



---

**TO:** Congregational Presidents and Leaders, Canadian Unitarian Universalist Ministers, CUC Liaisons, CUC Leaders

**RE:** Report of the Canadian Unitarian Council Nominating Committee

**From:** CUC Nominating Committee | March 2019

### CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One board member from BC stepped down before completion of his 2018-2019 term. There are three new nominees for 2019. One Trustee (Chuck Shields) was appointed by the Board after the May 2018 AGM, and needs to be affirmed at the 2019 AGM, and one Trustee (Tanya Cothran) is nominated for a second 3-year term.

**The following CUC Board members will continue their terms during 2019-20:**

NAME	REGION	TERM
Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel (Olinda)	Central	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of First 3-year term
Kiersten Moore (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of First 3-year term
Margaret Wanlin (Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship)	Western	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of First 3-year term

**The nominees for the CUC Board are:**

NAME	REGION	TERM
Joanne Green (Unitarian Fellowship of Regina)	Western	New 3-year term
Glenna Hanley (Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton)	Eastern	New 3-year term
Michael Scales (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	New 3-year term
Tanya Cothran (Toronto First)	Central	1 <sup>st</sup> Year of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3-year term
Chuck Shields (Ottawa First)	Eastern	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of First 3-year term



## CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following Nominating Committee members will continue their terms during 2019-20:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Rev. Helen McFadyen (First Victoria)	BC/Western	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year term
Wendy Shusterman (Mississauga)	Central	3 <sup>rd</sup> year of 3-year term
Molly Hurd (Halifax)	Eastern	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year term
Maury Prevost (Ottawa First)	Central/Eastern	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year term
John (Mich) Michell (Calgary)	Western	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 3-year term

The following is the nominee for the CUC Nominating Committee:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Lynn Armstrong (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	New 3-year 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 11, 2019**) prior to the Annual Meeting (**May 11, 2019**). Such nominations shall be accepted by the Committee. Please request a nomination form and send submissions to the Nominating Committee at [nominations@cuc.ca](mailto:nominations@cuc.ca) or by mail (received by **April 11, 2019**) to:

Canadian Unitarian Council  
302-192 Spadina Ave  
Toronto ON M5T 2T2

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](mailto:nominations@cuc.ca).



## CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL YOUTH OBSERVER TO THE BOARD NOMINATIONS

The CUC Board of Trustees recently decided to add a second Youth Observer to the Board (YOB) position, to increase engagement with youth and congregations, and to gain youth perspectives. The second (junior) YOB will shadow the senior YOB, currently Liv Gardner from Winnipeg, for a year and then become the senior YOB in their second year.

The Nominating Committee (NC) will support the selection of the Youth Observer (YOB) to the Board in the following ways:

- NC will send a complementary Call for Applications.
- NC will receive applications via [nominations@cuc.ca](mailto:nominations@cuc.ca) and forward them, as they arrive, to YOB Mentor, the current YOB, CUC Youth and Young Adult Staff.
- NC will look for potential applicants through its channels

Online elections for the Junior YOB are being held from April 4 – 18, 2019. The job description, application form and pertinent information is on the CUC website at <https://cuc.ca/about-cuc/board-of-trustees/youth-observer/>.

---

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

Wendy Shusterman  
Chair, CUC Nominating Committee

Attachment: Biographical Information of Nominees



## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### Joanne Green (Western Region)

Joanne grew up in Calgary, where her parents joined the Unitarian Church when she was eight years old. She was active in the LRY, and many of the social justice actions of the 1960s. After obtaining a diploma from SAIT, Joanne worked as an architectural technologist in Calgary and then British Columbia. She and her husband moved to Regina in 1996, and promptly joined the Unitarian Fellowship. She has attended several CUC conferences and several Western Regional Gatherings. She served 3 years on the CUC Nominating Committee.

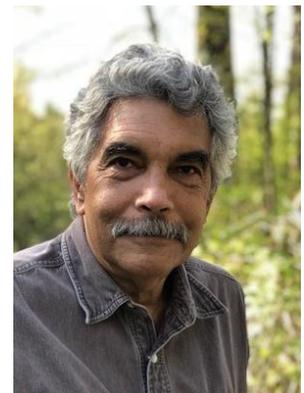


Joanne has held several positions on the Regina Board of Trustees (President, Treasurer, Secretary) over 22 years. Currently she is chair of the Sunday Service committee and the Building committee. Joanne has also been involved with nominations, fundraising, and two Western Regional Gatherings in Regina. More recently, she was part of a communications action group and a Covenant of Healthy Relations action group.

Joanne hopes to contribute to the well-being of the CUC and the board by bringing a view formed by her membership in a small congregation. She would like to help keep the CUC a viable institution by maintaining lines of communication between the Western region and the national organisation. She has an ability to work with finances and will be willing to contribute to the work of Treasurer. Finally, Joanne would like to help promote the services of the CUC and the connectivity we're all working on.

