

**Fall 2025**



**Hello UUCB Members!**

We are so thrilled to share exciting news with you! There will be a Congregational Meeting with an election on February 25, 2026 to fill three open seats on the UUCB Board of Trustees for the upcoming three-year cycle. Your Nominating Committee is proud to announce three vetted candidates for the open positions. One current Board Member is seeking re-election. Two additional candidates were identified through recommendations from the congregation, as well as from our own vetting process. All three possess excellent qualities that will serve the Board of Trustees well.

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**David Rosales** (*Incumbent, Candidate Statement*)



I am originally from Texas, and I grew up around the NASA community where my dad worked at Johnson Space Center. This sparked and fed my fascination with the beauty and wonders of our planet and our universe. My personal interests include art and music as well as science, engineering, physics, and cosmology. Professionally, I have been the founder of multiple startups as well as an executive leader in large corporations. My professional experiences with collaborative processes, strategic decision making, working with diverse stakeholders, and managing change can help me in my role as Trustee for UUCB. I am a member of the People of Color Caucus (PoCC) and the Lawrence Lecture Committee. I was a member of the most recent Bylaws task force which proposed changes that strengthened electronic voting and created more flexible meeting processes for our congregation with the goal of making member participation more inclusive and accessible. I am currently a member of the Governance Manual task force. I was a founding member of the “broadcaster” team which prepared a worship video every Sunday without fail from the March 2020 shelter-in-place order at the start of the pandemic until our livestream worship was established in 2022. I’m very proud of the high quality of work that our worship and broadcast volunteers accomplished and sustained for our community during that time of crisis. I believe that people are inherently capable of being thoughtful, kind, and generous. I believe that doing the hard work of embracing and cultivating diversity in all aspects (thought, ability, belief, culture, history, experience, etc.) leads to greater understanding, resilience, and tolerance. My wife I are proud parents of our 17-year-old son. I’m passionate about investing in our family and youth programs, as well as our inclusivity and accessibility programs. I fully support, and am inspired by, our efforts to study and fight systemic racism and white supremacy culture. It would be an honor to serve another term as a Trustee for UUCB. Thank you for your consideration.

**Karin Werner** *(Candidate Statement)*

I've been a member of UUCB since May 2022 but I've been a UU for 50 years! At UUCB, I've attended Chalice Circles, I'm a member of the Climate Justice Committee, as well as having served on other committees. I was director of the UU United Nations Office and served as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) UU representative to the United Nations. In that office, I was proud to present to the UU General Assembly at the 50th anniversary of the UN. In my professional life, I worked for the Organization of American States (OAS) in a Technical Resource position, from which I retired. As well, I ran my own company which specialized in Conflict Management. I would be proud to serve on the Board of Trustees. Thank you for your consideration.



**Ryan Devine** *(Candidate Statement)*

I grew up in Berkeley and have been coming to the UUCB in Kensington since I was very young, when my family used to visit for the Sing-along Messiah. I will always remember my moment of shame standing in the pews when I came in slightly too early at the very end of "Hallelujah," a true rite of passage. Many years later, during the pandemic, I started attending semi-regularly with my mother Nancy Lemon and found that I enjoyed the services and the community greatly. Later, when Marcus was appointed minister, I decided to make a commitment by becoming a Member in November of 2023. In the past, I have often expressed my love for organizations and groups by trying to find ways to improve them. I do this in my career as a Compliance Manager in the renewable energy storage industry, and in my hobbies running a Dungeons and Dragons campaign and producing Pro Wrestling. I would like the opportunity to join the board of the UUCB so that I can help make well-informed and conscientious choices that will ensure the future success of UUCB for many years to come. Thank you for your consideration.



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Members of the Nominating Committee will be rounding during December and January, mostly during the Sunday social-hour, with our new candidates to informally introduce them.

We, the Nominating Committee, are thrilled to present such strong candidates. We hope you will connect with them to become familiar before the voting process.

***Truly yours, UUCB Nominating Committee 2025/26*** *(listed alphabetically by first name):*

*Andrew Swan, Anita Mermel, Carisa Orwig, Lorraine Schnurr, Michael Armstrong, Paul Hudson, Pier Sun Ho, Sima Misra, Suzette Anderson-Duggan.*

*(\*If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to any of us.)*

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### **Important Dates**

Reminder that, per our Bylaws, any member is eligible to run for the Board of Trustees through the Written Petition process, which requires garnering letters of support from at least 4% of the congregation. Written Petition nominees should submit their candidacy to our Vice President, Pier Sun Ho. The **deadline** for submission via Written Petition is **January 4, 2026**.

**Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>** after service: **Candidates Forum**, where the congregation will have an opportunity to learn about the candidates' backgrounds and ask questions. It will be held onsite and via Zoom.

**Sunday February 22** after service: **Congregational Meeting**. Congregants will be given an opportunity to cast their votes for the election, both in person and electronically (before the start of the meeting).