

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Reflections and an Invitation

Louise Livesay-Al, Trustee

When I think back to my time on the board a little less than 20 years ago for the first time and now, I realize that being on the board is part of what helps me live a life of integrity, service and joy. Yes, joy is very much a part of board work. There is laughter, growing friendships, joy in creating and stating its Ends, and helping the congregation achieve its Ends.

The conversations are rich and generative about the future and how we want to be in the world as an organization. As a trustee, I link with Unity's stakeholders. That involves some work and intention, but it is also a task filled with joy. Joy in connecting with amazing people

And I have found that each board I have been a part of, and it is a new Board each year of the three-year cycle, has operated with incredible integrity. Integrity exhibited towards one another, the executive team, to church members and stakeholders. We ask ourselves important questions about being an antiracist congregation and how we work towards that, and how we make decisions as a board through that lens. How do we change our ways to do things better, more thoughtfully, mindfully? We monitor our executive team to assure accountability to the limitations set under Policy Governance and that we are making measurable progress towards achieving our Ends.

In all that we do as a board, we strive to embody wonder, open-hearted engagement, and courageous action, which are the values of Unity Church. This last week at our monthly meeting, we had a generative conversation about how we want to use some money received from the Currier bequest that is set up as a board designated fund. We are challenging out normative response and discussing possible courageous action. Wonder and curiosity were part of that conversation. No answers yet, but there will be more courageous conversation before we make decisions.

I find my time and work as a trustee to be meaningful. Board work is about us, you, every member, and those who yearn for the Beloved Community and see Unity Church as an instrument for its realization. It is about this place, this important spiritual home to so many. It is about the change we want to see in the world as a collective. It is about how this place can facilitate each of us living lives of integrity, service, and joy. That is how change in the world happens; Unity is the conduit for that work.

Think about whether serving as a trustee is something that you might be interested in being a part of starting this November (it is a three-year term). Talk to a current or past trustees about their experience on the board. I find it is work that feeds me, feeds my spirit and deepens my love for this place. We need board members across all demographics of our congregation. We need people who engage in life at Unity Church from different vantage points. We need people with a variety of skills and expertise. There is no one kind of trustee. Might you be one? This may be your time to say, "Yes!"

Have you felt a pull into deeper service to the congregation, or know someone who is? If so, we invite you to consider serving or nominating someone to serve on the Board of Trustees. We are now accepting applications and nominations for new trustees. For more information, please reach out to Alex Askew, Board Secretary, at alexaskew@gmail.com. You can fill out a nomination form or an application at <http://bit.ly/unitytrustee>.

Introducing Unity's Interim Minister

Reverend Doctor Kathy Hurt



Unity's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that The Reverend Doctor Kathy Hurt will serve as our Interim Minister for the coming year. Ordained at Unity Church, Reverend Hurt has roots in our congregation, and understands where we have been and where we want to go. Through the interview process, the board was impressed with her knowledge of Policy Governance, her respect for our Ends Statements, and her ability and experience to manage transitions. We are confident that she will be able to step in as part of an Executive Team and support the congregation and Ministerial Search Team as we prepare to call our next settled minister(s).

Reverend Hurt will begin her interim year with us on August 1. Please look for more information as summer unfolds. We look forward to welcoming Reverend Hurt in early August as we prepare for our new church year together.