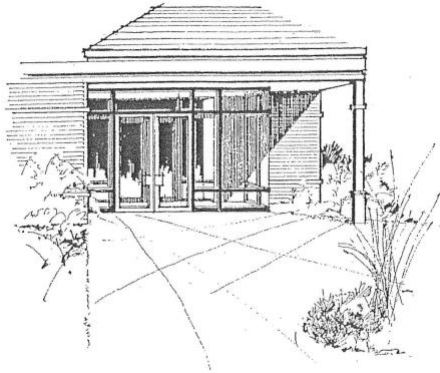




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Annual Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday June 5, 2022
following the 10:30 AM Sunday Service



Slate of Candidates for Leadership
Board of Trustees
Endowment Committee
Leadership Development Committee

Candidates for the Board of Trustees



Judy Myers

(Board - Finish out 2-year vacancy, 2022-23)

I have been a member of UUCGT for about ten years. I have been involved in several different committees and task forces. My first 'assignment' was from Joan Sheard, who asked me to join a task force to create a Safe Congregations Policy. That led to other Policy writing work, and I have consistently been on that committee for several years. I have also served on the Stewardship Committee (twice), Leadership Development Committee and been on the Board of Trustees twice, for completion of other's terms. I am one-fourth of the UU Ukers, and love that position more than any other.

I am retired from a long, fruitful career in Low Income Public Housing; 20 years with the Denver Housing Authority, 10 years as a consultant to HUD for Troubled Housing Authorities, and ten years as Executive Director of the Cadillac Housing Commission. I grew up in Columbus, Ohio but also with summers on Platte Lake in a 'real' cottage (no running water). My parents got me out of high school and moved to Traverse City full time in 1970. I have one sister who lives in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and we get together 3-4 times a year.

I live out on a small lake near Interlochen, which I love dearly. I have a robust vegetable garden, and several flower gardens. I love working in the yard, in my gardens, fishing on my lake, kayaking with friends, playing golf in two different leagues, camping in the summer, and most importantly, hosting casual dinners with friends on my deck. My two dogs, Rascal and Robin seem to enjoy our life also. I have a small RV and usually head out for the south in early January and return in April. I am very aware of how blessed I am. I am really happy with UUCGT right now, as we emerge into a 'force' in our community with Reverend Alex in the lead. We are so fortunate to have him.



Hugh "Dusty" Culton

(Board - 3-year Position, 2022-25)

Spouse: Barbara

Adult children: Heather, Erin, Megan & granddaughter Xochitl

Retired Pediatrician: Practiced in Lansing for 36 years

I have attended UUCGT for 6 years and became a member in 2017. I have participated in the multiple facets of UUCGT including worship, fellowship, education, and stewardship that has increased over the years. In return I have found friendship, spiritual growth, and a community of the soul.

Activities past and present include study of Karen Armstrong's research and promotion of compassion, Death Cafe, Shantideva Fan Club, Men's Group, creative writing, and community discussion of *CASTE*. Sunday morning greeter.

Past UUCGT committee activities are the most recent Ministerial Search Team, the team that revised our most recent covenant, and Social Justice Action.

Present committees include Finance, Staff Resources, and Stewardship.

Candidates for the Board of Trustees, continued...



Amanda Mangiardi
(Board - 3-year Position, 2022-25)

I first came to UUCGT in March of 2014, when I moved back to Michigan. I attended an Easter service about starting anew. The congregation was urged to make fresh starts and leave the badness behind. That service filled my heart and lifted me up. I left the church that day feeling positive and loved and joined shortly after that.

I joined the Sunday Services Committee, and together the other members and I carried our congregation through the hard times of Chava's medical problems and later the pandemic and learning to create Zoom services.

I also took on the editorship of our monthly newsletter, the Beacon, and joined the Congregational Care Team. I was part of the Re-Opening Task Force, and on the committee developing the Installation Ceremony for Alex. Additionally, I play the piano occasionally for services. Music adds so much to the total experience, and I love to create that ambiance.

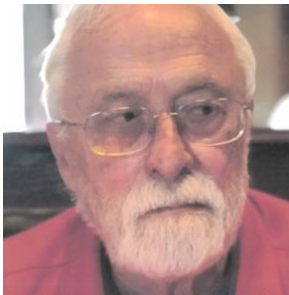
Candidates for the Endowment Committee



Nancy Doughty

(Endowment Committee - 3-year term, 2022-25)

I have been a member of UUCGT since 1998 when my husband and I moved to TC from Detroit. During my years at UUCGT I have been a member of the RE Committee and most recently a member of the Leadership Development Committee and member of the Endowment Committee. I am a life long Universalist and have been a UU minister since 1962 with various ministerial positions mainly in the Detroit area before retiring in 1995. I believe our UU values make a difference in the community and as well as for current members and friends. The UUCGT Endowment Fund is a legacy we leave for the continuation of UUCGT into the future. I want to lift up its important mission for the UU community and see funds are invested wisely.



