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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 (revised)

From: CUC Nominating Committee

This report deals with the Board of Trustees first and the Nominating Committee second.

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 2023, three more in 2024, and two in 2025.

The following CUC Board members will continue their terms during 2023-24:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Yvette Salinas (Unitarian Church of Montreal)	Eastern	2nd Year of First 3-year term
Rev. Debra Faulk (Victoria First)	BC	2nd Year of First 3-year term
Rev. Rodrigo Emilio Solano-Quesnel (Olinda)	Central	3rd Year of Second 3-year term
Kiersten Moore (Unitarian Church of Vancouver)	BC	3rd Year of Second 3-year term
Margaret Wanlin (Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship)	Western	3rd Year of Second 3-year term

The nominees for the CUC Board are:

Margaret Kohr has completed a 3-year term, is eligible for re-election, and has agreed to serve again if elected. We thank her for that. There are also two new Trustees to elect, as explained below.



NAME	REGION	TERM
Margaret Kohr (Toronto First)	Central	1st Year of Second 3-year term
Margo Ellis (Unitarian Church of Montreal)	Eastern	1st Year of First 3-year term
Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet (Unitarian Church of Edmonton)	Western	For an initial term of 2 years

Chuck Shields (Eastern) decided not to seek re-election after serving a total of 5 years, including as President for the last year. Joanne Green (Western) decided to resign after serving a total of 4 years as a Trustee and Treasurer. Sincere thanks to Chuck and Joanne for their great service on the Board of Trustees.

Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet will initially serve the two years remaining in Joanne Green's second 3-year term.

CANADIAN UNITARIAN COUNCIL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Changes made in 2021 re-established proper staggering of Nominating Committee terms. Two positions are up for (re-)election in 2023, two more in 2024, and two in 2024.

The following Nominating Committee members will continue their terms during 2023-24:

NAME	REGION	TERM
Lesley Giroday (Comox Valley)	BC	2nd Year of First 3-year term
Alex Schumacher (Calgary)	Western	3rd Year of First 3-year term
Maury Prevost (Ottawa First)	Central/Eastern	3rd Year of Second 3-year term
Kim Turner (Halifax)	Eastern	2nd Year of First 3-year term

The following are the nominees for the CUC Nominating Committee:

Carey McDonald has completed an initial 1-year term, is eligible for re-election, and has agreed to serve again if elected. We thank him for that. There is also one new Nominating Committee member to elect.



NAME	REGION	TERM
Carey McDonald (Guelph)	Central	For a full 3-year term
Jamie Struthers (Regina)	BC/Western	1st Year of First 3-year term

Michael Dailly (BC/Western) decided not to seek a second term on the Nominating Committee. Sincere thanks to Michael for his 2 years of service on the Nominating Committee.

Maury Prevost has served as Chair of the Nominating Committee for the past three years. During his final year on the committee, he will serve as Co-Chair along with Alex Schumacher.

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 19, 2023**) prior to the Annual Meeting (May 19, 2023). 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 19, 2023) to:

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

For more information, refer to the Call for Nominations at <https://cuc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/CUC-Call-for-Nominations-2023-final.pdf>, or contact the Nominating Committee at 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

Margaret Kohr (Central Region)

Margaret Kohr and her husband Richard Kirsh joined First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto in 1995, when they realized that their personal guiding principles and that of the UU faith were closely aligned. At Toronto First they found a community that could support their values and where their sons could have a liberal religious education. Their two sons enjoyed and valued many years of RE, OWL and CanUUdle.



Over the past many years Margaret has volunteered at Toronto First and at the CUC, culminating in her being elected to the CUC Board as a Central Region representative in 2020. She has greatly appreciated the opportunity to gain new connections with UUs nationally and to get a broader perspective of the issues facing congregations across the country. She is looking forward to continuing the work of the CUC during her second term.

