

Candidate Slate for 2014-15

Board of Trustees, each elected for a term of 2 years

Wendy Jessup (current Member)



Wendy is a museum professional specializing in the care and preservation of cultural property. She was called to Unitarian Universalism through strong resonance with our first and seventh principles and the foundations of our faith, having been exposed to Buddhism and Shintoism during her early childhood in Japan, where she attended Japanese schools. Upon returning to the US, she attended a progressive Episcopalian congregation outside of New York City and spent summers at Society of Friends (Quaker) camps in Vermont.

Wendy joined UUCA in 1999. Since then, she has been involved in a range of UUCA's ministries: teaching RE and serving on the RE Council; participating in Chalice Theatre productions and the Choir; and serving on the Pastoral Care Guild, as a worship coordinator and as a Sunday usher. For the last five years she served on the Architectural Planning Committee, advocating for realistic, achievable and sustainable design solutions for preserving and upgrading our facilities so that we have a strong and vital physical home and infrastructure to support our ministry. Currently completing her first term as a Trustee, Wendy is excited about the opportunity of working with our new minister to expand UUCA's commitment to *Connect*, *Grow*, (and) *Serve* in our community and beyond.

Janice Morris (New)



Janice joined UUCA in 2000 and has been increasingly active in various church activities over the years. In addition to serving as an RE teacher for numerous classes, including participating in the 1st and 5th grade OWL programs, she has also been a committed member of a covenant group, taking on a co-facilitator role for the past two years.

One of her most inspiring experiences was traveling to New Orleans on a UUCA service trip after Hurricane Katrina, which sparked her interest in doing more volunteer activities with the church. In addition to previously taking on a leadership role in organizing UUCA's Working Together Weekend, she currently participates in UUCA's monthly Meals on Wheels deliveries. She has helped out with food bagging activities for ASPAN and food service activities for AFAC, and served as a volunteer for the UUCA Service auction this past year.

Professionally, as a current consultant for an Arlington-based crisis-based public relations firm and as a former congressional staffer, Janice understands the importance of open and clear communications and has a strong background in creative problem solving. On a personal level, as a single mom, Janice feels blessed to have a strong spiritual home in which to raise her daughter Claire. She is excited by the growth and service that will be promoted by our current and new ministerial leadership, and wants to continue to support and encourage a strong volunteer spirit within UUCA.

Mary Pike (current Member)



Mary has been on the Board since July 2012 and has been a UUCA member for more than 20 years. She is excited for the opportunity to work with the new minister and the Board to continue the work of implementing and fine-tuning UUCA policy governance.

In addition to her Board service, Mary is active in Green Action and serves on its Steering Committee. She served on the Social Action Council; facilitates a covenant group; sings in the SHINE choir; and has taught a number of adult RE courses, mostly focused on spirituality.

Mary retired in 2012 after working for 42 years for NAHRO, a non-profit involved in low-income housing. In 2009 she co-founded NoVA Outside: An Alliance of Environmental Educators and serves on its Board. Her passion for environmental sustainability led her to learn to crochet so that she could make shopping bags out of plastic bags. She is now the owner of the Recycled Bag Lady, which sells her bags, primarily at craft fairs. (She welcomes donations of plastic bags for this cause and especially likes solid color bags or those that are unusual for this area.) Mary is divorced; her adult married son lives in a Sufi community in Pennsylvania.

Paula Bendl Smith (new)



Paula came to UUCA in 2011 looking for community and spiritual comfort following a tough few years with many changes. She needed to grow and was cautious of organized religion. After a few Sunday visits, warm greetings and inspiring sermons, she knew she had found a home where she was free to ask the big questions and never have to pretend she believed something she did not.

Paula joined a Covenant Group and made a point of talking to someone new each Sunday. She was welcomed to stand with new friends to feed the Occupiers at McPherson Sq., speak for justice with VOICE on the mortgage crisis and affordable housing, march with UUCA Equality in the Gay Pride parade, serve coffee and welcome newcomers on Sundays, serve on the Stewardship committee, co-facilitate a covenant group, meditate on Monday nights, be a delegate to GA in her hometown of Louisville, Kentucky, and join the UUCA delegation to Guatemala last December. She is grateful for the positive, open and compassionate ideas and wants to contribute to right relationships, social justice and helping this UUCA *Connect, Grow and Serve*.

