

## **Nominating Committee Nominees (in alphabetical order):**

### **Ron Cox**

I have been a UU since I discovered Unitarians while in college (actually, I was a U then). Dottie and I started attending a UU church a few years after we were married and have been active members since then.

I was raised a Methodist and began questioning many things in high school. UU churches have always been home to me. UUCSV is my 5<sup>th</sup> UU church. The seven principles are very important to me and attract me to people who share the same beliefs. I am a devout atheist and am very spiritual. I enjoy people who are comfortable with others of different beliefs. I enjoy learning from people whose ideas are different from mine.

I have experience in church finance, endowment, strategic planning, religious education and adult RE (collectively LFD), Worship Services, Music Ministry, church boards, leadership development, and nominating. At UUCSV, I have served on the Board, facilitated the start of LFD. I chaired and served on worship, Stewardship, Nominating and Leadership and Nominating, and Music Ministry.

While managing the UUCSV nametags, director, and the photo directory, I became acquainted with many UUCSV members. I enjoy getting to know people and what they hold as interest. Sharing suppers and our covenant group are special to me.

My interest in the Nominating Committee is for UUCSV to have our leadership functioning smoothly and with good succession. I can imagine us having more people interested in chairing activities and committees than we have positions. This takes communicating, planning, research, and training.

I dream of a church that is beautiful and always looks like it is expecting company plus has a large variety of learning and engaging experiences for our members and friends. I see us increasingly engaged in our communities as a church that reaches out to help those in need. I imagine our members believing there is no better church than UUCSV.

### **Katie Mack**

After searching for a new UU home following my move from California, I tried UUCSV. One week after my first visit, my father passed away. Although I was an “unknown” visitor, I received a tremendous outpouring of support after I shared my loss during Joys and Concerns. This convinced me that UUCSV was destined to be part of my extended family and community.

Like many who are new, my first volunteer job was making coffee each Sunday morning. I think we burned out three coffee grinders that year, in an effort to provide “fresh” coffee! I also attended LFD events, social events and signed up for a covenant and a supper group. If a call for volunteers was issued, I tried to help out. My next role was that of Social Co-Chairperson and then Chair of the Social Committee. Because I strongly believe that opportunities to network in UUCSV strengthen our community, I tried a variety of events that may appeal to persons: Game Nights, Oktoberfest for All Ages, Trivial Pursuit Bingo, Sing for Your Supper, and more. I also participated on an early long range planning committee, Worship Committee, Choir, Council on Committees, started a Singles Lunch Bunch, co-organizer of several Feminine Spirit Events, and more.

When a mid-term vacancy on the Board arose in the fall of 2010 I offered to fill this position. By that time, I was interested in the overall governance issues of the Church. I was accepted and later selected as President of your Board. It has been an exciting adventure! During my term, we have had two Ministers, three Directors of Religious Education, a gradual shift from a Program Board to a Policy Board, and lots of other changes and growth in member participation. I will complete my term as your President at the end of this coming June.

I have been approached to run for a position on the Nominating Committee. It would be an honor to be a part of the committee that is charged with selecting the very best candidates for our Board and for our Nominating Committee positions. I look forward to personally meeting and getting to know our newer members and guests and helping them to find the best way to become an involved and valued member of our UUCSV community.

### **Ginalouise Rezabek**

My name is Ginalouise Rezabek, and I submit the following for your consideration as a nominee for the Nominating Committee.

I first attended the UUCSV in 2009, and signed the book in 2013. I joined the LFDC in 2010, and was co-chair of that committee from 2010 to 2012. In 2013, I took over the responsibility of New UU Orientation, joining the Membership Committee and the Newcomers subcommittee. I have also been a Youth Group advisor and an RE teacher for the Busy Bees since 2013. In my time at UUCSV, I have taught Articulating Your UU Faith, helped to plan two Feminine Spirit events, helped with the auction and various other events, and have been active in several Sharing Supper and Covenant Groups. I was one of the first members of the SOUL Sacred Circle, and am working to organize a new women’s group to give other women the opportunity to benefit from the amazing experience that I have been so fortunate to share with my sisters. In running for the Nominating Committee, I would hope to give back to a congregation that has meant so much to my personal growth, and to help shape, in a small way, its future.