Don Pyne

(Re-election to Endowment - 3-year term, 2022-25)

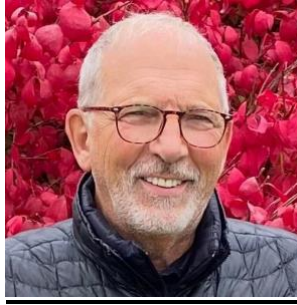
I joined UUCGT in about 1988, prior to that I attended or visited; The Peoples Church in Kalamazoo MI, The First Unitarian Church in Hyde Park Chicago, IL, Joliet IL Unitarian Congregation.

Since joining UUCGT, I have been active in the Vocal Ensemble, Served one term as a UUCGT board member, and currently finishing my first term on the Endowment committee, for the last year as treasurer. I also constructed the lectern that is in the sanctuary as designed by Richard Miller.

I graduated from Western Michigan University in 1965 with a major in math and a minor in physics. Worked 13 years for R.R. Donnelley & Sons printers as a production control manager, moved to Beulah in 1978 and opened a cabinet shop. I went back to school to get a teaching certificate, taught drafting and wood shop for one year as a full time substitute. I worked my last 15 years until my retirement as a licensed contractor building and remodeling homes.

I enjoy; music, history, politics and construction.

Candidates for the Leadership Development Committee



Jim Linsell

(Leadership Development - Finish out 1-year vacancy, 2022-23)

Jim Linsell has graciously agreed to be nominated to finish out the remaining year in Mike McDonald's term. As you may know, The McDonalds are moving to Ann Arbor.



Charles Brackett

(Leadership Development - 2-year term, 2022-24)

Born May 22, 1939, graduated 1968 with a PhD degree from the University of Michigan in Electrical Engineering. I joined AT&T's Bell Telephone Laboratories in New Jersey in 1968, working in a variety of R&D positions doing research on communications sub-systems, particularly microwave and optical fiber devices and components. I later joined Bell Communications Research (aka Bellcore) in 1984 to lead a group working on optical networking systems research. In 1997 I retired from Bellcore to found (as CTO) with 12 co-workers Tellium, a start-up funded by venture capital to develop and manufacture extremely high-speed communications and switching systems for optical fiber networks, the major market for which was the backbone network of the former Bell operating companies. I retired in 1999.

I moved from New Jersey to Traverse City in 1999 with my former wife, Ann Brackett, who now lives in Minnesota. We together have 3 adult children and 10 grandchildren. My three children live in Minnesota, Kansas, and New Hampshire. While in NJ I was a member of the Presbyterian Church, serving variously as Deacon, Elder, and youth counselor and high school Sunday school teacher. In Michigan, I was introduced to the Traverse City UUCGT by my new partner, Ellie Smith, about 10 years ago, and found it much to my liking and benefit and joined. I have not served any official capacity at UUCGT other than a membership in the Art Committee but have served unofficially photographing events and services and people for the benefit of the congregation. I have participated in the Wednesday suppers on a regular basis. I also participate in the UU Men's monthly dinner meetings and the Shantideva Fan Club Buddhist study group.

Things that I like about the Unitarian experience:

1. The people. I find this a stimulating congregation of accomplished people with a strong sense of acceptance of all, with a wide range of social and economic situations. This is enriching.
2. The lack of an official creed, but with an orientation towards social justice and the dignity and worth of all people.
3. The openness to people without the usual societal judgements about social class, marital status or sexual orientation.
4. The fact that UU is a petri-dish for ideas and questions, providing opportunity for open discussion without prejudice.

I have now lived in Traverse City for about 20 years. Ellie and I travel for a few months each year, enjoying our camping experiences in the south in the winters and some overseas trips.

Candidates for Leadership Development, continued...



Nan Worthington (Leadership Development - 2-year term, 2022-24)

Nan found her way to the UUCGT community in 1987 after meandering through the Methodist and Presbyterian meadows. She has pitched her tent here finding the intellectual stimulation, community involvement, and acceptance of Pagan beliefs gave her a moral home. Her 3 children were raised in this community.

When not frolicking in the meadow, Nan has had careers in NICU nursing (charge nurse, transport nurse and nurse educator), singing opera, and acting. She also seeks out travel opportunities to pagan spiritual sites, creating needlework, and participating in musical experiences.