



CANADIAN
UNITARIAN
COUNCIL

CONSEIL
UNITARIEN
DU CANADA

April 2, 2015

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 2015-2016:
(Terms of office are for 3 years unless otherwise stated)

NAME	REGION	TERM
Glenda Butt (Halifax)	Eastern	3 rd year of 2 nd term
Jaime Dunton (First Ottawa)	Eastern	2 nd year of 1 st term
Rev. Fiona Heath (Mississauga)	Central	3 rd year of 1 st term
Lorna Weigand (Don Heights)	Central	2 nd year of 1 st term
Kristina Stevens (Victoria)	British Columbia	2 nd year of 2 nd term

The following are nominees for the CUC Board:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Susan Ruttan (Edmonton)	Western	1 st year of 1 st term
Jane Ebbern (Calgary)	Western	1 st year of 1 st term
Keith Wilkinson (Vancouver)	British Columbia	1 st year of 1 st term

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following Nominating Committee Members will continue their terms during 2015-2016:



NAME	REGION	TERM
Lynn Harrison (Neighbourhood)	Central	2 nd year of 1 st term
Rev. Debra Thorne (Beacon)	British Columbia	3 rd year of 1 st term
Connie Wigmore (Vancouver)	BC/Western At Large	2 nd year of 1 st term

The following are nominees for the CUC Nominating Committee:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Bunty Albert (PEI)	Eastern	1 st year of 2 nd term
Ben Robins (First Toronto)	Eastern/Central at Large	1 st year of 1 st term
Joanne Green (Regina)	Western	1 st year of 1 st 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, 2015) prior to the Annual Meeting (May 16, 2015). 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, 2015) to:

Canadian Unitarian Council @ The Centre for Social Innovation
400-215 Spadina Ave
Toronto ON, M5T 2T7
By fax: 416-489-9010

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

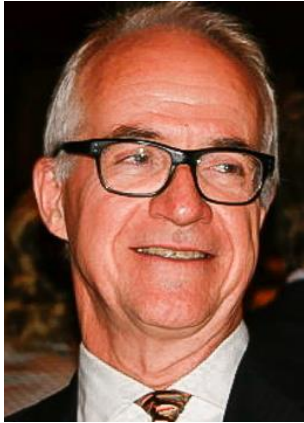
Please ensure that members of your board, congregation and committees are aware of this Nominating Committee report.

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



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

CUC Board Nominees



Keith Wilkinson, BC Region

Keith grew up on a farm in Alberta, traveled widely, completed a PhD at UBC in interdisciplinary studies, and joined the Unitarian Church of Vancouver (UCV) in 1998. At UCV he has served on a range of committees and on the Board as Treasurer and President.

In his career he worked as a public school teacher in Nunavut, as a private consultant, and as a health care and college administrator in Metro Vancouver until retiring in 2011. He writes poetry as a spiritual practice and served for four years on the CUC poetry chapbook editorial team.

Following the CUC/UUA separation, Keith served as a CUC volunteer service consultant for the BC and Western Regions, providing support in the areas of worship services and ministerial transitions. More recently, he has been active with the CUC Environment Monitoring Group and co-authored a climate change curriculum for the CUC.

Keith would like to help strengthen the role of volunteers in the CUC, develop support strategies for large congregations, and improve ways for including young adults and ethnic communities in CUC congregations.



Jane Ebborn, Western Region

Jane has been a member in Calgary (UCC) since 1998 and has served four years on its board, one of which as president. She has also chaired the Physical Plant Committee for 1.5 years and for the last five years, has been Director of the UCC Fruit Cake Operations – a wonderful fall fundraising and community building event.

For five years she helped the Green Sanctuary Committee write grant proposals to the Alberta Government and was instrumental in getting \$50,000 over these 5 years for environmental programs and improvements. She was a delegate for Calgary at the Thunder Bay

and Toronto AGMs.

Jane has 22 years of corporate marketing and retailing experience plus 8 years in non-profit management. She retired at the end April 2014. In addition to serving on the UCC board, Jane was a board director for a local jazz dance company for 5 years.



Her particular interests at the CUC Board are in growth and in understanding how technology can be used to share our national and congregational resources.



Susan Ruttan, Western Region

Susan Ruttan is a retired newspaper reporter, editor, and columnist living in Edmonton. She worked at the Kingston Whig-Standard, Victoria Times, Winnipeg Tribune, Calgary Herald, and Edmonton Journal before taking early retirement in 2008.

Susan joined the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (UCE) in 2001 and has been very active in the congregation. She has twice been board president and twice board treasurer, a position she currently holds. She does a variety of other things in the congregation, such as handling publicity for the 2014 Western Regional Fall Gathering. She

was the 2012 recipient of the congregation's W.H. Alexander Award, given each year to a member who has done exceptional volunteer service for the church.

Susan has attended several ACMs and currently sits on the CUC Nominating Committee. She is also president of her neighbourhood community league and sings in the UCE choir.

CUC Nominating Committee Nominees



Joanne Green, Western Region

Joanne Green started attending the Unitarian Church of Calgary in 1959 when her parents joined the congregation. After moving several times to locations with no Unitarian congregation, she moved to Regina in 1996 with her husband and children. They joined the Unitarian Fellowship of Regina knowing they would find kindred humans (or spirits).

Joanne has been active in the Unitarian Fellowship of Regina since 1997, holding positions as treasurer twice, newsletter editor twice, and now, president. Joanne has also been active in the children's program committee and the building committee, overseeing several renovations to their 1928 building. In her working life, she was an architectural technologist and specification writer. Other interests include environmental awareness and women's issues. After retirement in early 2013, Joanne stepped up to become president of the board in Regina.

After attending the last two CUC ACM events, Joanne has become more interested in the future of the CUC. Although it is a small start, being part of the nominating committee will allow more connection to the national council.



Ben Robins, Central/Eastern Region

Ben Robins grew up in the Kingston Unitarian Fellowship, and is currently at Emmanuel College in Toronto preparing for UU ministry. He is a member at Toronto First, on the ushering team and the Engage & Connect team. Previously, he was active at the Neighbourhood UU Congregation, as Youth Advisor and service leader.

Most of his relationships with UUs across Canada were developed at weekend Youth Cons, Young Adult events, regional gatherings, and at Unicamp, as well as in giving the occasional sermon. When he was 14, his parents cold-called a UU in St. John's, Newfoundland, who gave them a tour of the city, and he looks forward to more experiences like this.

Ben studied physics at the University of Waterloo and education at Queen's University (with a focus on personalized learning). He has helped to run a traditional pub in England, and a retreat centre/intentional community for improvised and embodied dance. Last year he coordinated the Ontario Regional Contact Jam at the National Ballet School.

Being on the Nominating Committee is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy people, develop relationships, and help UUs use their gifts to grow vital religious community throughout Canada.

Nominating Committee Second Term:



Bunty Albert, Eastern Region

Bunty McCabe Albert joined the Unitarian Fellowship of PEI in about 1993 and has served as its president, secretary and treasurer each several times over the years. She takes every chance she can get to attend CUC Annual Conferences and Meetings, regional gatherings, and services at other UU congregations so she can meet more UUs, be challenged and invigorated.

She retired as a senior manager in the Public Service of Canada in 2008 where her last post was in the field of information management and access to information and privacy. Since retiring she has been extremely active in ACT (a community theatre) including a two year term as president and the producer of two Shakespeare plays in a park: Macbeth and Hamlet. Her other passions include photography and travel.

Bunty has chaired the CUC Nominating Committee for the past two years, photographed the 2014 ACM in Montreal and will be photographing major events during the 2015 ACM in Ottawa.