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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

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For many years the terms of Board Trustees were staggered so that no more than three trustees would have their terms expire at the same time. This was considered important for the maintenance of corporate knowledge and effective mentoring of new Trustees. The resolution to change bylaw #5.4 is intended to facilitate the proper staggering of terms. The information below reflects the realignment.

The following CUC Board members will continue their terms during 2020-21:

| NAME | REGION | TERM |
|---|---------------|---|
| Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel (Olinda) | Central | 3 rd Year of First 3-year term |
| Kiersten Moore (Unitarian Church of Vancouver) | BC | 3 rd Year of First 3-year term |
| Margaret Wanlin (Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship) | Western | 3 rd Year of First 3-year term |
| Joanne Green (Unitarian Fellowship of Regina) | Western | 2 nd Year of First 3-year term |
| Glenna Hanley (Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton) | Eastern | 2 nd Year of First 3-year term |
| Michael Scales (Unitarian Church of Vancouver) | BC | 2 nd Year of First 3-year term |

Tanya Cothran is leaving the Board after completing the 1st year of her second term. This is a planned departure after a year that allowed Tanya to mentor Joanne Green as new Treasurer. Sincere thanks to Tanya for her 4 years of service on the Board of Trustees.



The nominee(s) for the CUC Board is:

| NAME | REGION | TERM |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Chuck Shields (Ottawa First) | Eastern | 1st Year of First 3-year term |
| Margaret Kohr (Toronto First) | Central | 1st Year of First 3-year term |

Chuck Shields’ re-election, after completing the last two years of the 3-year Eastern Region term started in 2017 by Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel reflects the realignment and proper staggering.

Margaret Kohr who is replacing Tanya Cothran, will stand a full 3 year term to facilitate the proper staggering of terms.

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the time of writing this report there are two open positions for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee has posted an open call for nomination, petitioned ministers, board chairs and contacted individuals who previously expressed an interest. Invitations were extended to more than 25 highly qualified individuals to no avail. Both BC and Central Regions did not have Fall Regional Gatherings in 2019. The Nominating Committee is concerned that the omission of face-to-face gatherings has led to a loss of opportunities to meet potential candidates.

The following Nominating Committee members will continue their terms during 2020-21:

| NAME | REGION | TERM |
|--|-----------------|---|
| Maury Prevost (Ottawa First) | Central/Eastern | 3 rd Year of First 3-year term |
| John (Mich) Michell (Calgary) | Western | 3 rd Year of First 3-year term |
| Molly Hurd (Halifax) | Eastern | 3 rd Year of First 3-year term |
| Lynn Armstrong (Unitarian Church of Vancouver) | BC | 2 nd Year of First 3-year term |



The following is the nominee for the CUC Nominating Committee:

| NAME | REGION | TERM |
|--------|------------|-----------------|
| VACANT | BC/Western | New 3-year term |
| VACANT | Central | New 3-year term |

Rev Helen McFayden and Wendy Shusterman leave the Nominating Committee after both completing the 3rd year of their first term. Sincere thanks to Helen and Wendy for their 3 years of service on the Nominating Committee.

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 15, 2020) prior to the Annual Meeting (May 15, 2020). 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 fax (received by April 15, 2020) to:

Canadian Unitarian Council
Suite 302-192 Spadina Ave
Toronto ON, M5T 2C2

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.

Wendy Shusterman
Chair, CUC Nominating Committee



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION Board of Trustees

Maragaret Kohr (Central Region)

Born and raised in Ottawa, Margaret moved to Toronto in 1976, to begin a long career as a lawyer in the Ontario Public Service (now happily retired). She and her husband, Richard Kirsh, were married by a UU Lay Chaplain, in a ceremony that addressed their diverse faith backgrounds. Later, when searching for a spiritual community where their two sons could explore religion in a liberal environment, they realized that their own principles and that of the UU faith were closely aligned and they became members of the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto.



Over the past 25 years Margaret has had the privilege of volunteering at First on too many committees to mention, but highlights include: as an RE team teacher, as a member of the Ministerial Search Committee, as a member of the Board (two years as President), Denominational Convenor, and delegate for many, many CUC AGMs. Margaret is a retired Lay Chaplain, a member of First's Jewish Awareness Group, a supporter of the Syrian Refugee Project and a participant in the Central America Construction Expeditions.

She has been a consistent volunteer for the CUC including assisting the ED during the CRA Audit, and disentangling the licencing issues for Lay Chaplains, with the Marriage Office in Ontario. As a CUC Board member, she looks forward to gaining new connections with UUs nationally and to getting a better perspective of the issues facing congregations across the country.

Chuck Shields (Eastern Region)

Chuck is a life-long Unitarian, has been an active member of Ottawa 1st for many years, and 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.

