



March 15, 2021

**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

Changes made in 2020 re-established proper staggering of Trustee terms. Three positions are up for (re-)election in 2021, three more in 2022, and two in 2023.

**The following CUC Board members will continue their terms during 2021-22:**

NAME	REGION	TERM
Chuck Shields (Ottawa First)	Eastern	2nd Year of First 3-year term
Margaret Kohr (Toronto First)	Central	2nd Year of First 3-year term
Joanne Green (Unitarian Fellowship of Regina)	Western	3rd Year of First 3-year term
Glenna Hanley (Unitarian Fellowship of Fredericton)	Eastern	3rd Year of First 3-year term
Michael Scales (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	3rd Year of First 3-year term

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

The following three Trustees have completed a 3-year term, are eligible for re-election, and have agreed to serve again if elected. We thank them for that.

NAME	REGION	TERM
Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel (Olinda)	Central	1st Year of Second 3-year term
Kiersten Moore (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	1st Year of Second 3-year term
Margaret Wanlin (Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship)	Western	1st Year of Second 3-year term



There are no Trustees leaving the CUC Board this year.

## CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Coming out of the CUC Annual General Meeting in May 2020, there were two vacancies out of six positions on the Nominating Committee. Julien LeBourdais was appointed to the Nominating Committee in September 2020 to fill the vacant position for the Central region. The vacancy for the BC/Western representative remained open throughout the past year.

We are very pleased this year to present a full slate of six members of the Nominating Committee.

### The following Nominating Committee members will continue their terms during 2021-22:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Lynn Armstrong (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	3rd Year of First 3-year term

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

In 2020 we took care of proper staggering of Board of Trustee terms. We subsequently realized that we needed to do the same for the Nominating Committee. The notes below explain the details.

NAME	REGION	TERM
Michael Dailly (Nelson)	BC/Western	For an initial 2-year term (Note 1)
Julien LeBourdais (Durham)	Central	2nd Year of First 3-year term (Note 2)
Maury Prevost (Ottawa First)	Central/Eastern	1st Year of Second 3-year term
Alex Schumacher (Calgary)	Western	1st Year of First 3-year term
Kim Turner (Halifax)	Eastern	For an initial 1-year term (Note 3)



Note 1: Michael Dailly is filling a position that became vacant in 2020, so will initially serve a 2-year term until 2023.

Note 2: Julien LeBourdais, having been appointed to complete the first year of this term, is now standing for election by the CUC membership for the remaining two years.

Note 3: Kim Turner will initially serve for a 1-year term in this position in order to achieve proper staggering of terms on the Nominating Committee.

All of these people will be eligible for nomination to a second 3-year term after completing their first term. With these changes, two positions on the committee will be up for (re-)election in 2022, two more in 2023, and two in 2024.

Molly Hurd and John (“Mich”) Michell are leaving the Nominating Committee after completing the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of their first term. Sincere thanks to Molly and Mich for their 3 years of service on the Nominating Committee.

## PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATIONS BY PETITION

Further nominations for the CUC Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee may be submitted to the Nominating Committee by petition signed by at least 25 members in good standing of CUC member congregations up to thirty days (**April 8, 2021**) prior to the Annual Meeting (May 8, 2021). 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 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](mailto:nominations@cuc.ca).

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

Maury Prevost  
Chair, CUC Nominating Committee

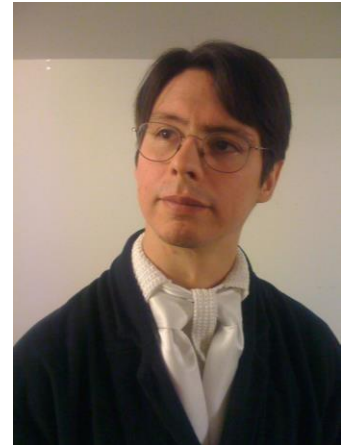


## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

### Board of Trustees

#### Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel (Central Region)

I was born in Mexico City and lived there during the 80s. After I moved to Canada, I first spent the 90s in London, Ontario, then moving to Ottawa in 2000 for a Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management (B.PAPM), eventually finding Unitarian Universalism at Ottawa First. I became a member, and eventually served three years as a member of the Board – I was also Worship Associate and Lay Chaplain, which was my confirming experience to pursue a call in ministry.



I pursued seminary training at the Montreal School of Theology (affiliated with McGill University) and was invited to join the Board of the Unitarian Church of Montreal, as Secretary, where I continued to be involved in church leadership and governance.

