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TO: Congregational Ministers, Presidents, Secretaries, CUC Liaisons, CUC Leaders
RE: Report of the Canadian Unitarian Council Nominating Committee
From: CUC Nominating Committee

# CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following CUC Board members will continue their terms during 2014-2015:

(Terms of office are for 3 years unless otherwise stated)

| NAME                       | REGION           | TERM   |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|
| Glenda Butt (Halifax)      | Eastern          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |
| Rev. Fiona Heath (Durham)  | Central          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Gary Groot (Saskatoon)     | Western          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |
| Roger Rochester (Winnipeg) | Western          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Leslie Kemp (Vancouver)    | British Columbia | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |

# The following are nominees for the CUC Board:

| NAME                        | REGION           | TERM   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--|
| Jaime Dunton (North Hatley) | Eastern          | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Lorna Weigand (Don Heights) | Central          | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Kristina Stevens (Victoria) | British Columbia | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |

# CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following CUC Nominating Committee Members will continue their terms during 2014-2015

| NAME                           | REGION                   | TERM   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Bunty Albert (PEI)             | Eastern                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Elizabeth Bowen (First Ottawa) | Eastern/Central At Large | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> term |
| Susan Ruttan (Edmonton)        | Western                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Rev. Debra Thorne (Beacon)     | British Columbia         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |



### The following are nominees for the CUC Nominating Committee:

| NAME                          | REGION              | TERM   |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Lynn Harrison (First Toronto) | Central             | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |
| Connie Wigmore (Vancouver)    | BC/Western At Large | 1 <sup>st</sup> year of 1 <sup>st</sup> term |

Further nominations may be submitted for the CUC Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee to the Nominating Committee by petition signed by at least 25 members in good standing of CUC member congregations up to thirty days (April 16, 2014) prior to the Annual Meeting (May 16, 2014). Such nominations shall be accepted by the Committee. Please request a nomination form and send submissions to the Nominating Committee at nominations@cuc.ca or by mail (received by April 16, 2014) to:

Canadian Unitarian Council 100-344 Dupont Street Toronto ON M5R 1V9 By fax: 416-489-9010

Job descriptions and role responsibilities are available on the CUC website at <a href="http://cuc.ca/board-of-trustees/">http://cuc.ca/board-of-trustees/</a> and from the Nominating Committee at <a href="nominations@cuc.ca">nominations@cuc.ca</a>.

Please ensure that members of your board, congregation and committees are aware of this Nominating Committee report.

Bunty Albert Chair, CUC Nominating Committee <u>nominations@cuc.ca</u>; (902) 651-3612



#### **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

### **CUC BOARD NOMINEES**

## Jamie Dunton - Eastern Region



Many fans of CUC Annual Meetings already know Jaime, who has served as CUC Parliamentarian for a number of years. He has been a member of the North Hatley congregation since the mid-90s, and during that period served on its board as Treasurer and then President.

Jaime retired many years ago and moved from Montreal to the Eastern Townships of Quebec with his wife Sooky. His long career as a lawyer (specializing in corporate law) in Montreal did not prevent him from pursuing his other interests such as music, tennis and sailing. He was for many years the volunteer organist of his local Anglican church, and was one of the founding members of the St.

Lawrence Choir in Montreal. This latter activity included singing twice in Carnegie Hall, New York. In more recent times he directed the Lakeside Singers in North Hatley.

Jaime recently spent the better part of a year leading the work of a CUC committee that revised the by-laws from stem to stern to comply with the new federal law governing notfor-profit organizations such as the CUC. He and Sooky have missed very few Annual Meetings, if any, and have made a point of visiting Unitarian or Unitarian Universalist churches wherever they have travelled from one end of the earth to the other. Their attachment to our faith is of the strongest.

#### Lorna Weigand - Central Region



Lorna joined Don Heights Unitarian Congregation in Scarborough in 1998 after many happy years as an Anglican. She grew up on a farm south of Ottawa and started working life as an elementary school teacher in the one room school house she had attended as a child. She moved to Toronto in 1973 to begin life with her partner Ron. They have four adult children and expect their third grandchild in May.

Lorna has been involved with many committees at Don Heights including serving on a Ministerial Search Team, working on Social Action Projects, Building Search, Shared Ministry and on Sunday

Services Planning. She has attended several ACMs, Regional Gatherings and the Central Region UU Mid-Winter Retreat, a rest and relaxation weekend she looks forward to every



February. She is presently finishing a two year term as President of Don Heights Congregation and enjoys the weekly Meditation Group and the monthly Multi-faith Spiritual Dialogue Group.

After exploring various occupations including teaching both children and adults, banking, community information and referral and parenting four children, Lorna spent 15 years as Executive Director of Doorsteps Neighbourhood Services, a community development organization in a newcomer area of Toronto near Jane and Wilson. Friends and clients at Doorsteps gave her a greater appreciation of cultural and religious diversity. Lorna retired from Doorsteps in 2009 but continues to be very involved with an advocacy group that she helped establish in 2004, Middle Childhood Matters Coalition-Toronto. MCMCT advocates for affordable, high quality programs for before and after school and holidays, for children ages six to twelve.

### Kristina Stevens - BC Region



Kristina was born in St. Louis, MO, and raised in the US Midwest in the Presbyterian church. She immigrated to Canada in 1972. After several years as a full-time homemaker and mother in Victoria, BC, Kristina went back to school, earned an MBA in Finance, and had a 30-year career with the Provincial Government of BC. After some years without a church affiliation, she joined the First Unitarian Church of Victoria in 1992, after being asked by a friend to help with the music one Sunday, and has been involved in a number of ways since that time. She has been a member of the church's Board of Directors twice, acted as Treasurer for three years, and is currently

chair of the Finance Committee. The fun part is her involvement with the church's music program: she is the (unpaid) Assistant Choir Director, singing in the Chalice Choir and conducting the Women's Choir.

Kristina has been a member of the CUC Board for three years and has filled the post of Treasurer for two of those years. She enjoys working with other Unitarian Universalists across Canada, and feels enriched by the many opportunities to learn about others' perspectives while charting the way forward together.



## CUC NOMINATING COMMITTEE NOMINEES

#### Lynn Harrison - Central Region



Lynn Harrison is a Candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry, serving as the intern minister at First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto in 2013-14.

Lynn and her family have been members of Neighbourhood Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Toronto since 2006. At NUUC, Lynn has been active in worship and music leadership, small group facilitation and program design, spiritual direction, committee on ministry, hospitality and youth leadership. As a guest speaker, she has visited numerous other UU congregations including Don Heights, Mississauga, Grand River and Ottawa First.

Also a singer-songwriter in the Canadian folk music tradition, Lynn has composed numerous songs and hymns inspired by Unitarian values, which she shares in worship services and gatherings of all kinds.

Lynn welcomes the opportunity to strengthen and support the CUC through the nominating committee, while working with her Canadian Unitarian colleagues.

# Connie Wigmore - BC/Western at Large



Connie joined the Unitarian Church of Vancouver in 1998. Since then she has served on a wide variety of committees, including the Board for two terms. In 2005, she coordinated a renovation to church's social building, Hewett Centre. Most recently, she has been the editor of the monthly newsletter, The Bulletin. The Chalice Choir has been part of her spiritual life for many years. Connie has attended many of the CUC AGMs, and especially appreciates meeting other Unitarians from across the country.

Prior to her retirement in 2009, Connie taught elementary school in Burnaby for 30 years, after training and teaching in England. Where did the time go?