Margo Ellis (Eastern Region)

Born in the US, Margo has fond memories of growing up in the First Unitarian Church of Chicago and participating in its choir (that became the Chicago Children's Choir under Chris Moore). In the US, Margo graduated with a Ph.D. in exercise physiology. She was active in her local LGBT+ community and was one of the founders of a non-profit supporting women in the arts and music. She also served on the board of an organization focused on supporting women in substance abuse recovery and their families.

She moved to Canada twenty-seven years ago to join her spouse in Quebec City. She's worked in a variety of positions in Canada including product management and marketing, and communications for medical technology companies. Over the last few years, she contracted with the CUC and built the current website. Margo was then hired on staff in the position of communications and web manager. She served as the web manager until August 2022. Recently, she contracted with the CUC to create and manage the 2023 CUC Symposium website.



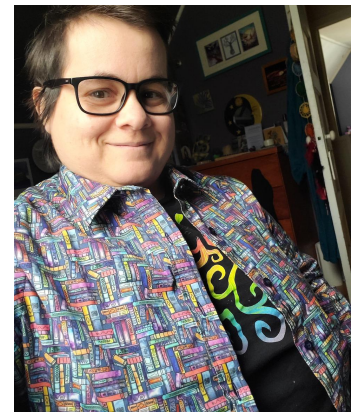


After moving to Montreal, she joined the Unitarian Church of Montreal where she has served on the board in various positions and currently serves as its secretary. She is an active member of the ongoing Beloved Conversations group working on issues of racial justice and inclusion. Margo has also added her musicianship to worship services.

Margo's pronouns are she/her and she identifies as Queer. As a member of the CUC board, Margo would like to see work on the long-term sustainability of the CUC in our challenging times, addressing the pressing issues of post-pandemic recovery, changing demographics, social justice, and outreach on congregational and national levels.

Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet (Western Region)

Warm greetings to you from Amiskwaciwâskahikan in Treaty 6 Territory! My name is Ilara, and my pronouns are they and them. My lineage is maternally Ukrainian and paternally Acadien. I often say that I've been UU my whole life but didn't know it until I was 14. I was born with chronic illness, and from day one my parents surrounded me with Healers: Reiki Masters, Tai-Chi Masters, Cree Medicine People, Orthodox Priests, New Age Mystics, Carmelite Nuns, Yogis, the list goes on. I am shaped by pluralism.



I am a Mystic, a Dreamer, an Artist, and a Student of Spirit. I am passionate and full of heart-fire, dedicated to systemic transformation, and committed to the aspirations of our UU Faith. May we do our work together, as Elder Sharon Jinkerson-Brass often says, "In a good and humble way," and may our shared ministry heal a wounded world.

Onwards, Beloveds!



Nominating Committee

Carey McDonald (Central Region)

Carey McDonald, is a member of the Unitarian Congregation of Guelph, serving on the Sunday Services team, Peer Spiritual Care team, and is a member of the board. He is married and has 3 children.

Carey is a Workforce Analyst and is grateful for the opportunity to help and support others within this role. When Carey isn't working, he enjoys the outdoors, being in nature, reading and spending time with loved ones.



As a Unitarian Universalist, Carey feels connected to the understanding of the inherent worth of each person and believes deeply in the idea of “calling in” rather than “calling out.”

“I felt the need to be in community and not necessarily part of a specific creed. Unitarian Universalism has given me the opportunity to be together with others and focus on deeds, not creeds. I see the value in the many paths and views that exist, there is a unity to diversity.”

Jamie Struthers (BC/Western Region)



James (Jamie) Struthers K.C. (he/him/his), is a lifelong Unitarian and a long-term member of the Unitarian Fellowship of Regina where he has been active and held several leadership roles, including his current role as lay chaplain. In his “day job”, Jamie is a poverty lawyer and managing Legal Director of the Legal Aid Saskatchewan office in Regina. Jamie earned his B.A. (Regina); LL.B./J.D. (Saskatchewan), and; M.A.(L.S.) (Meadville Lombard Theological). He has been married to his spouse Ethel for 25+ years and they live with their dog and cat in a suburb of Regina, Saskatchewan.