I completed my internship at Toronto First and was ordained in 2016 at Neighbourhood UU in Toronto. I served as Developmental Minister at the UU Fellowship of Ottawa, from 2016-2018.

I am now the settled Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Olinda, which is a Universalist-founded church in Ruthven Ontario, a small rural community near Windsor. Our church has been expanding its connections with other local communities of faith, and offering spiritual inspiration within and beyond our walls.

#### Kiersten Moore (BC Region)

Kiersten's early childhood was spent in the Baha'i faith which gave her a very strong sense of mystery, spirituality, and connection between the ideas of science and religion. In 1987 her faith journey continued at First Universalist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since then, Kiersten has always sought out the Unitarian Universalist community everywhere she has lived, from Iowa to West Virginia, Washington D.C. to Kentucky. Kiersten moved to Canada with her family in 2014 and has been a member of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver since the fall of 2015; she accepted the position of Director of Religious Education for Children and Youth there in July 2016.





Kiersten was a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Community of Frankfort, Kentucky, sitting on the steering committee which drafted the original bylaws. She served a term as Board President of UUCF in 2010. Kiersten initiated and ran a children's program two Sundays a month and volunteered in the larger church Religious Exploration program in Lexington. At the Unitarian Church of Vancouver, Kiersten was a member of the Visioning Task Force put together by their board in 2016 which drafted a new Vision and Mission statement through consultation and engagement of membership. In her role as Director of Religious Education, Kiersten has focused on building Unitarian identity, community, and trust between the children and is working with Reverend Steven Epperson to create meaningful and engaging all ages worship on a monthly basis. Kiersten maintains membership with the Canadian Unitarian Universalist Religious Educators (CUURE) and Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA) and is working on building her professional knowledge of faith development and administration.

Kiersten brings a rich experience of many Unitarian and Unitarian Universalist communities to her work. She has a passion for learning, hearing people's stories, and imagining new ways of doing things. She hopes to build upon the visionary work of the CUC Board and represent the perspective of families, young children, youth, and the professionals and lay leaders who serve them.

### **Margaret Wanlin (Western Region)**

Margaret has been a member of Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship (LUF) in Thunder Bay, ON since 1992. She has served on the Board as a member-at-large and Treasurer. Margaret leads LUF's Global and Local initiative where we choose a global and local charity to support each year through fundraising at periodic, delicious and varied "Super Soup Sunday" after-church lunches.

Margaret and her husband Bruce's son Michael have participated extensively in Sunday Religious Exploration, OWL, Young YRUU, CanUUdle and UUUNOSpring Assembly. She is a witness to the hugely valuable, life-shaping impact of these offerings for our young people. Her musings these days are about "grace" and how to bring grace to our lives, the lives of others and to the world.



In her other life Margaret has a consulting practice where she works on multi-party planning, forming and reforming institutions to do society's work, public policy, leadership development, community economic development, and building relationships between First Nations and other parties. Much of her work is focused on these two themes: interface between people and the natural world and the governance (leadership and policy) to make organizations and society work.



## Nominating Committee

### Michael Dailly (BC/Western Region)

Born and raised in Toronto, Michael is the middle brother to three sisters and two brothers. Active with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets starting at age 13, he became a Commissioned Officer with a rank of Sub-Lieutenant at age 18. Hired by Toronto Fire Services at 21, he completed a 30-year career and retired with the rank of Fire Captain. Michael has a long history as an advocate for others, first as an elected Union Officer with the Toronto Firefighters local 113, a position he held for 10 years and then as vice-president of the Metro Toronto Downsyndrome Society.



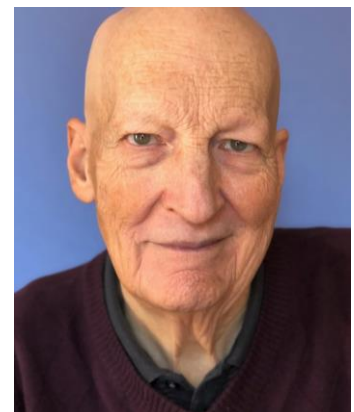
Happily married to Julie, father of 4 grown children and grandfather to 7, Michael is a family man first and foremost. He and his wife Julie were married by a Unitarian Minister. Over the past 20 years Michael has served terms as Board President of both the Neighbourhood Unitarian Congregation in Toronto and the Nelson Unitarian Spiritual Center in Nelson B.C.