#### Michael Scales (BC Region)

Michael considers himself to be a “mid-century-modern man” since he was born in San Francisco, in the exact middle of the century (1950). In addition, although it may appear that he might be made of teak, that is only because his parents were an interracial couple. More importantly, due to his Unitarian upbringing, he was not willing to support the war in Vietnam. So, just before he turned 18, he hitchhiked to Canada to live. Eventually, he became a special education teacher and a school





psychologist in a number of towns around British Columbia. He retired last fall from that career and is now living in New Westminster.

As he was planning for his retirement, he realized that a successful retirement involves a person having some meaning in their life to replace the meaning that is often connected to their previous career. Since Michael does not have any of his four grandchildren in any town nearby to easily provide that meaning, he is hoping that his contribution to Unitarianism through service to the CUC will fill that void in a productive way. Michael hopes that the CUC will be one of the reasons he gets up each morning.

### **Glenna Hanley (Eastern Region)**

Glenna was born into a large family in a small town in NB. She worked as a teacher and a government clerk before discovering her true calling as a journalist. A bit of a rolling stone, she has lived in five provinces. In 2007 she returned to NB and discovered the Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton. She soon became an avid volunteer and rose from the ranks of Sunday morning coffee maker to a three-year stint as President of the board.



She currently serves as past president of the board, chair of hospitality and member of building and grounds, and public awareness committees. She is involved in many other activities, such as fundraising, adult education programs, and attending just about anything that is going on at the fellowship.

Given the direction in which western democracies are headed, Glenna believes UUism is the religion for our times, a place where people can find hope, renew spiritually and help make a better world.

Now retired, her major commitments are her local congregation, politics, and visits to her family in Norway. She wants to devote time to the CUC board and play a small part in seeing this unique movement grow throughout Canada.



### **Tanya Cothran (Central Region)**

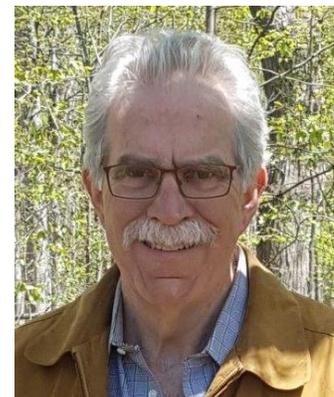
Tanya has been a member of the Toronto First Unitarian Congregation since Spring 2015. Tanya is currently a member of the CUC Board of Trustees and has been serving as Treasurer for the past 2 years. Like many others, she experienced a varied faith path on the way to UU. She grew up attending and leading at many Camps Farthest Out and Journey Farthest Out inter-denominational family camps in California and New Hampshire, which fostered an appreciation for prayer, inter-generational worship, and creative spiritual expression. Over the years she has also attended Quaker meetings, Presbyterian churches, and was baptized in the United Church of Christ in Minnesota in 2012.



Since 2008, Tanya has run the U.S. not-for-profit organization Spirit in Action. Spirit in Action gives grants in Kenya, Malawi, and Uganda for small family businesses and to community organizations for income-generating projects and savings group formation.

### **Chuck Shields (Eastern Region)**

Chuck is a life-long Unitarian, has been an active member of the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa for many years. He has served on the CUC's Shining Lights Award team, the Northern Lights Program team, and on the CUC Board since July 2018. He is retired from a career of leadership roles with national and international health organizations. He brings happiness and joy into his life by working with his wife, Lynn, to build a new home, by exploring good food and wine, and by travelling.





## CUC Nominating Committee Nominee

### Lynn Armstrong (BC Region)

Lynn Armstrong is an active member of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver and was previously with the Comox Valley Fellowship and First Victoria, North Shore and Calgary churches. She has served in many congregational roles including newsletter editor, several years on Boards and with various committees. She chaired Membership, Denominational Affairs, Social Justice and an Intern Committee and was Canvass Co-chair in two congregations.



Involvement at the regional and national level has also been significant. Lynn was active with the BC Council within PNWD 1998-2002, a member of the national HUUG Team (Helping U\*U's Grow) 2001-02 and a Service Consultant with the CUC Regional Network 2003-05. She has attended many conferences, annual meetings and training events over the years including PNWD and Cascadia meetings, BC and Western Regional gatherings, CUC Annual Conferences and Meetings, and a UUA General Assembly. She enjoys getting to know other Unitarians.

In addition to her Unitarian identity, Lynn describes herself as a retired social worker, happy grandmother, outdoor enthusiast and social justice organizer. She currently serves on the Board of Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice (CUSJ) as Membership Coordinator and this brings her into contact with members of many congregations.

Lynn offers to bring commitment and enthusiasm, together with a deep belief in the value of our Unitarian movement, to this role with the Nominating Committee. She was previously a member of the committee 2000-2004.