He served three years on the Board of Trustees in the mid-1990s and served a term on the RE Council prior to that. He previously served as the Church's Treasurer for two years in the late 1990s, and returned to that position two years ago. More recently Peter was one of three founding members of the church Audit Committee, and he has been the treasurer for Chalice Theatre for a number of years.



**Bob Gayer**, Assistant Treasurer. Bob has been a member of the Church since 1984 and involved with money matters from the start, including 10 years as Treasurer. He coordinates UUCA's Buddhist Fellowship and can be found Monday nights in the meditation class. His 34 years in the federal government included Army service, 20 years at Treasury, and 10 years with the Navy



**Gene Mulligan**, Assistant Treasurer. Gene joined the Church in 1959 and the Church Finance Committee in 1966. He served five years as Treasurer and several as Assistant Treasurer. Gene serves as Chair of the Investment Committee that oversees the Endowment and several other Church mutual fund investment accounts. He served as a US Navy officer until 1963 and Bank of America institutional bond investment manager until retiring in 1995. Gene and Dorothy have raised four children through UUCA's Religious Education Program.

## Nominating Committee Candidates

### New Candidates



**Elizabeth (Liz) Fuchs** has been slated to serve on the 2017-2019 Nominating Committee. Liz has been a member of UUCA since 2011, during which time she has served as a Helping Hands coordinator, a member of the RE Committee, and as an RE and OWL teacher. Liz is the Director of HR and Talent Development for a non-profit in Alexandria, where she specializes in leadership development, organizational design, and coaching. Liz and her spouse, Aaron, have four boys (and a home that is rarely quiet). Having served on other Nominating Committees for organizations ranging from national membership non-profits to the PTA, she looks forward to bringing her talents and experience in helping guide organizations to select the best leadership to UUCA. Being able to use her professional and volunteer experience for the benefit of our shared spiritual community was what prompted her to become involved with the Nominating Committee.



**James Tsai** has been a Member of UUCA since 2015 and has served on the search committee for the Chief Administrative Officer and the Strategic Planning Committee in 2016. He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., but grew up in Burke, Virginia and attended the University of Virginia. After a brief stint as a software engineer, he received his JD from Case Western Reserve University School of Law and practiced law before joining the United States Patent and Trademark Office where he is a patent examiner now. He resides in Washington, DC with his wife Cicie and plays ultimate frisbee, runs and the vagaries of being a Washington-area sports fan.

## Continuing on the Nominating Committee



**Ben D'Avanzo.** Ben D'Avanzo has been a member of UUCA since 2012. He is on his fourth year of being a high school youth group adviser. His other previous involvement in the church includes membership on the Transition team, Young Adult Group leader, sound technician and Appreciative Inquiry facilitator. He is a lifelong UU and took denomination-wide leadership roles in high school and college. Outside of church, he currently works for Families USA, a healthcare justice advocacy organization, is the president of the Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association and is on track to complete his Master's in Public Administration at George Washington University in December.



**Tina Hinh.** Tina Hinh and her husband Jon Ferris joined UUCA in 2011. They have three daughters, Adele (5), Stella (3), and Chloe (1). She is a resettlement officer with the United Nations Refugee Agency, based in Washington DC. Tina's extended family comes from a variety of different religious backgrounds, including Buddhism, Catholicism, and Protestantism. She is especially drawn to UUCA's emphasis on justice in action and its principle of inclusiveness. Tina has been involved in a number of UUCA's ministries, including teaching RE, participating in UUCA's Baby Club and Covenant Groups, and for the past four years, has served as a coordinator for the Meals on Wheels volunteer program.



**Bill Turner.** Bill has been a member of UUCA since 2012 and has been active as an usher, as a greeter at the welcome desk, as a teacher in 6<sup>th</sup>-grade RE, and as an organizer of a circle dinner group. He has helped to plan the UUCA Program Guide and also has given a special tour of the Kennedy Center, where he is active as a volunteer and as an usher, twice as an auction item to benefit UUCA. Bill has been a volunteer in the breakfast program at Miriam's Kitchen, a service provider for the homeless in Washington, DC, where he also has led a short story reading/discussion group for guests in the life skills/arts therapy program. He is a former president of the Friends of the Arlington Public Library and a former chair of the nominating committee for the District of Columbia Library Association. Bill is a licensed DC tour guide, meeting/greeting and guiding groups from across the nation, after recently retiring as a librarian with the DC Public Library. As a career changer he also has been a college professor, a writer/editor, a school administrator, and a volunteer coordinator.