Keeping active in retirement, Michael has volunteered in advocacy and leadership roles, in affordable housing, adult education and environmental stewardship. Michael was elected and served a term (2014-18) as a Nelson City Councilor filling in as acting Mayor on many occasions.

As a member of the CUC Nominating Committee, Michael is looking forward to meeting Unitarian Universalists from across the country and contributing to the team effort of “solution finding” for the challenges facing UU congregations while promoting and living our seven principles.

### Julien LeBourdais (Central Region)

Julien spent most of his career as a photojournalist working out of Toronto covering events as diverse as federal election campaigns, NHL hockey, royal visits and John Lennon and Yoko Ono. For 20 years, he was also a part-time photography instructor at several community colleges in the Toronto area. In 2007, he made a career change and spent the next ten years in the not-for-profit sector as a fundraiser and eventually executive director of a large distribution food bank. He retired in 2017.





Julien and his wife Anna were members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Durham from 2008 to 2011 at which time he was v.p. of the board and chair of the worship committee. They took a break for a number of years, returning to the UUCD in Sept. 2018. In December 2019, he became president of the UUCD and joined the CUC Nominating Committee in Sept. 2020.

### **Maury Prevost (Central/Eastern Region)**

Maury has been a member of the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa since the fall of 2003 and has served continuously in a variety of volunteer leadership roles since 2006. He was on the Nominating Committee 2006-2012, the Board of Directors 2012-2017, and served as President 2014-2016. He is currently CUC Liaison, Chair of the Denominational Affairs Team, and serves regularly as a Zoom Host for social justice presentations.



His involvement with the CUC started with CU\*UL School in 2006. Since then he has participated in five (or more) national conferences and four Eastern Regional Gatherings, having led the Host Team for the 2019 Eastern Region Fall Gathering in Ottawa. Maury has also been a voting delegate at 7-8 CUC AGMs. In 2016, he trained as a Truth, Healing, and Reconciliation facilitator. He joined the CUC Nominating Committee in 2018 and became its Chair in 2020.

As a leader in his own congregation, Maury has seen first hand the benefits of membership in the CUC, which makes us all part of a larger movement. Serving on the Nominating Committee is one way of giving back to the national movement.

### **Alex Schumacher (Western Region)**

I am retired, have a wife, Valerie and two daughters, Sarah and Maia. I spent my childhood on a farm in Kenya, did secondary schooling in England and university at McGill in Montreal. Subsequently, I had a long career (1968 – 2019) in agricultural and environmental consulting. Most of this in Africa, China, SE Asia, and Latin America. I speak English and Spanish fluently, French and Kiswahili passably, and have a smattering of Bahasa Indonesia.



I have lived in Calgary since 1977 when I moved here from Montreal to work on the reclamation of Calgary Power's (Now TransAlta Utilities) coal strip mines. Here I met Valerie, married, and expanded my interest in outdoor activities: cross country/backcountry skiing, hiking, canoeing/kayaking. I have also been involved



with community activities and once served on the Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Association board.

I don't believe in a deity directing my life or any lives, for that matter. But I do think we are all part of, and entirely dependent on, the very intricate and wonderful web of life on this planet - our environment. While glorifying its beauty and diversity, we must also recognize the boundaries it imposes on us and live carefully and respectfully within these. I have an overriding concern about human society's failure to do so and the resulting legacy of seriously degraded environmental and related social conditions we leave for future generations.

I have attended two national gatherings: one here in Calgary and another in Montreal. I have been a member of the Calgary congregation since 2009. During this time, I have been a regular attendee, as permitted by overseas work assignments and times spent at our Columbia Valley property.

For a short period, I have participated in the congregation's Physical Plant Committee. I have also been a member of the Board for the last three years. In that role, I am currently the Board link to the Physical Plant and Social Justice committees.

### **Kim Turner (Eastern Region)**

Kim is a fourth generation Unitarian who grew up in the Lakeshore congregation in Quebec. She is currently a member of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, having served in various Board positions over the years. Kim also served on the CUC National Board from 1995-2002, including as President from 1999-2001 during the devolution of service delivery from the UUA to the CUC. Kim is a lawyer practicing in the areas of union side labour law, professional regulation, and non-profit law. She is married to James Morris (also a lawyer) and Mom to Patrick and Katherine, young adults who live close by in Halifax. From the early spring to late fall, Kim can be found rising just before dawn for a sunrise Photography/ Kayak paddle on the lake where she and James live in Hubley, NS.

