

2023-2024 CUC Nominating Committee Members

Lesley Giroday (BC Region)

Lesley is a retired lawyer who practiced First Nations law in Vancouver for 17 years. For 15 years, Lesley was an active member of the North Shore Unitarian Church serving the youth program through mentoring and teaching OWL, sitting on the Board for seven years including a term as President, and chairing a ministerial search committee, among other things.



Lesley moved with her husband from Vancouver to Comox in September 2020. She is now a member of the Comox Valley Unitarian Fellowship and is working on another search committee presently.

Lesley has participated in community conservation initiatives for over 30 years. She enjoys outdoor activities and sports, and reading.

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.

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.



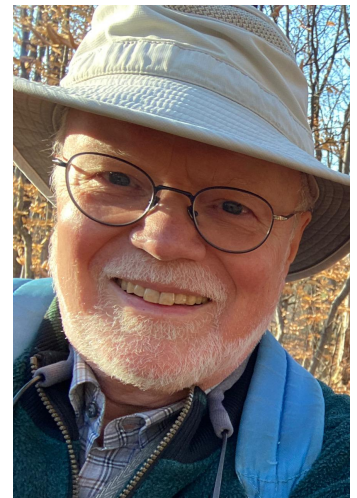
As a Unitarian Universalist, Carey feels connected to the understanding of the inherent worth of each person and believes deeply in the idea of “calling in” rather than “calling out.”

“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.”

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 UU Connections 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)

Alex has lived in Calgary for the past 45 years and is now retired from the international development work on which he was previously employed. He was introduced to Unitarianism by people he met at the Unitarian Wilderness campsite on Kootenay Lake. He joined the Calgary Unitarians in 2009 and has since been a regular attendee as permitted by overseas work assignments.

He has been on the Board of Trustees of the Calgary Unitarians for three years. Also, he participates in the Physical Plant, Social Justice and Green Sanctuary Committees. He was on the search



committee for the current Interim Minister and is a member of the active search committee for the next Settled Minister. Alex is also an active member of the CUC Nominating Committee. As a member of the Calgary Unitarians, he participates in the Calgary Climate Hub and the Environmental Research and Action Team, both affiliated with the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good.

He sees the church as an essential non-sectarian institution providing community and crucial guidance on personal behaviours and interpersonal relationships and recognising our place in the interdependent web of all existence.

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.