Paula has had considerable experience with policy governance on five previous non-profit boards, including service as a board chair during a transition to a new executive director after 20 years with the prior ED. She was the founding executive director of a state-wide non-profit child care resource and referral agency in Kentucky, and served as a director of training, technical assistance and partnerships for a national non-profit in Arlington. She is currently a federal project officer for HHS in DC. Paula has two grown daughters in Kentucky and was widowed in 2012.

Nominating Committee, each elected for a term of 2 years

Regina Koffman



Regina joined UUCA in 2005. She has been an usher since 2006, served on the Services Auction Committee for the last 4 years, and is a member of the Leaders of Tomorrow group. Regina retired from the Army Reserves in 2005, and is currently an Occupational Therapist for Fairfax County Public Schools. Regina and her wife, Kathy Smith, were married in the church last year. They live in Lake Barcroft with their cat, Belly Button, and their Husky, Yukon.

During her free time, Regina enjoys traveling with Kathy, visiting her family on their dairy farm in Wisconsin, cheering for the Green Bay Packers, gardening, biking, and zipping around on her red scooter.

Melissa Rea



Melissa has been active at UUCA for 20 years. She joined the Young Adults Group in 1994 and helped to organize a number of their on-going social justice efforts, including the bag meal program, working overnights at the Emergency Winter Shelter for A-SPAN, and recruiting participants for the CROP Walk. During her early years at UUCA, she served as the liaison to the Arlington Interfaith Council where she served on the board.

Melissa joined Fellowship X when it was formed 10 years ago and served several years on the leadership team. She continues to help with coordination of Fellowship X's weekly lay-led Friday Night services. She participates in VOICE and is on its core team. She and husband Greg co-facilitate a Covenant Group. Last year she participated in the "Healthy Congregations" training with other church leaders and this year participates in the Leaders of Tomorrow program with Rev. David Keyes.

Melissa is an Adult Learning Specialist who has spent most of her career teaching GED classes. She enjoys the outdoors and spending time with friends.

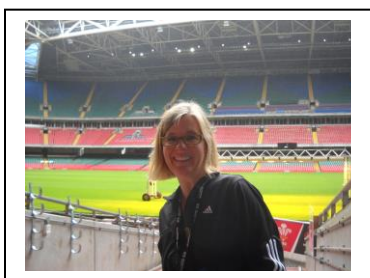
David Shilton



David joined UUCA in 1986. He and his wife Mary taught RE classes when their two daughters were RE participants, and both now sing in the adult choir. David served on the Board of Trustees from 2008-2011. He has served as co-chair of the Music Committee, performed with Chalice Theatre, played handbells with Polymnia, and sung with Second Street Singers. In his professional life, he is an attorney with the Environment & Natural Resources Division of the Department of Justice.

Board Secretary, elected annually

Joan Perry



Joan is a UU lifer. She began attending UUCA in 1968 and became a member in 1976. She and her husband were married by Kim Beach and have been active since the 80's. Joan taught Sunday school for about 10 years, participated in two rebuilding trips to New Orleans and is now teaching ESOL in the church's program. Outside of church, she has been active in her union's leadership at work for the past 15 years. When her three boys were in school, she worked on many PTA committees and was a leader in Cub Scouts.

Joan comes from a family of active UU's and shares a deep commitment to volunteerism with them; she wants to be more involved in UUCA. Joan works fulltime as an editor at Channel 5. She edited for the TV show America's Most Wanted for 17 years before its cancelation three years ago. It was there she developed an appreciation for the meaning of justice and the

importance of forgiveness. She looks forward to giving more time to UUCA, the church where she grew up.

Church Treasurer, elected annually

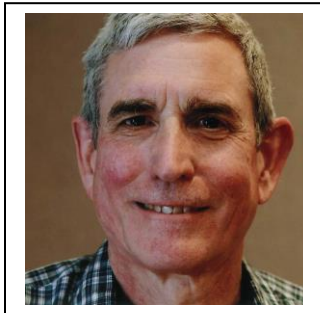
Chad Ohlandt



Chad has been a member of UUCA since 2009. 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 sons, Callen and Zachariah, live in Alexandria. Chad is an aerospace engineer and policy analyst at the RAND Corporation.

Assistant Treasurers, elected annually

Bob Gayer



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



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.