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Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) Call for Nominations 2018 Board of Trustees & Nominating Committee

Would you like to make a difference to Unitarian Universalists in Canada? Do you have an enthusiasm for the Unitarian Universalist faith? Our Canadian Unitarian Council is an intentional community of Unitarian Universalist congregations which jointly work to create connections, to be inspired, and to have a national voice.

One of the ways to make a difference to the Canadian Unitarian Council is by serving on the CUC Board of Trustees or the CUC Nominating Committee. The CUC's Nominating Committee is inviting expressions of interest from or on behalf of individuals in congregations who are interested in serving on the CUC Board or Nominating Committee beginning in May 2018. By encouraging diversity on the board and nominating committee, we are hoping to balance youthful perspectives with senior experience in leadership.

CUC Board Members are elected in May for three-year terms, with a maximum of two consecutive terms in accordance with the bylaws. In May 2018, three current CUC board members will be retiring from their positions. We are searching for 2 board nominees in the **BC Region** and 1 nominee in the **Western Region** (Thunder Bay to Alberta) to begin terms in May 2018. **Submit Expressions of Interest no later than January 10, 2018.**

A board nominee needs to be a member in good standing of a congregation within their region of representation, with the following strengths:

- enthusiasm for the Unitarian Universalist faith;
- commitment to relationship-building with board members and staff, and working collaboratively with board members on a policy board;
- commitment to attend in-person meetings in May (Hamilton) and September (Guelph).
- commitment to attend most, if not all, monthly on-line board meetings on the 4th Monday of each month,
- ability to think broadly about the welfare of the CUC and have an appreciation of the culture of the CUC,
- high comfort level with, and knowledge of, word processing, web and internet tools (eg Zoom meeting platforms, Google Suite), reliable high-speed internet connections, and willingness to learn new web/internet technologies
- effective leadership experience in a congregation, and willingness to assume a leadership or executive role on the board after some initial experience;
- be able and willing to step back from local commitments during tenure on the CUC Board and commit a significant amount of time to Board work.



Annual expenses: travel expenses and registration for the May annual conference and meeting and the September retreat will be covered for Board members. In addition, the CUC will pay the registration fee but not travel expenses for the regional fall gathering in the board member's region.

CUC Nominating Committee Members are elected in May for three-year terms with a maximum of two consecutive terms by mutual agreement. The committee meets monthly from August to April using electronic meeting platforms and in person at the Annual General Meeting or National Conference (now held once every two years). For 2018, we are seeking Nominating Committee members **in the Western Region, Central Region and the Eastern Region.**

Nominating Committee nominees will be members in good standing of a congregation within the region they represent with the following skills and strengths:

- able to attend national conferences and regional gatherings to become acquainted with people in the region, or be willing to seek out interested people;
- access to high-speed internet connections and comfort with on-line meeting platforms such as Zoom, using group and individual emails, and accessing documents online;
- be familiar with the structure of the CUC and the responsibilities of CUC Board members;
- have served on the board or denominational affairs committee in one or more congregations in their region, or have demonstrated other relevant involvement;
- ability to publicize opportunities and recruit applicants from their region when a vacancy occurs.

Additional information on the **Board and Nominating Committee** is available on the CUC website cuc.ca/board-of-trustees/ and from the Nominating Committee by sending an email to nominations@cuc.ca. We welcome enquiries or suggestions about the nominating process regardless of upcoming vacancies.

Interested persons are asked to provide **brief candidate statements** including a short biography of activities within your local faith community, other relevant appointments or experience, as well as occupation and/or background experiences, and two references within your congregation and community who can attest to your gifts. Please include your name, address, phone and email.



Call for Nominations by Petition: In addition to regular nominations by the Nominating Committee, the Nominating Committee will accept nominations for either the Board or the Nominating Committee by a petition signed by at least twenty-five members in good standing, up **to thirty days** prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be forwarded to the Committee by sending an email care of nominations@cuc.ca. Indicate in the submission which region the person is being nominated in and whether the nomination is for the board or the nominating committee. **Submit Nominations by Petition no later than April 18, 2018.**

A Nominating Committee report will be sent to every member society in accordance with the by-laws.

Please ensure that this notice is widely distributed in your congregation.

Sincerely,
Joanne Green, Chair, nominations@cuc.ca
Nominating Committee